



Hey with Zion V.C. Primary



Dinner Money - can now be paid online!

For those parents who pay their child's dinner money half-termly, the cost of school dinners for the next half term is **£78.20**. *Please note that the cost of school dinners is £2.30 per day.* Cheques should be made payable to Oldham MBC or, **we now have the facility to take payment online via our ParentMail App.**

Please note the following points:

- Dinner money is payable in advance on **Monday** (or the first day back in school if absent on Monday).
- Dinner money should be sent in to school in a clearly marked, sealed envelope or **paid online**
- **Children should only swap from packed lunch to school dinners at the beginning of a half term.** If there are exceptional circumstances why your child might want to swap at other times, please contact the school office to discuss this.

We must encourage parents to download ParentMail as all communication is now paperless and moving forward we will become cashless too, with all payments being requested and paid online.

In addition, if you have the app, you will be notified if any letters, forms, clubs invites, etc are sent out to parents removing the risk of missing something important as it may have gone into your 'spam' box.

Please ask at the office if you have any problems with the app.

Things Going On....

Farewell and good luck to Mrs Brook on her new venture. You will be greatly missed!

Reception took an autumnal walk in to Medlock Valley as part of their current topic

Reception/Year1 been learning about the Jolly Postman, and have been writing letters, birthday invites, postcards etc.

Year 1/2 have been on a Bog Hunt in to Medlock Valley. They have also made their own Bog Baby using clay.

Year 2 went on a science/habitats study down in Medlock Valley and learned a great deal about life and the kind of creatures and plants on our doorstep.

Year 4 we have been experimenting and exploding volcanoes on the school playground by creating a chemical reaction.

Y5D/M - 'Play for a Day' visited us and we had a fabulous day of drama

Year 6 completed a Healthy Heart CPR workshop and Mrs Wilde came in to class and talked about WW2.

KS1 & KS2 had a visit from the Travelling Science Shows in the school hall. They covered 'Light and Sound' and 'Fantastic Forces'.

The whole school the whole school attended 'Experience Harvest' at St John's church. The children learnt about the harvest of the land, of the sea, and more

Dates to Remember

Fri 25 Oct	School closes for half term
Wed 31 Oct	Closing date for secondary school applications - 5pm
Mon 04 Nov	School re-opens after half term
Fri 08 Nov	Y6 trip to Robinwood Y5 Fire Brigade visit
Mon 11 Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccination (R-Y6)
Mon 25 Nov	Scholastic Book Fair
Fri 06 Dec	Christmas Fair
Tue 10 Dec	Christmas Prize Giving
Tue 10 Dec	R/Y1 Nativity @ 2pm
Wed 11 Dec	Reception Nativity @ 2pm
Thurs 12 Dec	Y3 Brass Concert @ 9.30am Y1/2 Nativity @ 2pm
Fri 13 Dec	Nursery Nativity @ 10am
Fri 13 Dec	Y2 Nativity @ 2pm
Wed 18 Dec	Christmas Dinner
Thurs 19 Dec	School closes for Christmas
Mon 06 Jan	School re-opens after half term
Wed 15 Jan	Closing date for primary school applications - 5pm
Fri 14 Feb	School closes for half term
Mon 24 Feb	School re-opens after half term

After half term, poppies and other items will be on sale in school - suggested donation range from £0.50 - £1.50



Our Website and Blog

We have a very informative website, which is updated regularly with what is going on in school. You will find our weekly dinner menu, this year and next year's calendar dates, nativity, party date and much more information about what is going on in school.

In addition, our school blog is updated regularly by Mr Clowes and each class has their own page updated by their teacher. Star of the Week is usually on class pages on Tuesday.

No lunchtime return

Please note that if your child is absent for a morning session but will be present for an afternoon session the start times are:

Nursery	12.25pm
Foundation	12.45pm
Infants	1.00pm
Juniors	1.25pm

We can only accept children back into school before this if they were registered at the beginning of the morning session and we know of their return. These are health and safety precautions, as your child will not be recorded as being in school until afternoon register is taken.

Thank you.

After School Clubs

For **term 2** the following clubs will be running:

Monday

Choir Club
3.30pm - 4.15 pm (years 2 - 6)
(Free)

Tuesday

Play Leaders Training (years 5 & 6)
3.30pm - 4.30pm (Free)

Wednesday

Higher Maths (year 6)

Chess Club
12.50pm - 1.20pm

Thursday

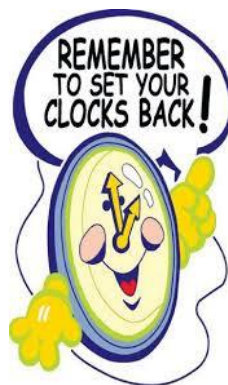
Cooking Club
3.30 - 4.30pm (years 5 & 6)

Friday

Basketball Club
3.30 - 4.30pm (years 4-6)



*Do not forget to
put your clocks
back
on 27 October!*



Every School Day Counts

Being late adds up to a loss of learning:

- If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to over 3 days lost each year
- 15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year
- Being late every day can add up to a lot of lost learning time
- **Please help your child to be punctual**

'Attendance Matters'

It is proven that good attendance and punctuality is linked to progress and increased life chances as an adult. We would like to say thank you to all the children who are attending well!

We look forward to working with you and your child.



Kit for Schools - ALDI UK

Thank you to everyone that sent in the Aldi vouchers.

We have completed the poster and sent it off.

In our next newsletter we will update you with the outcome.

