



School News



Mission Statement: Millisle Primary School aspires to be a place of excellence in learning, preparing children to be confident, resilient, respectful and caring members of our community.

Dear Parents,

We wish to thank you all for supporting our FMPS & N Christmas Fair – you helped us raise over £1400 – what a fantastic amount!! A special thanks to Mrs E McCormick, Mrs E Pollock and Mrs K Marshall who were our Fair organisers. Thank you ladies and also a very big thank you to everyone who brought in items to sell, bought and sold ballot tickets each day, took photographs, organised the stalls and manned them on the day! Thank you also to our local Spar who donated so many items for our shopping trolley prize and to Mr & Mrs McCready from the Balloon House, who donated the elf in the balloon. There are so many people who helped make the afternoon such a success. Thank you one and all!

EXCITING NEWS

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Curran who welcomed their baby boy into the world last week. They are calling him Jude. We all send our best wishes to Mr & Mrs Curran.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE

Our tickets are on sale for our six P1 – P7 performances. Remember P1 – P3 children will go home with you after each performance at 12 noon approximately on 10th, 11th and 13th December. School is closed on 12th December.

FMPS & N Christmas Fair

Within the last 6 months, FMPS have purchased Numicon materials for P1 to P3, Spheros for KS2, replaced 5 interactive whiteboard projectors in our classrooms and most recently, bought a fantastic shed for our nursery unit. The fair is a fun day for everyone, but the impact these events and the support you give them has in our classrooms is what makes it all worthwhile.

REGENT HOUSE FOOTBALL COMPETITION



Last Tuesday, we had the pleasure of playing in the annual Regent House Grammar School football competition. The competition was organised by the PE students in the school and was an excellent opportunity for us to showcase our skills against some of the best teams in our area. We played five games in total and amassed an amazing record of 4 wins and 1 draw. The draw was an unfortunate result as this meant we finished

runners-up on goal difference to Kilmaine Primary School. These results were impressive considering we were playing against schools with a much higher intake and the players should be immensely proud. The team consisted of Callum, Ollie F, Cameron, Holly, Ethan, Kenzie, Jacob, Joss, Cooper and Zach. A special mention must go to Cooper as he was selected as the overall player of the tournament amongst the five teams. Well done sir. Thank you to Mr Laverty for giving up his time once again to assist with coaching the team.



School Calendar

DECEMBER

- 10,** • P1 – P3 Nativity 11.00 to 12.00 noon
- 11 & 13** • Children go home at 12 noon
- 12** • School closed for election
- 16** • P4 – P7 Dress Rehearsal
- 17** • P4 – P7 Christmas Show – 10.00 to 11.00 a.m.
- 18** • P4 – P7 Christmas Show – 10.00 to 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.
- 18** • P1 – P3 siblings may stay in school until 2.40 p.m.
- 19** • School closes at 12 noon for P1 - P4 children and 12.15 p.m. for P5 – P7 children
 - Non-Uniform Day for everyone
 - Nursery Trip to W5

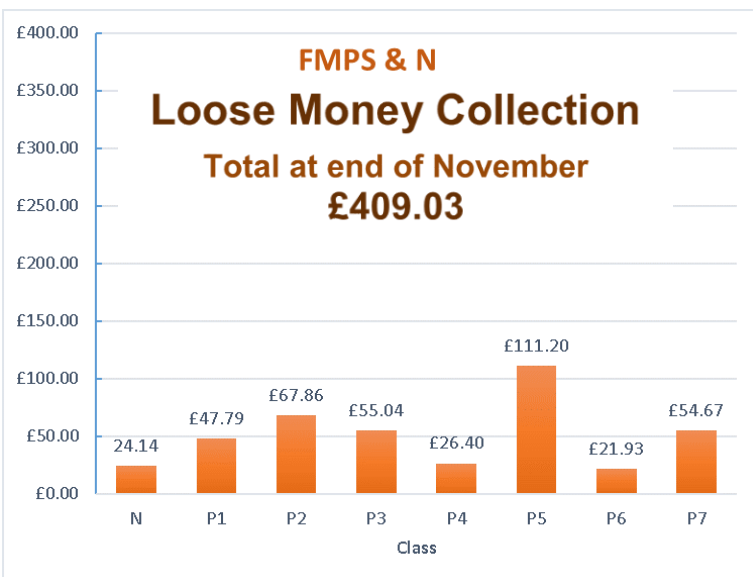
January

- 6** • School reopens for Term 2

FMPS & N Events

Our ballot tickets are currently on sale, do not miss out on the chance of winning a fabulous prize! Draw takes place on 18th December.

Thank you to Mrs M Marshall who took the Santa photographs and to our FMPS & N members for buying Santa gifts for all our pupils.



Congratulations to our P5 children who are currently winning our loose money collection. Keep helping us! Thank you to our nursery parents who are helping us as well.

ELECTION DAY

School will be closed on Thursday 12th December, as our school is used as a polling station.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Remember that we have a parents' section on our school website www.millisleprimary.co.uk where you will find our school policies and procedures links. They are constantly being updated.

NUT FREE ZONE

Millisle Primary School is a 'Nut Free Zone' and therefore parents should try not to put in any food containing nuts, into your child's lunch-box. We have a number of pupils who have been diagnosed with a severe allergic reaction to nuts. Your co-operation in this matter is very much appreciated.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We all know how important it is to attend school and we all try to be there every day. Of course we understand there will be sickness periods and medical appointments to attend, but I felt this grid shows what our report percentages mean in days away from school.

ATTENDANCE	
Percentage attendance	Number of days absent
95%	9
90%	18 (Half a day per week)
85%	28 (By P7 a full year of school)
80%	37 (One day per week)
75%	47

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

WAYS TO CONTACT US

If you need to contact me outside school hours, please use the following email address:

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TWITTER

Lots of exciting photographs and articles are appearing on a regular basis – please keep checking!

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