



SS Aidan and Oswald RC Primary School

Newsletter - 13th March 2020

Dear All

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

"I am a good, independent worker....."

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



OFFICE DUTY - Thank you to our helpers in **Year 5** who were on Office Duty this week – your hard work is always 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 and also on our School Website)

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.



MUSIC AUDITION.... Would your child{ren} like the opportunity to learn to play an instrument here in school {**Brass – Woodwind – Drums**}? If you do, and your child{ren} will be in Year 2 through to Year 6 in September 2020 please contact the school office or call in for a letter {with more information} to enable your child to have an audition before we close for the Easter holidays. Thank you.

SCHOOL GATEWAY – All school related [communication, newsletters, trip consents, dinner money 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.



The Casting Researcher at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down are delighted to say, that they have recently opened applications for the 6th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

They are looking for young budding bakers between **9 -15 years old**.
Filming would take place from July 2020, but our **applications close on Sunday 5 April 2020**.

Interested bakers can apply online at:- WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK.



Our **STAR PUPILS** are:

<u>Miss Westerman</u> Sophia E	-	<u>Reception</u>	-	<u>Miss Butterworth</u> Leo F
<u>Miss O'Connor</u> Jesse H	-	<u>Year 1</u>	-	<u>Miss Kelleher</u> Alfie C
<u>Miss Matthews</u> Ridadh	-	<u>Year 2</u>	-	<u>Miss Greenwood</u> Alexis V
<u>Miss Hall</u> Cain L	-	<u>Year 3</u>	-	<u>Miss Welsh</u> Daniel S
<u>Miss Morris</u> Eva N	-	<u>Year 4</u>	-	<u>Miss Baldwin</u> Nanjiba C
<u>Mr Atkin</u> Ciara O	-	<u>Year 5</u>	-	<u>Mrs Kumah</u> David M
<u>Miss German/Mrs Widdall</u> - Baily J	-	<u>Year 6</u>	-	<u>Mrs Langmead</u> Jude F

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...

- Sunday 15 March** **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CELEBRATION MASS** –
10am Mass in Church followed by workshop in School Hall
- Monday 16 March** **WOODWIND Tuition** - in school today with Mr Prince
{Don't forget your instrument and music}
- Monday 16 March** **CHOIR CLUB** every Monday for those pupils who have returned the slip.
3:00pm – 4:00pm in Miss Westerman's classroom
- Tuesday 17 March** **YEARS 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 LITTLE DRAGONS MARTIAL ARTS** here in
school every **Tuesday** 3:00pm – 4:15pm £3.00 per session payable to the
Martial Arts Teacher direct.
- Wednesday 18 March** **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".
- Wednesday 18 March** **YEAR 4 SWIMMING** at Royton Pool - You should now have paid the
£5.00 for Swimming Tuition on the School Gateway or at the School Office
{Don't forget your swimming kit & towel}
- Thursday 19 March** **DRUM Tuition** - in school today with Mr Smith
{Don't forget your drum sticks}
- Thursday 19 March** **BRASS Tuition** - in school today with Mr Wilson
{Don't forget your instrument and music}

- Friday 20 March** **BRASS Tuition** - in school today with Mr Wilson
{Don't forget your instrument and music}
- Friday 20 March** **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
- Friday 20 March** **PTA MOTHERING SUNDAY** – gift sale in School. Gifts cost £2.00
payable via the School Gateway or at the School Office. Please write the
child's name and class on an envelope with the money in side if paying at the
office. Orders to be in by THURSDAY 12 MARCH. Thank you
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- Thursday 26 March** **YEAR 1 The Princess and The Pea** – Performance will take place at
Crompton House Secondary School. For the performance, children will need
to dress for the occasion. Letter sent home with further information and
permission slip.
- Friday 27 March** **PTA NON – UNIFORM DAY** {please bring **CHOCOLATE** donations for
the forthcoming BINGO event}
- Sunday 29 March** **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CELEBRATION MASS** –
10am Mass in Church {children to sit with their families}
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- Monday 30 March** **PTA MEETING** – Tonight at 6:00pm in the School Staff room {new
members always welcome}
- Wednesday 1 April** **YEAR 4 Castleshaw Centre** – Letter sent home with further information,
please return permission slip and medical consent forms before the event.
- Wednesday 1 April** **KS1 Prayer Station Day**
- Thursday 2 April** **PARENT's EVENING** in School after school tonight – letters will be sent
home soon
- Friday 3 April** **PTA CHOCOLATE BINGO** in school tonight
- Sunday 5 April** **CELEBRATION MASS** in Church at 10:00am for those pupils taking part
in the Sacramental Programme
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- Monday 6 April** **EASTER PLAY** for Parents {in Church} at 1:30pm
- Tuesday 7 April** **WHOLE SCHOOL MASS** in Church at 10:30am {All welcome}
- Wednesday 8 April** **KS2 Prayer Station Day**
- Wednesday 8 April** **School closes** today at 3:00pm for the Easter holidays
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- Monday 20 April** **School re-opens** today at 8:35am
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Week commencing 24th February 2020

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	96.6%	HIGH	07	62 minutes
Year 1	94.6%	AVERAGE	20	723 minutes
Year 2	96.0%	HIGH	21	266 minutes
Year 3	95.6%	ABOVE AVERAGE	07	50 minutes
Year 4	95.5%	ABOVE AVERAGE	15	200 minutes
Year 5	94.4%	AVERAGE	22	427 minutes
Year 6	95.1%	ABOVE AVERAGE	15	192 minutes

Current whole school % attendance (ongoing)	OFSTED GRADE
95.2%	ABOVE AVERAGE

	KS1: Reception Miss Westerman's class HAVE WON THE ATTENDANCE TROPHY THIS WEEK!	
	KS2: Year 3 Miss Hall'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	<u>Thursday</u> 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	Wednesday 2 September 2020	Thursday 3 September 2020

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](#)

Term	School Finishes On	First day of Holiday	Last day of Holiday	Return to School
Autumn Half Term	Thursday 21 October 2021	Friday 22 October 2021	Friday 29 October 2021	Monday 1 November 2021
Christmas	Wednesday 22 December 2021	Thursday 23 December 2021	Friday 7 January 2022	Monday 10 January 2022
Spring Half Term	Thursday 17 February 2022	Friday 18 February 2022	Friday 25 February 2022	Monday 28 February 2022
Easter	Thursday 14 April 2022	Friday 15 April 2022	Friday 22 April 2022	Monday 25 April 2022
May Day	Friday 29 April 2022	Monday 2 May 2022	Monday 2 May 2022	Tuesday 3 May 2022
Summer Half Term	Thursday 19 May 2022	Friday 20 May 2022	Friday 3 June 2022	Monday 6 June 2022
Summer	Friday 22 July 2022	Monday 25 July 2022	T.B.A.	T.B.A