



MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL Number 7 20 October 2020

## PARENT/CARER'S NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this week's roundup – and remember you can also keep up to date at

[www.milton.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.milton.cambs.sch.uk)

Dear Parents/Carers,

### COVID Update

**Ventilation** statement from public health colleagues from across the Eastern region – Q&A session with headteachers last week:

With the Autumn upon us and the weather taking a turn for the worse we are receiving a number of enquiries regarding the impact on thermal comfort from having windows open to increase ventilation. During the warmer weather we were all used to being able to keep windows open all day. Whilst maximising ventilation is important this does need to be balanced with thermal comfort. Our compliance code qualifies the need for ventilation by saying windows should be opened 'where possible and safe to do so' and the government guidance also says 'wherever possible'. This means taking all risks into account.

We plan to approach this during the more inclement weather by:

- Fully opening windows before classrooms are occupied and during breaks but keep them only partially open during lessons
- Fully opening some windows to gain air changes but selecting those that are not directly next to pupil's desks/work areas
- Making sure everyone is dressing appropriately for the cooler weather, for example encouraging the use of long sleeves, thick tights and jumpers and allowing pupils to wear their coats in the classroom if appropriate

***Please help us with the last bullet point and ensure your child has suitable cold weather uniform in the winter term ahead.***

We have made it to the end of our first half term back in school. Thank you for your support and understanding during this most unusual new school year.

Christmas term this year will inevitably be different but we won't abandon Christmas altogether. We have 2 Christmas MSA fundraising events planned; a dress up day and a talent show day. Please talk to your child about what they would like to do on the talent show day. It can be literally anything from a magic trick to a dance or playing a musical instrument or telling a great joke. (Still no singing, I'm afraid) The children will be

entertaining their friends in the same year group. So if anyone says they are bored over half term, you know what you can get them to do!

Have a good half term everyone,

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Anna Reeder

**From** Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Dear Parent/carers,

This is a follow up reminder of advice that was originally offered in our safer schools' newsletter in June 2020.

Cambridgeshire Police have recently had cause to deal with numerous incidents relating to Children riding E-scooters in a dangerous manner on pavements as well as roads. Not only is this a safety concern for other road users, pedestrians and the rider themselves, but they are also breaking the law. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the UK Law with regards to e-scooters and specifically in regards to children and young people under 18yrs.

Privately owned e-scooters are **not** permitted to be used on UK roads, pavements or cycle lanes. They are only permitted to be used on private land with the land owner's permission. Anyone who rides an E-scooter on a public road, cycle lane or pavement will be committing various road traffic offences.

The only caveat to that is that in Cambridge city there is a trial underway where it is possible to lawfully hire a scooter but certain conditions must be complied with, for example the rider is 18yrs or more, holds a current driving licence and they cannot be ridden on pavements. The legislation has been amended to allow trials of these to take place country wide, currently Cambridge city is the only area of our county to be taking part.

Therefore, school children **must not ride them**, if they do they are committing offences.

For further information use this link <https://roadsafetygb.org.uk/news/government-fast-tracks-trials-of-electric-scooters/>

Kind regards,

Cambridgeshire Constabulary  
Children and Young People Team.