



SS Aidan and Oswald RC Primary School

Newsletter - 8th November 2019

Dear All

Next week's 'statement to live by' is:

"My mission is to make each day special..."

It would be lovely if you could carry on spending some time at home examining the statement in the family.



PTA NEWS...

PTA MEETING... Monday 11 November 6:00pm in School {all welcome}

Upcoming event... Sunday 24 November **CHRISTMAS FAIR!!!!**



BABY AND TODDLER PLAY SESSION - runs every WEDNESDAY during term time and vacancies are available. "They are a friendly group, and it is a great place for children and their parents/carers, to meet and make new friends. They meet every Wednesday, in the Community Room (in term time) between 8:45am – 11:00am. There are refreshments available for everyone and lots of toys, puzzles, songs and rhymes".

SCHOOL GATEWAY is our parent engagement app that will allow you to communicate with the school from anywhere, pay for dinner money, school trips, music tuition etc, it gives you:-

- Secure, convenient ways to pay via the website or the [ParentApp](#)
- Choice of payment options
- Ability to give permission online for trips – no more lost slips
- Pay and top up balances at any time
- View multiple children on one account
- Pay for multiple items at the same time

All school related [communication](#), [newsletters](#), [trip consents and payments](#) will go through School Gateway. To stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free. Just search **School Gateway** in your App store and download. Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information SS Aidan & Oswald already has, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details by sending an email to info@ssaidanoswald.oldham.sch.uk. If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site here: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>. You can also login to the online version of School Gateway via this site if you do not have a smart phone, although we do recommend using the app if possible as it makes it far easier to get hold of parents when we need to.



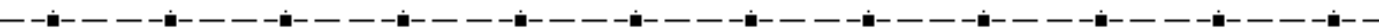
PARKING on ROMAN ROAD / RESIDENTS BAY / VAUGHAN STREET / SHEPARD STREET / CROMPTON STREET / VISITOR & STAFF CAR PARK – **Please could we remind everyone to please park considerately and NOT to double park / park on yellow lines / or in front of residents garages or driveways. IT IS ILLEGAL TO PARK ON THE YELLOW ZIG-ZAG LINES!! They are there to enable children to cross the road safely!** There

has been a complaint from a local resident this week about the dreadful driving/parking/abusive behaviour on and around Roman Road – as one of our parents has wheel spun on the grass area and left it in a mess.

PLEASE can we ask that everyone park and drive with due care.

May we also remind everyone that the staff/visitor car parks are for staff and visitors only.

We have many visitors to school during the school day and access has to be available at all times of the day.



OFFICE DUTY - Thank you to our helpers in **Year 5** who were on Office Duty this week – your hard work is very much appreciated!



SCHOOL LUNCHES – School meals for all **KS1/INFANTS** {Foundation Stage / Year 1 / Year 2} there is **NO CHARGE** for school meals due to a Government initiative. **Unless you call into the School Office to let us know otherwise, we presume that all pupils in the INFANTS will take a school meal.**

If you have children in **NURSERY/KS2 JUNIORS**, the cost of school dinners is **£11.50 per week**. **This is payable on the SCHOOL GATEWAY / or at the moment you can still pay on a Monday morning in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the pupil's name and class at the School Office.** Cheques should be made payable to “Oldham MBC”.

Next week we will be on **WEEK 1** on the LUNCH MENU

(copies available at the school office)

If your child wishes to change from sandwiches to school lunches and vice versa {whatever year group they are in}, **please let the school office know. Thank you**

SCHOOL DINNERS are £2.30 PER DAY / £11.50 a WEEK

APPLYING FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Parents do not need to apply for free school meals if they are in receipt of Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction. The only parents who may need to apply are those who feel they may be eligible but are not in receipt of either benefit. An example of this could be a parent who is on a low income and still lives with their own parents (ie child's grandparents) and therefore do not claim for either Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction. Pupils who live in the Manchester City Council area who attend an Oldham school can also apply online. **The application process is now an online only process which is available at www.oldham.gov.uk/fsm.**

We would like to encourage parents to still register with the Free School Meals Department as School receive significant funding relating to children who are eligible to claim for Free School Meals.

If parents DO NOT take up this option then school suffer financially – if you need any assistance/support with this please get in touch with us direct.



HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES – don't forget that pupils are **not** allowed chocolate bars/packets of sweets/fizzy drinks in their lunch boxes, as we do get spot checks from the Healthy Schools Awards and the Platinum Tooth Award Departments to check that packed lunches are meeting the healthy standards required.

Pupils **can bring** crisps, yogurts and biscuits for after their sandwiches. Thank you.





Our **STAR PUPILS** are:

<u>Miss Westerman</u> Ella-Mae C	-	<u>Reception</u>	-	<u>Miss Butterworth</u> Poppy R
<u>Miss O'Connor</u> Isla B-P	-	<u>Year 1</u>	-	<u>Miss Kelleher</u> Charlie P
<u>Miss Matthews</u> Al-Hasib U	-	<u>Year 2</u>	-	<u>Miss Greenwood</u> Ebrahim A
<u>Miss Hall</u>	-	<u>Year 3</u>	-	<u>Miss Welsh</u>
<u>Miss Morris</u>	-	<u>Year 4</u>	-	<u>Miss Baldwin</u>
<u>Mrs Kumah</u>	-	<u>Year 5</u>	-	<u>Mr Atkin</u>
<u>Miss German/Mrs Widdall</u>	-	<u>Year 6</u>	-	<u>Mrs Langmead</u>

TOPFORM by Monkhouse Schoolwear, 27 Union Street, Oldham {0161 627 0417}

You will be able to purchase or order uniform from this shop.

The Rochdale shop will be open Mon- Fri 9.00am to 5.30pm and Sat 9.00am to 5.00pm
TopForm Rochdale, 51-53 Drake Street, Rochdale, OL16 1RX
01706 345257 Or www.topformschoolwear.com

SSAO SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Any baptised child in **Year 3** or above, is eligible to take part in this year's Sacramental Programme.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact:

Year 3 teachers in school / Mrs Angela Preen the Parish Co-ordinator on 07812 454787 {please leave a message} /
or Father Doyle on 0161 624 1322)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Every Saturday

Be a Saturday Number Ninja {11am – 12Noon}! FREE Imaginative maths sessions for children in Nursery, Reception, Year One and their parents and carers. Do you want to help your child with maths? Number Ninjas are free sessions for children, parents and carers to get a head start in maths through play, coding toys and fun worksheets with support from trained staff. There will be toys, games and activities based around number skills. Drop in, no need to book. For more information email kate.smyth@oldham.gov.uk

- Monday 11 November** **PTA MEETING TONIGHT...** in the staff room at 6:00pm {all welcome}
- Monday 11 November** **WOODWIND Tuition** - in school today with Mr Prince
{Don't forget your instrument and music}
- Monday 11 November** **CHOIR CLUB** – every MONDAY for this Term... 3:00pm – 4:00pm with Miss Westerman in the New Hall or Miss Westerman's classroom.
If you would like a place, please complete the permission slip
- Tuesday 12 November** **INTRAHEALTH / NASAL FLU** in school today to administer the 'nasal flu' vaccine to all pupils from Reception class through to Year 6.
If you wish your child to have the vaccine you MUST follow the link that has been emailed to you to register/e-consent otherwise they will not be able to have it in school. Thank you
- Tuesday 12 November** **YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY** – in Church at 2:30pm {everyone welcome}
- Wednesday 13 November** **YEAR 5 SWIMMING** at Royton Pool until December 2019
{don't forget your swimming kit and towel and to pay the £5.00 asap}
- Wednesday 13 November** **YEARS 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 LITTLE DRAGONS MARTIAL ARTS** here in school every Wednesday 3:00pm – 4:15pm} £3.00 per session payable to the Martial Arts Teacher direct – please complete permission slip if interested.
- Thursday 14 November** **DRUM Tuition** - in school today with Mr Smith
{Don't forget your drum sticks}
- Thursday 14 November** **BRASS Tuition** - in school today with Mr Wilson
{Don't forget your instrument and music}
- Thursday 14 November** **YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 Football Club** every Thursday 3:00pm – 4:00pm with Mr Thompson from Oldham Sports Development {places are limited}
Pupils attending will need football kit, football boots/trainers and a drink
- Friday 15 November** **BRASS Tuition** - in school today with Mr Wilson
{Don't forget your instrument and music}
- Friday 15 November** **YEARS 4, 5 and 6 Multi-Skills** every Friday 8:00am – 8:35am with Mr Thompson from Oldham Sports Development in the New School Hall {places are limited}
- Friday 15 November** **INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS** – in School today
- Friday 15 November** **PTA FILM NIGHT...** in the New Hall tonight 3:15pm – 5:00pm
Entry to watch the film is free, but we would like donations of CHOCOLATE as a contribution towards our Chocolate Tombola Stall at the Christmas Fair.
Thank you
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Tuesday 19 November **YEAR 4 ASSEMBLY** – in Church at 2:30pm {everyone welcome}

Thursday 21 November **YEAR 3 QUARRY BANK MILL** – Don't forget to return the permission slip and payment of £15.00

Friday 22 November **NON-UNIFORM DAY** - in school today
BRING A BOTTLE FOR THE BOTTLE TOMBOLA at the Christmas Fair

Sunday 24 November **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Tuesday 26 November **FREDDIE FIT WORKSHOP** – in School today for all pupils

Tuesday 26 November **YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY** – in Church at 2:30pm {everyone welcome}

Sunday 1 December **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME** – 10am Mass in Church at 10:00am followed by workshop in School Hall

Tuesday 3 December **YEAR 3 ASSEMBLY** – in Church at 2:30pm {everyone welcome}

Wednesday 4 December **KS1 Prayer Station Day** – Parents/Grandparents welcome at 2:30pm in the New Hall

Tuesday 10 December **YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY** – in Church at 2:30pm {everyone welcome}

Wednesday 11 December **KS2 Prayer Station Day** – Parents/Grandparents welcome at 2:30pm in the New Hall

Friday 13 December **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY** – you can wear your Christmas Jumper today to school {must wear uniform underneath} Thank you

Monday 16 December **EYFS CHRISTMAS PLAY** – at 9:30am {everyone welcome}

Monday 16 December **KS1 CHRISTMAS PLAY** – at 1:30pm {everyone welcome}

Tuesday 17 December **WHOLE SCHOOL MASS** – in Church at 10:30pm {everyone welcome}

Thursday 19 December **CHRISTMAS DINNER** – in School today for pupils currently having a School Meal. **If you bring a Packed Lunch please do pack a Christmas tasting lunch box today!** Thank you

Friday 20 December **SCHOOL FINISHES FOR CHRISTMAS** – today at 3:00pm

Wednesday 8 January **SCHOOL RE-OPENS TODAY** at 8:35am

Sunday 19 January **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME** – 10am Mass in Church at 10:00am followed by workshop in School Hall

Week commencing 28th October 2019

We will report the ongoing attendance and weekly lates per year group. This year we are aiming to reach **96.0%** attendance for the whole school. This would give us an Ofsted grade of **HIGH**.

OFSTED expectation for attendance is at least 95%. It is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure the regular, full-time attendance of their child/ren. Failing to do this could lead to legal proceedings from the Local Authority.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE (ongoing)	OFSTED GRADE	NUMBER OF LATES (weekly) including combined minutes of lost learning time	
Reception	97.3%	HIGH	02	06 minutes
Year 1	95.8%	HIGH	04	232 minutes
Year 2	96.5%	HIGH	13	395 minutes
Year 3	95.1%	ABOVE AVERAGE	07	169 minutes
Year 4	96.6%	HIGH	07	131 minutes
Year 5	94.9%	ABOVE AVERAGE	13	154 minutes
Year 6	95.9%	HIGH	15	341 minutes

Current whole school % attendance (ongoing)	OFSTED GRADE
95.8%	HIGH



KS1: Year 2 Miss Greenwood's class HAVE WON THE ATTENDANCE TROPHY THIS WEEK!



KS2: Year 3 Miss Welsh's class HAVE WON THE ATTENDANCE TROPHY THIS WEEK!

- **Lessons begin promptly at 8.45am.** Not only must children attend school regularly, but they must not be late. **Issues with punctuality lie with a small minority of children.** To reduce the congestion at the beginning of the school day and help all of our children arrive on time, we do open our doors at 8.35am. **Please always enter through the class door.** The main door should only be used if the class door is closed.
- We would also like to remind parents that school finishes at 3.00pm. If there are any unforeseen circumstances as to why you are running late, please contact the school as soon as possible. If children are collected late on a regular basis, parents will be asked to make alternative child care arrangements.
- We appreciate there may be times when your child is unwell or absent due to exceptional circumstances. It is very important that you let school know if your child is going to be absent. Please contact school by telephoning the school office on **each day of your child's absence** unless you have informed us of the length of absence.
- If your child has a medical appointment at any time during the school day, a copy of the appointment card will be requested. However, where possible, please make appointments outside of the school day.
- If they have a sibling in school please make arrangements for the sibling who does not have an appointment to be in school at the start of the school day / collected from school at the usual finishing time of 3:00pm, as we are now unable to authorise the sibling's absence.
- Also, if your child is taken ill during the school day or is unable to come to school due to illness, it is important that any other siblings attend/remain in school otherwise their absence will be marked as unauthorised.
- If parent's have an appointment or are unwell, please also make arrangements for your child to be in school on time and picked up at the end of the school day as we cannot authorise your child's absence for this reason.
- The Headteacher, in line with Government legislation and the policy of the school's Governing Body, makes the decision about the authorisation of pupil absence. **Therefore, we are unable to authorise any term time absence** which relate to holidays taken in term time. A fine will be given for any holiday which lasts for 10 or more school sessions (morning or afternoon).
- We feel it is essential to reward as many pupils as possible for their excellent attendance and punctuality. Please check our website for more information on our attendance reward system or request a copy from the school office.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2019 / 2020

Pupils return to school for the Autumn Term on Wednesday 4 September 2019

Term	School Finishes On	First day of Holiday	Last day of Holiday	Return to School
Autumn Half Term	Friday 18 October 2019	Monday 21 October 2019	Friday 25 October 2019	Monday 28 October 2019
Christmas	Friday 20 December 2019	Monday 23 December 2019	Tuesday 7 January 2020	Wednesday 8 January 2020
Spring Half Term	Thursday 13 February 2020	Friday 14 February 2020	Friday 21 February 2020	Monday 24 February 2020
Easter	Wednesday 8 April 2020	Thursday 9 April 2020	Friday 17 April 2020	Monday 20 April 2020
May Day	Thursday 7 May 2020	<u>Friday</u> 8 May 2020	Friday 8 May 2020	Monday 11 May 2020
Summer Half Term	Thursday 21 May 2020	Friday 22 May 2020	Friday 5 June 2020	Monday 8 June 2020
Summer	Thursday 23 July 2020	Friday 24 July 2020	T.B.A.	T.B.A

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Coming Soon!

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Autumn Half Term				
Christmas				
Spring Half Term				
Easter				
May Day				
Summer Half Term				
Summer				