



Mini Milton Messenger

Friday 21st April 2023

Summer Term 1

Dear Families,

It was lovely to welcome back the children after the school holidays. Congratulations to our team from Year 2 and Year 3 who competed in Pacesetters The Cube challenge this morning at Benham Sports Centre who came 2nd. We are all thrilled with the trophy to add to our collection. Thank you to those who came to Achievement Assembly today, it was lovely to see so many of you to celebrate the achievements of the children from the last few weeks.

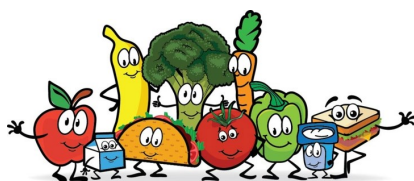
FOMS will be holding a bake sale at the Church Spring Fayre tomorrow and further details are below. Thank you for your continued support.



ABM SPECIAL LUNCHES

Please make bookings via ParentPay

Monday 24th April = Happy St George's Day
Friday 5th May = King's Coronation Picnic
Thursday 18th May = Pizza Pasta Party!
Wednesday 19th July = Hotdog



We'd be so grateful for any of the following donations to be brought in to school by Friday 28th April



Attendance

Please find attached a link to the School's Attendance Policy on our website:

[General School Policies \(milton.northants.sch.uk\)](http://milton.northants.sch.uk)

Process for Notification of Unplanned Absence:

Please call Mrs Dowdells on 01604 858816 before 9.15am to report your child as absent. You can also leave a voicemail on this number.

Procedure for Dealing with Unexplained Absence

If we have not received a communication from you before 9.15am to explain why your child is not in school, Mrs Dowdells will call you to obtain this information to ensure our registers are accurate.

Procedure for Lateness

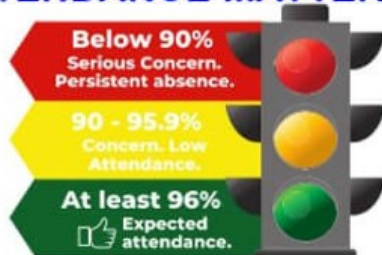
Our gates are closed by 9.05am and any arrivals after this time must come to our main school office to be signed in by an appropriate adult through the entrance via the staff car park. You will need to call the school office on arrival at the locked car park gates.

Procedure for Requesting Leave of Absence

Please request a leave of absence form from Mrs Dowdells in the school office before the leave of absence starts.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS...

Good attendance in our school is 96% and above



Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!

- Learning is a progressive activity; each day's lessons build upon those of the previous day(s).
- Many classes use discussions, demonstrations, experiments and participation as part of the daily learning activities, and these cannot be made up by those who are absent.



Benefits of good attendance

- Pupils with good attendance records generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life.
- Regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behaviour.

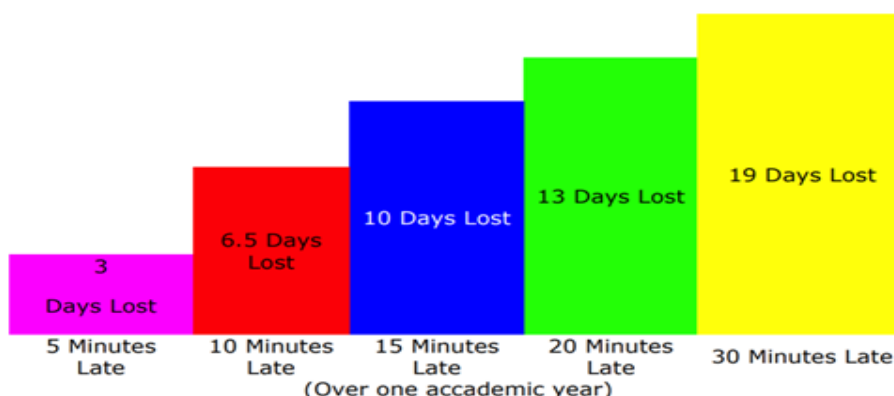


Risks of poor attendance

- A child who does not attend school regularly will be unlikely to keep up with the work and may fall behind in learning.
- They miss out on social interaction with friends which is important for wellbeing. If they are consistency absent they may find it more difficult to build and maintain friendships.
- We will arrange meetings with parents for persistent absence and may inform the local authority.

Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



Dates for the Diary:

Friday 28th April:	Achievement Assembly at 2.45pm
Monday 1st May:	Bank Holiday
Friday 5th May:	Bikeability Level 1, Year 3
Monday 8th May:	Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation
Friday 12th May:	Achievement Assembly at 2.45pm
Monday 15th May:	Pacesetters Athletics, Years 1 & 2 at Benham Sports Centre
Wednesday 17th May:	Mango in School Class Photographs
Friday 19th May:	Achievement Assembly at 2.45pm
Friday 26th May:	Last day of Term
Monday 29th May- Friday 2nd June	Half-term
Monday 5th June:	Back to school

Dates may change so please look out for ParentPay notifications.....

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