

## **ARCHIVED NEWS 16/6/20 – 21/12/20**

### **British Sign Language Christmas Songs (added 21/12/20 by Mrs James)**

Our classes and staff have been working hard to create our BSL Christmas Carol videos - please see your child's individual Google Classroom video and a little BSL staff video on our twitter feed. Thank you to Miss Weir who organised this and for her patience in teaching the staff too! We will have information to share with families as soon as this is finalised from SLC but we wish all our Milton families a healthy, happy Christmas.

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### **SLC Winter Clothing Campaign (added 21/12/20 by Mrs James)**

South Lanarkshire Council have launched a new Winter Clothing Campaign. From Monday 21st December 2020 until Sunday 10th January 2021, members of the public can donate new or nearly new winter jackets suitable for nursery, primary or secondary-aged children and young people. A central team will then launder these and arrange distribution to children and young people across SLC who need them. The drop-off points across SLC are at the following supermarkets:

Morrisons, Hamilton

Morrisons, Stewartfield East Kilbride

Morrisons, Lindsayfield East Kilbride

Tesco Metro, St Leonard's East Kilbride

Tesco, Lanark

Tesco, Carluke

Tesco, Lesmahagow

Morrisons, Cambuslang

Local businesses can also get in touch if they would like to make any donations via the CQIS mailbox rather than drop at the stores outlined above –  
[education\\_qis@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:education_qis@southlanarkshire.gov.uk).

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### **First Minister's Announcement 19/12/20 (added 21/12/20 by Mrs James)**

We are awaiting updated information following the First Minister's COVID announcement on Saturday evening. We will keep you posted with information as soon as we receive this. If your child is going to be absent today or tomorrow, please phone the school on 01555 894282 or email the office - [office@milton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@milton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) in order for us to update our registers - thank you.

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### **A Massive THANK YOU to Pepe's and the Lesmahagow Development Trust (added 18/12/20 by Mrs James)**

All classes have now had their special Christmas parties and we would like to say a HUGE thank you to both Pepe's and the Lesmahagow Development Trust for donating sweets and selection boxes for all the children to take home. We are very grateful for the generosity and the smiles that these brought - thank you.

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### **Free School Meals COVID-19 Update from SLC (added 10/12/20 by Mrs James)**

South Lanarkshire Council are pleased to announce some new financial supports to families

who have pupils entitled to means tested Free School Meals. More information can be found [HERE](#) and also on the SLC website.

Twitter Joining Instructions (added 4/12/20 by Mrs James)

Please follow twitter joining instructions from December newsletter ('About Us' tab then newsletters at the bottom). We cannot verify accounts from direct requests.

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### **We've Had a Visitor! (added 18/12/20 by Mrs James)**

We wrote a letter to the North Pole to say how good all our boys, girls and staff have been this year at Milton Primary and we were delighted to have a visit from Santa today. Head over to twitter to see some photos of our visit.

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### **Christmas Party Information (added 11.12.20 by Mrs Bunten)**

Next week sees us heading into the last full week of school for 2020 and it has been declared 'party week'. Each of our classes will have a festive day of fun with a class party and a Christmas movie. The dates for the parties are as follows:

Primary 7 Party - Tuesday 15th December - Hall (am) Movie (pm)

Primary 4 Party - Wednesday 16th December – Hall (am) Movie (pm)

Primary 5 Party - Wednesday 16th December – Movie (am) Hall (pm)

Primary 3 Party - Thursday 17th December – Hall (am) Movie (pm)

Primary 6 Party - Thursday 17th December – Movie (am) Hall (pm)

Primary 1 Party - Friday 18th December – Movie (am) Hall (pm)

Primary 2 Party - Friday 18th December – Hall (am) Movie (pm)

The children are welcome to dress up for their party. If your child's party is in the morning, they should come to school in their party clothes and bring a change (if needed) for the movie in the afternoon. If your child's party is in the afternoon, they should bring their party clothes to school and they will be given the chance to change. Alternatively, afternoon party children can be a home lunch, to allow time for changing. As per SLC policy, can we please remind you that no football colours/team shirts should be worn. May we also ask that pyjamas/onesies are not worn during the movie time. May we respectfully ask that anyone who has not paid the £2 for party snacks and treats via Parentpay, does so as soon as possible. Many thanks! We hope that all of our children enjoy their festive day. They've certainly earned it!

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### **\*\*\*SCHOOL CLOSED\*\*\***

SLC have authorised us to close today. Please do not send your children to school today.

DELAYED START - 10 O'clock (added 4/12/20 by Mrs James)

At present we are still open but will have a slightly later start of 10 O'clock due to the weather conditions and difficulties for staff/pupils trying to get to school. We will keep you updated via twitter and our website. Take care, everyone.

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### **Change of Clothes (added 2/12/20 by Mrs James)**

We've been out in the playground, then in then back out today - the weather just doesn't know what to do! With a more wintry forecast tomorrow and beyond can I please ask that pupils have a change of clothes (mainly bottom half) in their bag if they need to change at any

point. We have made a few phone calls this week to ask for spare clothing so this will save on anyone having to pop down to the school during the day - thank you.

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**Scottish Book Week (added 20/11/20 by Mrs James)**

All classes have enjoyed a Literacy focus this week as part of Scottish Book Week. We have ensured there has been quality time devoted to reading/hearing stories and books across all classes. Staff have been talking about their own favourite books and the younger classes have really enjoyed exploring their Read, Write and Count activities too. There will be a Big Book Week Scotland 2020 quiz at 4.00 - 5.15 today, head over to Scottish Book Trust website to see the details and the excellent resources available:- [www.scottishbooktrust.com/book-week-scotland](http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/book-week-scotland)

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**Parent Council Meeting 23/11/20 via Zoom (added 19/11/20 by Mrs James)**

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday 23rd November at 7pm via Zoom. A warm welcome awaits all who are able to join us on the night. Please email the school office if you intend to join and we will send the zoom code prior to the meeting. Agenda items can be found on the Parent Area tab of our website.

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**Christmas Lunch 17th Dec (added 19/11/20 by Mrs James)**

Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 17th December. The menu choices below can be pre- ordered by emailing the school office at [office@milton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@milton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) Please provide your child/children's name and choice by 4th December to ensure adequate supplies can be ordered. Money must be paid via ParentPay – the school will not be able to accept any cash.

Christmas Lunch Menu

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**December Festive Activities Letter (added 19/11/20 by Mrs James)**

A copy of our first digital letter was sent to ParentPay email addresses yesterday. This outlines our plans for the weeks ahead, please click [HERE](#) to view a copy of this letter. We would like to draw particular attention to the Christmas wishing tree which we would like to replace sending Christmas cards due to the current climate but also in order to promote our eco committee commitment of reducing paper waste in school.

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**Parent/Carer Phone Consultation return slips (added 12/11/20 by Mrs Bunten)**

A reminder that the Interim Reports included a return slip for a parent/teacher phone call in place of our usual Parents' Evening model. This must be returned tomorrow (13th November) in order to ensure that a slot is booked.

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**Remembrance Day 2020 (added 11/11/20 by Mrs James)**

All classes have observed a two minute silence today and have been working in their classes to understand the importance of this. Please have a look below at the beautiful poppies we made last week. These were displayed in Abbeygreen Church on Remembrance Sunday. [Poppy Pictures](#)

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**Enhanced Protective Measures for Reducing the Risk of Covid-19 in Schools (added 2/11/20 by Mrs James)**

As you will be aware, Lanarkshire was placed into Protection Level 3 and requires to implement enhanced protective measures from 2/11/2020. Parents/carers should discuss with their GP or clinician whether children with the highest clinical risk should still attend. In addition face coverings should be worn by parents/carers and other visitors to the school site (whether entering the building or otherwise), this also includes drop off and pick-up in the school grounds. Please remember to socially distance at these times.

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**Youth Achievement Award - Lesmahagow High School (added 30/10/20 by Mrs James)**

We are happy to share the following website which was developed by one of the talented S5 pupils at LHS as part of his Youth Achievement Award. The pupil has put together some ideas for Hallowe'en in the house. Please click [HERE](#) to access the site.

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**ICT Device Loan Survey (added 23/10/20 by Mrs James)**

Could we please ask families to complete the short Google form below to assist us in facilitating effective home learning. The link below will be live until Friday 30/10/20.  
Google Form

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**House and Vice Captain Legacy Planning (added 19/10/20 by Mrs James)**

The House and Vice Captains have decided on their legacy plan for the year and will be meeting with Mrs James this week to finalise the details. The team are looking forward to talking through their plan via the weekly broadcast to all classes and sharing their plans with the wider school community in the next newsletter.\*\*\* **NHS Letter** \*\*\* (added 3/10/20 by Mrs James)

Please click below for important letter from NHS Lanarkshire.

[NHS Letter](#)

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**Weekend (added 24.9.20 by Mrs James)**

A reminder that school will be closed Friday 25th and Monday 28th for the September weekend holiday. Tuesday the 29th is an inset day for staff and pupils will return on Wednesday 30th. We hope you have a lovely September break - fingers crossed for some sunny weather.

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**Returning Permission Forms (added 21.9.20 by Mrs James)**

We still have a number of permission forms and data information forms to be returned to the school office. Please return these via pupil post in order for the office to have the most up to date contact information and permission for your child to take part in PE sessions at the Glebe park.

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**Return of Lockdown Memory Stones (added 8.9.20 by Mrs James)**

For those who were able to paint a stone during lockdown, could these please now be returned to school. We hope to find a fitting place in the playground to remind us of the time when we couldn't be together at school.

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**Parent/Carer letter from Professor Jason Leitch (added 7.9.20 by Mrs James)**

Please click [HERE](#) to access parent/carers letter from Professor Jason Leitch regarding Common Cold and COVID-19 symptoms.

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**First Fire Drill of the Term (added 27.8.20 by Mrs James)**

Very well done to all the boys and girls for a quick and sensible exit this morning during our first fire drill. Our new Primary 1 class were a great example to all as they were the first out and in the muster point area. An added bonus that the rain stayed off for us too!

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**Our COVID Guidance Policy, Risk Assessment and Recovery Plan (added 25.8.20 by Mrs James)**

Please see the links below for important information regarding attendance and current absence protocol guidelines. Also attached is our current Risk Assessment as well as our Recovery Plan which takes the place of our School Improvement Plan this session. Please also remember we will be outside for the a majority of PE and breaks - almost all children are wearing a waterproof jacket and shoes, great! The children are enjoying this different experience but a spare pair of socks might be a useful school bag addition.

[COVID Policy August 2020](#)

[Risk Assessment August 2020](#)

[Recovery Plan August 2020](#)

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**Well done on a brilliant first week! (added 21.8.20 by Mrs Bunten)**

The boys and girls of Milton Primary have done us proud this week. It has felt like a long week (especially for P1) but all of our children have continued to smile and display Milton manners, which is brilliant! They have adapted quickly to the rules and routines and have understood the need to keep themselves and others around them safe. Please have a check in your child's bag as there have been a number of letters issued this week containing important information. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

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**Primary 7 and Primary 1 Buddies - the Dream Team! (added 19.8.20 by Mrs James)**

Primary 7 have been helping their Primary 1 buddies and been doing a fantastic job - they are being incredibly supportive and caring and helping our younger pupils in the playground . Both classes are very excited to be having lunch together tomorrow as a special treat.

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**Primary 4,5,6 and 7 - what a GREAT day! (added 14.8.20 by Mrs James)**

What a scorcher of a day to have our P4-7 back with us. Well done to all the boys and girls who have had a great day today. We've thoroughly enjoyed seeing you all back today. A little mix up with the end of day arrangements but we will be like a slick machine on Monday! Our P4-7 will all leave as they normally did - not the gates where they come in at 8.45. Please refer back to our August booklet for entrance and exit procedures and remember to keep safe by socially distancing from others. Our playground will be open to let parents space out for the 2.50 and 3.00 exits. If your child is not coming out until 3.00 please stay back to allow others to be in this area to collect their children first. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine. We are looking forward to having a full house on Monday!

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**Primary 1,2 and 3 - you were AWESOME! (added 13.8.20 by Mrs James)**

We loved having all three stages back today and settling everyone into their new classes. The

playground was a buzz of noise and games which was lovely to see and hear. Our temporary morning arrangements and early pick up with parents/carers allowed into the playground helped with our social distancing measures. We are now looking forward to welcoming our final four stages back tomorrow, it will be so good to see you all again! Remember, drop off will be from 8.45 onwards. Your entrance will be at the side of the school so you will be able to enter the hall. All classes tomorrow finish at 3.00, families will again have the opportunity to enter the playground to allow safe distancing. Children will exit from the normal doors. Looking forward to seeing you all!

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### **Primary 1 - What a Great First Day! (added 12.8.20 by Mrs James)**

Primary 1 have had a great first day - lots of smiles, laughter and fun. We've been taking lots of super photos and will be sending these home tomorrow. Well done to all the boys and girls - everyone has followed all our safety rules and we have been washing our hands regularly throughout the day. I think there might be some tired children tonight! Tomorrow Primary 1,2 and 3 will enter via the playground gate and then proceed to the cafe. Please remember drop off is from 8.45 onwards. Pupils in Primary 1,2,3 will be picked up at 2.50 but if no-one is there to collect their child, they will finish at 3.00. Please familiarise yourself with the details in the August booklet which can be accessed from the Popular Link section on this page. We are looking forward to seeing our Primary 2 and 3 classes tomorrow.

### **A HUGE Milton welcome to our new P1s (added by Mrs James 11.8.20)**

We are really excited to welcome the newest members of our Milton Family into school tomorrow. Mrs Bryceland will meet you at the main entrance - ready for a fun filled day of learning and becoming familiar with life at Milton. We hope that you have a brilliant first day and that each day after that is as exciting as the first! One more sleep!

### **SLC Communication - Transport and Parent's Guide 2020 (added 10.8.20 by Mrs James)**

Please click [to view links from South Lanarkshire Council](#) [Transport](#) [Parental Guide](#)

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### **Milton Reopening Plans (added 5.8.20 by Mrs James)**

Please find our updated information booklet for the reopening of Milton Primary School below. Any additional information from South Lanarkshire Council will be added to our website and twitter feed as this is received. We will be reviewing the procedures in place regularly and will continue to follow Government, Council and Health advice as we move forward.

Click [HERE](#) for revised August 2020 Booklet. EDIT - LIVE link is on our popular links section

### **Reopening of Schools - South Lanarkshire Update (added 3.8.20 by Mrs James)**

Please click [HERE](#) for letter from Tony McDaid, Executive Director (Education Resources) which outlines key dates for the return to school. Our School Information Booklet has been updated and will be posted on our website this week.

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**Parental Letter from Executive Director for Education, Tony McDaid (added 24/6/20 by Mrs James)**

Please find a link to the parent/carer letter from Tony McDaid (Executive Director, Education Resources) which outlines further details for pupils returning to school in August following the Deputy First Minister's address yesterday. Please click [HERE](#) to access the letter.**Deputy First**

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**Minister's Address and Personal Thanks (added 23/6/20 by Mrs James)**

I'm sure you will be aware of Mr Swinney's address today with regard to full time education plans in August for all pupils. I will continue to update our website and twitter as we receive more information and guidance around this.

It is hard to believe that tomorrow will be our last day before the official Summer break begins. My thanks once again to all our Milton families who have helped your child/children with their distance learning activities and the incredible efforts of our boys and girls who have worked so hard during a very difficult time of being apart from so many. My sincere thanks to all the staff at Milton. Mr Mitchell assures me he is excited about helping me move ALL the tables and chairs back to normal!! Our cleaners have continued to maintain their incredibly high standards of cleanliness throughout the school and I know this will continue in the new session. Our kitchen staff have provided meals throughout lockdown in hubs and in our own school. Thank you to Mrs Smith who has continued to 'woman' the office and deal with my many emails and requests throughout the day!! Mrs Struthers and Mrs Hefford have had a personal letter of recognition from Dr Lisa Cameron for their amazing efforts working full time in the community providing vital services for those shielding or requiring additional support. My thanks to the support staff, Mr Mitchell and teaching staff who were able to help me when volunteering at the Woodpark Hub - thank goodness the weather was on our side and we managed lots of fun, outdoor activities. Finally a HUGE thank you to all the teaching staff who have diligently prepared work, marked and given individual feedback - many of whom had their own caring responsibilities, underlying health conditions or had childcare/distance learning with their own families. To all our Primary 7 leavers - we wish you well and we look forward to hosting a special celebration for you soon. To all our new Primary 1 pupils starting in August, we look forward to welcoming you into our Milton family and to all our returning pupils - imagine that final bell at 1 o'clock tomorrow then smile.....you made it! I wish you all a restful and peaceful break. Thank you for your continued support during what has been an incredibly challenging time in Education. Mrs James :0)

**Milton Recovery Plan for August (added 19.6.20 by Mrs James)**

Please click the link below to access our August planning booklet. This can also be found in our 'Popular Links' tab. Mrs Bunten and I are currently emailing families via pupil Glow email accounts to advise of which days your child will be in the building. Please remember that we find ourselves in an unprecedented time and information shared may change as the national picture/medical advice and guidance changes from Scottish Government and SLC. Any changes to what we have in place will be posted here on our website and our twitter feed. Click [HERE](#) for Milton Information Booklet **Important Glow Email Information Tomorrow 18/6/20 (added by Mrs James 17.6.20)**

Tomorrow, your child will be emailed via their Glow email to share which Group they will be placed in August. Group A will be in school on Monday and Tuesday and Group B will be in on Thursday and Friday. In addition to this email, I will post our Recovery Phase Information Booklet on our website. This has lots of detailed information and photographs of

the school areas, classes and protocols. Emails will be sent out throughout the morning, please alert the school office if you have not received your child's allocation grouping by 2pm or have any difficulties accessing your child's Glow email account.

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**Parental Letter from SLC (added 16.6.20 by Mrs James)**

Please find a link to the parent/carer letter from Tony McDaid (Executive Director, Education Resources) which outlines further details of the blended learning approach for pupils returning to school in August. Our own Milton information will be shared on our website by the end of this week. It will give information and photos of the school as well as providing details about the school day, which days your child has been allocated and their class teacher for the new session. Please click [HERE](#) to access SLC letter.