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MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Website: www.miltonprimary.co.uk

March 14th 2008

Dear Parents/ Carers

Although this has been the shortest term of the year the children still seem to have had a very busy few weeks and now everyone is looking forward to the opportunity to relax in the spring sunshine.

Cinders

The children in Y3 & Y4 are working very hard and looking forward to next week and the performances of Cinders. Can I remind parents that the performances are at the following times; **2.00 and 6.00 on the following days:**

Monday March 17th - classes 7 & 9

Tuesday March 18th - classes 8 & 10

Family Holidays

As some of you will be making plans for family holidays I thought it advisable to remind you of the current regulations.

Pupils of school age must, by law, attend school regularly. Leave of absence for a family holiday should be avoided if possible as it can seriously disrupt a child's continuity of learning. If you are unable to avoid taking your holiday during school time you will need to complete a holiday form. Please try to:

- *avoid asking for absence when your child is preparing for, or taking, end of key stage tests;*
- *avoid the beginning of a new academic year when classroom routines and new groupings are established;*
- *give at least two weeks notice that your child is going to be away.*

School cannot legally authorise more than ten days school absence in a school year unless there are exceptional circumstances. Where a pupil is absent without prior authorisation or without verbal or written explanation on return, the absence will be treated as unauthorised. Absences relating to individual children are recorded on the parental report in July. When absences are high, for whatever reason, the school welfare office will become involved.

Head Lice

Several parents have mentioned that children have head lice; please can I remind you of the importance of checking your child's hair regularly. You might be interested to know that there is a comb available called the Nitty Gritty which I have been informed is effective at clearing headlice without chemicals. It's available free on prescription from the GP or for more information visit their website - www.nittygritty.co.uk.

Parking

We have received a call from a resident of Woodman Way who has been unable to leave his driveway. Please can I ask parents to park considerately.

Furniture

We have old bookcases and cupboards that would be suitable for garage storage. If they would be of use to you please call in at the school office.

Dinner Money

Dinner money up to half term is (£59.20), or up to end of term (£125.80). (£1.85 a day, £9.25 weekly).

Please make cheques payable to Milton Primary School.

School will close next Thursday for the Easter break; as usual this will be a non-uniform day. Finally can I wish you all an enjoyable break and safe journeys if you are travelling. School reopens on Tuesday April 8th.

Yours sincerely

S J Dorrington

Head Teacher

TERM DATES 2008

Summer Term

Training Day	Monday 7 th April
School Starts	Tuesday 8 th April
May Day	Monday 5 th May
Half Term	26 th – 30 th May
Summer Term Closes	Tuesday 22 nd July

Autumn Term

Training Day	Monday 1 st September
School Starts	Tuesday 2 nd September

The remainder of dates will be confirmed after the Governors meeting and will be posted on the website before the end of term.

CYGNETS MILTON PRESCHOOL EASTER FAYRE

Milton Pre-school will be holding its annual Easter fayre on **Saturday 15th March from 2pm to 4pm in the Milton Community Centre**. This event raises vital funds and all proceeds go to the pre-school. The afternoon will be fun-filled for you and your family with stall sellers, craft activities, competitions, cake stall, raffle and tombola. Admission: 50p for adults and free for children.

Friends of Milton Country Park

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Friends of Milton Country Park Easter Egg Trail in the Park on Sunday 23rd March. The trail will take place from 2pm (last entry is 3.45pm) and volunteers will be asked to be there a little earlier to man clue points and to provide guidance if people get stuck. The trail was very successful last year and the Friends got lots of positive feedback. You are welcome to volunteer in pairs.

Every volunteer gets a free creme egg!

If you are interested please mail Liz Cook on liz@elizabethcook.co.uk