



# SS Aidan and Oswald RC Primary School

## Newsletter - 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

Dear All

**Next week's 'statement to live by' is:**  
**"I try to be a good listener; thoughtful,  
considerate and patient..."**

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

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### SSAO ADVENT DONATIONS 2019 – helping those in need this Christmas...

Every year we try to donate to a range of local charities who are helping those in need over the Christmas period.

**During Advent we will have a donation station in every classroom.** If you are in a fortunate enough position to be able to make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. This year we are working alongside: **Foresight** {to support Mission Christmas}; **Bethesda Church** {to help local people}; and the **St. Vincent De Paul Society** {to help those in our Parish}.

Attached to this Newsletter is a list of suggested donations that Mission Christmas and Bethesda Church would really appreciate {they are asking for these to be brand new and unwrapped}. To help people in our Parish, cash donations can also be made, this will go to supporting the St. Vincent De Paul Society in all that they do for the people in our Parish.

Please could we have all donations by the **6 DECEMBER 2019**. **THANK YOU SO MUCH**



### PTA NEWS...

**THIS 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".

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**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](mailto: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 3** 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](http://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:

<b><u>Miss Westerman</u></b> Ruby S	-	<b><u>Reception</u></b>	-	<b><u>Miss Butterworth</u></b> Lucas D
<b><u>Miss O'Connor</u></b> Frank S-M	-	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	-	<b><u>Miss Kelleher</u></b> Kate F
<b><u>Miss Matthews</u></b> Darcie C	-	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	-	<b><u>Miss Greenwood</u></b> Tidiane S
<b><u>Miss Hall</u></b> Riley B	-	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>	-	<b><u>Miss Welsh</u></b> Evan W
<b><u>Miss Morris</u></b> George M	-	<b><u>Year 4</u></b>	-	<b><u>Miss Baldwin</u></b> Bradley G
<b><u>Mr Atkin</u></b> Renaë L-A	-	<b><u>Year 5</u></b>	-	<b><u>Mrs Kumah</u></b> Jack F
<b><u>Miss German/Mrs Widdall</u></b> Mushfiqua C	-	<b><u>Year 6</u></b>	-	<b><u>Mrs Langmead</u></b> Louise G

**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](http://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](mailto:kate.smyth@oldham.gov.uk)

**Sunday 24 November**

**PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR TODAY** in school after the 10:00am Mass  
Do come along to this wonderful event!

**Monday 25 November**      **WOODWIND Tuition** - in school today with Mr Prince  
{Don't forget your instrument and music}

**Monday 25 November**      **CHOIR CLUB** – every MONDAY for this Term... 3:00pm – 4:00pm with  
Miss Westerman in the New Hall or Miss Westerman's classroom.

**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}

**Wednesday 27 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 27 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 28 November**      **DRUM Tuition** - in school today with Mr Smith  
{Don't forget your drum sticks}

**Thursday 28 November**      **BRASS Tuition** - in school today with Mr Wilson  
{Don't forget your instrument and music}

**Thursday 28 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 29 November**      **BRASS Tuition** - in school today with Mr Wilson  
{Don't forget your instrument and music}

**Friday 29 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}

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

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**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

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**Tuesday 10 December**      **KS2 {JUNIORS}** – Christmas Cinema Trip today  
**Please return payment of £10.00 and permission slip to be able to  
attend on or before Friday 29.11.19 THANK YOU**  
{Pupils to bring a Packed Lunch in a plastic bag clearly marked with their  
name}

**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

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- Monday 16 December**      **NURSERY & RECEPTION JOINT CHRISTMAS PLAY** – at 9:30am  
{everyone welcome}
- Monday 16 December**      **YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 CHRISTMAS PLAY** – at 1:30pm  
{everyone welcome}
- Tuesday 17 December**      **WHOLE SCHOOL MASS** – in Church at 10:30am {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
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- Wednesday 8 January**      **SCHOOL RE-OPENS TODAY** at 8:35am
- Wednesday 15 January**      **ONLINE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS DEADLINE** today for **RECEPTION  
APPLICATIONS** 5:00pm
- Sunday 19 January**      **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME** – 10am Mass in Church at 10:00am  
followed by workshop in School Hall
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## Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November 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	97.2%	HIGH	07	29 minutes
Year 1	95.7%	HIGH	09	144 minutes
Year 2	96.8%	HIGH	14	370 minutes
Year 3	95.0%	ABOVE AVERAGE	09	123 minutes
Year 4	96.4%	HIGH	07	143 minutes
Year 5	93.3%	LOW	13	140 minutes
Year 6	95.9%	HIGH	16	194 minutes

Current whole school % attendance (ongoing)	OFSTED GRADE
<b>95.5%</b>	<b>ABOVE AVERAGE</b>



**KS1: Reception Miss Westerman's class HAVE WON THE ATTENDANCE TROPHY THIS WEEK!**



**KS2: Year 5 Mr Atkin'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

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	Friday 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

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2020 / 2021

Pupils return to school for the Autumn Term on [Thursday 3 September 2020](#)

Term	School Finishes On	First day of Holiday	Last day of Holiday	Return to School
Autumn Half Term	Friday 23 October 2020	Monday 26 October 2020	Monday 2 November 2020	Tuesday 3 November 2020
Christmas	Tuesday 22 December 2020	Wednesday 23 December 2020	Tuesday 5 January 2021	Wednesday 6 January 2021
Spring Half Term	Friday 12 February 2021	Monday 15 February 2021	Monday 22 February 2021	Tuesday 23 February 2021
Easter	Wednesday 31 March 2021	Thursday 1 April 2021	Monday 12 April 2021	Tuesday 13 April 2021
May Day	Friday 30 April 2021	Monday 3 May 2021	Monday 3 May 2021	Tuesday 4 May 2021
Summer Half Term	Thursday 20 May 2021	Friday 21 May 2021	Friday 4 June 2021	Monday 7 June 2021
Summer	Friday 23 July 2021	Monday 26 July 2021	Wednesday 1 September 2021	Thursday 2 September 2021

# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2021 / 2022

Pupils return to school for the Autumn Term on [Thursday 2 September 2021](#)

<b>Term</b>	<b>School Finishes On</b>	<b>First day of Holiday</b>	<b>Last day of Holiday</b>	<b>Return to School</b>
<b>Autumn Half Term</b>	Thursday 21 October 2021	Friday 22 October 2021	Friday 29 October 2021	Monday 1 November 2021
<b>Christmas</b>	Wednesday 22 December 2021	Thursday 23 December 2021	Monday 3 January 2022	Tuesday 4 January 2022
<b>Spring Half Term</b>	Friday 18 February 2022	Monday 21 February 2022	Monday 28 February 2022	Tuesday 1 March 2022
<b>Easter</b>	Thursday 14 April 2022	Friday 15 April 2022	Friday 22 April 2022	Monday 25 April 2022
<b>May Day</b>	Friday 29 April 2022	Monday 2 May 2022	Monday 2 May 2022	Tuesday 3 May 2022
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Thursday 26 May 2022	Friday 27 May 2022	Friday 10 June 2022	Monday 13 June 2022
<b>Summer</b>	Friday 22 July 2022	Monday 25 July 2022	T.B.A.	T.B.A