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MILTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break with its uncharacteristic weather! I am pleased to be able to tell you that during the holiday Miss Pike got married; her new name is Mrs Thompson.

There is an exceptionally long and busy term ahead of us. During May the older children will be involved in more formal tests in addition to the on going teacher assessments made on a regular basis. Towards the end of the term you will receive your child's annual report which will give you a clear picture of the progress made this year and targets for the future. Please make a note of the open evening on July 7th. From the dates enclosed you will see that the children will also be involved in lots of enjoyable visits and activities that will enrich their learning experiences. Building on the success of last year we will have another 'creative' week, which will link to the 50th anniversary of the opening of the school on this site. Y6 will be going on a residential trip to Grafham Water as well as joining with Y5 for their summer production. Sporting activities will also be high profile so **please ensure that your child has their outdoor P.E. kit in school**. Swimming will start after half term.

Class teachers have written letters outlining the work which will be covered this term; we hope this will help you to feel involved in your child's learning. Some classes will be involved in trips while others will be having visitors in the classroom. We are aware that this can be an expensive time for families with more than one child. If you would prefer to spread the cost of trips we would be pleased to receive money in instalments. Please insure that all money is sent in envelopes clearly marked with your child's name, class and trip destination. Cheques should be made payable to Milton Primary School.

Staff are in the process of reviewing the progress children have made towards the whole school target of subtraction. For the next two terms we will be particularly focusing on division. Mrs Thompson will be holding two information sessions for parents early in the term so that you can help support your child.

At this time of year I am often asked about the colour and type of sandals children are allowed to wear during the summer months. Children run around a lot during the warmer weather and also have greater access to climbing apparatus, so for this reason it is important that sandals are flat and are not of the 'flip flop' variety. I would prefer them to be blue, black, brown or white; children should not be wearing trainers for school.

As the mornings are lighter it is not such a problem coaxing children out of bed however can I remind you that children should not be left on the school premises early. The staff do not supervise the playgrounds until 8.45am and the children must not play on the apparatus unsupervised: this rule is for the safety of the children.

Can I also remind you that we encourage children to drink regularly, particularly in the warmer weather; please provide your child daily with a filled water bottle (clearly named please). When the days become sunnier the children will also need to wear sunhats during the lunch break.

Congratulation to Renzhi Zhou

Congratulations to Renzhi who following several months of practise has passed his grade 8 piano examination; a significant achievement for a child of his age!

Yours sincerely

S.J.Dorrington
Head teacher

School Travel Plan Update

Following the analysis of the pupil and parent questionnaires the School Working party has completed the School Travel Plan.

The main issues that have been identified are: speeding traffic, safe crossing places and the safety of the entrances into school, lack of cycle routes, lack of cycle racks. Taking all your responses into consideration the objectives that have been identified are:

- Increase walking
- Increase cycling
- To reduce car travel and improve road safety
- To promote safe travel to and from school
- Promote and publicise the School Travel Plan

This is a five year plan and we will be publishing the plan on our School Website.

Alison Lycett

Maths Workshops

We would like to invite parents to a further maths workshop this term, this time focusing on division. In order to support learning this potentially challenging aspect of the subject, we are focusing on division as the whole school curricular target, so all the children in the school will be encountering this more frequently than usual. Your support with this is invaluable. Following parental feedback from the maths workshops last term we have decided to make the workshops age-related.

For parents of children currently in foundation through to Year 3 we are holding a workshop 2.00pm to 3.00pm on 30 April.

For parents of children currently in Year 4 to Year 6 we are holding an evening workshop from 6.45pm to 7.45pm on May 1.

We certainly hope you will be able to attend where this is possible. Once the workshops have been held, all children will take home a leaflet with information about their curricular target, and the information for progression for the whole school will be posted on the school website. Please return the slip below if you are attending.

Katy Thompson

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**Maths Workshop for parents of children in Y4 to Y6
6.45pm – 7.45pm 1st May**

Name: Child's Class.....

Number attending