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**Milton Primary School**

**Our School Vision:** To ensure every child achieves their full potential in a safe, kind, exciting and encouraging environment.

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Well done to all the children on our recent fire drill. The children (and staff!) were very calm and sensible walking to the MUGA muster point. A special shout out to our new Primary 1 pupils who were excellent in their line and knew exactly where they needed to be.

Our website calendar has now been updated with many key events throughout the session. In addition to the dates for your diary in each newsletter and our website calendar a copy of the known calendar dates has also been emailed to families. Please also remember to check X (twitter) joining instructions from our Aug newsletter/website guidance under ‘Popular Links’.

Good luck to our Primary 7 House and Vice Captains candidates. I know lots of the Primary 7 pupils have been taking their campaigns very seriously as they start their canvassing of votes this week. Voting will take place next week and I look forward to working with the new senior leadership team as they prepare their Legacy Plan.

Our Pre-loved uniform rail has had many brand new items added. Please help yourself or email our office and we can add items into your child’s bag. We will have the rail and tables outside every day next week (weather permitting) for anyone to take any items. Please help yourself! Any uniform donations can be given in to our school office – thank you.

### Lorna James Head Teacher

**Our Aims and Values**

\* To ensure all pupils are nurtured, safe, active, healthy, achieving, included, respected and responsible.

\* To promote rights and responsibility and through this, aim for every member of the school community to be treated with equality, fairness and respect.

\* To provide a wide range of opportunities which give the children the capacity to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

\* To improve the achievement and attainment by providing high quality education.

**At the Heart of Milton is…**

**Parent Council Tesco Bag Pack – Sat 2nd Sept 10-2**

Our Parent Council have managed to secure a bag pack block for this coming Saturday. Your children will have received a letter via pupil post to seek adult volunteers for this event. There will also be a tombola at this time and any donations can be dropped off at our donation box in the school bubble or in to our office – thank you.

**H**ard Work

**E**nthusiasm

**A**chievement

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**T**eam Work

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**Primary 5 Charity Carwash**

Well done to some of our fabulous Primary 5 pupils who decided to run a carwash service to raise money for UNICEF. The original target was £100 but they knocked it out the park with a fantastic total pf £906. Amazing job!!

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**Healthy Schools Status**

As a ‘Healthy Schools’ awarded status, we encourage children to bring plain water only to drink in class. Water bottles can be topped up during the day from our water fountains. A reminder also that we are a Nut free school and pupils should not bring any snacks or lunch items containing nuts.

**ParentsPortal**

You will have now received a letter regarding ParentsPortal and how to sign up to this. All school communication will come via this and parents meeting appointments will also be booked using this system. There will be a drop in day from 9.30-3.00 on Wednesday 6th September for anyone requiring help to log on to ParentsPortal. Just drop in at any point on this day and Mrs Smith will be able to help you with this – it will not take longer than 5-10 minutes to get set up.

**Easy Fundraising Reminder**

Milton Primary are registered as part of the easy fundraising site. This is very easy to use and by following the link below, registering and then continuing with your online shopping, funds are then raised for our school without any additional cost to the shopper! Please sign up today - this will make a BIG difference to us this year

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mpsptalesmahagow>

**Playground/MUGA Plans**

You may be aware that one of our large chestnut tree fell down in the back playground before the Summer break. Historically, Primary 6 and Primary 7 have used the back playground but this year we have taken the decision to use the back playground for our outdoor learning activities across the whole school instead. We also plan to develop our Eco garden space and create raised planters to grow herbs and vegetables. The MUGA is now being used for different activities each week too rather than just football. We have had basketball and netball and will be offering various weekly activities including tennis, dodgeball, and cornhole as well as football and free play

**Halloween Disco**

Our Parent Council will be once again hosting our popular Halloween disco on Thursday 26th October. The timings will be 6.30 – 7.30 (P1-3) and 7.45-8.45 (P4-7). Keep an eye out for more details coming soon. All P1-3 children must be picked up by an adult at the end of the first disco and will not be able to leave without a parent/carer coming to collect them from our café. Please ensure that costumes are appropriate and not too scary or gory for our younger pupils (and staff!). We look forward to welcoming you to this spooktacular event!

**Advance Notice - School Photographer**

Our school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 7th November for all individual, sibling and class photos.

**Label, Label, Label!**

Please label all items of clothing – our lost property is bursting at the seems already!

**Dates for your Diary**

Mon 4th – Fri 8th – Pre-loved Uniform rail will be outside all week (weather permitting) Please help yourself. Tues 5th – Thurs 7th - P6 Bikeability Thurs 14th – Primary 7 Trip. Mon 18th - Parent Council 7pm Wed 20th – ParentsPortal open session 9-3.30 Fri 22nd – Mon 25th – September weekend holiday Wed 27th –Scripture Union Lunch Club to start