



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

There has been some lovely work going on this week. Some of the highlights have been our youngest children learning about Diwali. Year 1 and 2 have been observing seasonal change. Year 3 and 4 have been learning how to stay safe and respect others on line. Years 5 and 6 have baked bread. As a staff we have been planning an exciting school Christmas for you children. For your information some of the dates are noted below.

Tom Singleton
Head of School

Hazel Class

In Hazel Class we have been reading information texts and clarifying tricky words that we come across. We have really enjoyed learning about how chocolate is made and are now reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory together. We have finished our science learning on materials and have started to look at seasonal changes in the natural world. We went on a nature walk to identify and discuss these changes and also observed how the days are now shorter than in Summer time. In history we have been learning about important figures such as Rosa Parks and how what she did impacted the world as a whole.

JOHN MILTON ACADEMY TRUST

Parent Trustees

In line with the Trust's Strategic Plan, we have spent some time in 2019/20 reviewing governance with an independent consultant. As a result, we have made some amendments to our structure and there is now the opportunity for two parents to join the Trust Board as parent trustees. The Trust is the legal entity for all schools and fulfils the three core functions of governance:

- Establishing strategic direction
- Ensuring accountability
- Ensuring financial probity.

All meetings are virtual at present and a number of different committees operate, with the addition of a Sustainability Committee which will be established in the Spring Term 2021.

If you would like to find out more about the role of a **parent trustee**, the eligibility criteria and the application process, please follow the link below. Details are posted on the Trust website www.johnmiltonacademytrust.co.uk **Governance**
The deadline to receive applications is: Tuesday 1st December (noon)

Christmas Card Postbox

Due to the need to quarantine items before they are touched by others. Santa postal service at school will open 7th December and close on 11th December. Children need to post cards to their friends during this period. Cards will be delivered the following week to each bubble.

Diary Dates

STEM Weeks, commencing – Monday 23 November

PD Day – Friday 27 November (no children in school)

Socially distanced Big Breakfast – 3 December

Christmas Card Postbox – 7 – 11 December

Christmas craft day – 9 December

Christmas Jumper Day (bring chocolate/Christmas donation for the foodbank) – 11th December

Signing Carols on the playground (children only) – 16th December

Making Christmas party hats – 17th December

Christmas Lunch and Last day in School, class

Christmas parties – Friday 18 December

Children return to school 5th January