



SS Aidan and Oswald RC Primary School

Newsletter - 06th November 2020

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.

To help us all have a smooth start to the school day, doors will open at **8:35am** and children can go straight into their classes, as learning starts promptly at **8:45am**.

Please can we remind you not to enter school via the pupils' entrance/exit doors. If at any time, you wish to see your child's class Teacher you should now make an appointment via telephoning or emailing the School Office or use class Dojo. Your child's class teacher will contact you as soon as they possible can. Thank you.

May I remind parents that all uniform and clothing in school must be marked with a permanent marker or name tag. Respectfully, we request that children strictly follow the Governors' policies by not bringing chewing gum into school. Children are expected to wear school shoes in school (**trainers are not allowed**). Please ensure your child come to school in their PE kit on their allocated PE day.

Could we remind parents, to ensure the health and safety of our children and parents, **DOGS are NOT ALLOWED** anywhere on our school land/premises and we are a **NO SMOKING** site.

REPORTING YOUR CHILD{RENS} ABSENCE - If you wish to report your child unwell/absent from school please ensure that you contact the School Office on 0161 652 2558 and speak to a member of the office team or you can always leave a message on the answer machine and we will pick this up. Please can we ask that you clearly leave your child's **name – class – and a clear description of their absence/illness**. Thank you.

If you have not already done so please download the **School Gateway** app – a 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.

Oldham free school meals – are you eligible? - Oldham Council is urging families to check whether they are eligible for free school meals for the next academic year in September 2020. The Coronavirus Pandemic has left many families with different financial situations than before. The worry is that more children will be left facing hunger and malnutrition because parents and guardians are struggling financially and aren't aware of what they are eligible to claim.

You don't need to make a separate claim for free school meals if you are already in receipt or have applied for Housing Benefit or help with your Council Tax. Oldham Council will use the information and evidence we have already provided to confirm your entitlement to free school meals.

If you live outside the borough (except Manchester) and your child goes to an Oldham school. Then you will need to apply through your local council in the area where you live.

If people are resident in Manchester but their child attends an Oldham school, please complete the Free School Meals application form. For more information, and to access the form, visit www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200231/education_grants_and_allowances/161/free_school_meals

For any queries about free school meals you can contact the Council on 0161-770-6688 or email benefits@oldham.gov.uk



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 **£12.00 per week**. **This is payable on the SCHOOL GATEWAY.**

After Half Term we will be on **WEEK 2** on the LUNCH MENU
(copies available on our School Website)

If your child wishes to change from sandwiches to school lunches and vice versa as our School Kitchen requires one week's notice {whatever year group they are in}, please let the school office know. Thank you

SCHOOL DINNERS are £2.40 PER DAY / £12.00 a WEEK



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.



PTA SPONSORED READING CHALLENGE... combine your enjoyment of reading with our great fundraising challenge. In 2019, the PTA donated £5,000 to the new school library. We would like to raise more funds to enrich the education of all the children our school {every little helps!}.

All you have to do is encourage your child to read as many books as they can between **Friday 23 October** and **Friday 20 November 2020**. Bring your completed sponsor form back into school **no later than Friday 20 November 2020** and make sure that you pay the sponsor money in via the School Gateway. Sponsor forms are coming home this week. Thank you for your continued support.

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 8 November

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY...

Every year, the Royal British Legion calls on the nation to unite in commemorating Remembrance Sunday. Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and in light of the risks posed, the annual Remembrance Sunday March Past the Cenotaph will not take place this year.

We recognise this will be deeply disappointing for all who were due to take part and it is not a step that has been taken lightly. This decision has been taken by the Government based on expert advice to protect the health and well-being of those who would have been travelling to and participating in the event. The Government led Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph will continue to go ahead as a closed ceremony.

Despite the changes this year, we are being encouraged to ensure Remembrance Sunday is still marked appropriately by taking part in remote and socially distanced Remembrance activity, whether that be watching the service on television or pausing for the **Two Minute Silence** in their home or on their doorsteps. Thank you.

- Monday 9 November - **WOODWIND** lessons in school today with Mr Prince
{Don't forget your instrument and music}
- Monday 9 November - **PARENTS EVENING** for **Miss Welsh's class**
Letters have gone home, if you have not received one please Dojo your child's class teacher
- Monday 9 November - **PARENTS EVENING** for **Miss Butterworth's class**
Letters have gone home, if you have not received one please Dojo your child's class teacher
- Monday 9 November - **PARENTS EVENING** for **Miss Greenwood's class**
Letters have gone home, if you have not received one please Dojo your child's class teacher
- Tuesday 10 November - **PARENTS EVENING** for **Miss German and Mrs Widdall's class**
Letters have gone home, if you have not received one please Dojo your child's class teacher
- Thursday 12 November - **DRUM** Lessons in school today with Mr Smith
{don't forget your drumsticks}
- Thursday 12 November - **BRASS** Lessons in school today with Mr Wilson
{Don't forget your instrument and music}
- Thursday 12 November - **PARENTS EVENING** for **Miss Kelleher's class**
Letters have gone home, if you have not received one please Dojo your child's class teacher
- Thursday 12 November - **PARENTS EVENING** for **Miss O'Connor's class**
Letters have gone home, if you have not received one please Dojo your child's class teacher

- Monday 16 November - **PARENTS EVENING** for **Miss Greenwood's class**
Letters have gone home, if you have not received one please Dojo your child's class teacher
- Monday 16 November - **PARENTS EVENING** for **Miss Morris' class**
Letters have gone home, if you have not received one please Dojo your child's class teacher
- Monday 16 November - **PARENTS EVENING** for **Mr Atkin's class**
Letters have gone home, if you have not received one please Dojo your child's class teacher
- Monday 16 November - **PARENTS EVENING** for **Mrs Langmead's class**
Letters have gone home, if you have not received one please Dojo your child's class teacher
- Tuesday 17 November - **PARENTS EVENING** for **Miss Baldwin's class**
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Wednesday 18 November - **PARENTS EVENING** for **Mrs Kumah's class**
Letters have gone home, if you have not received one please Dojo your child's class teacher

Wednesday 18 November- **PARENTS EVENING** for **Miss Halley and Miss Willow's class**
Letters have gone home, if you have not received one please Dojo your child's class teacher

Thursday 19 November - **PARENTS EVENING** for **Miss Wild's and Mrs Kenny's class**
Letters have gone home, if you have not received one please Dojo your child's class teacher

Friday 20 November - **PTA SPONSORED READING CHALLENGE**... today is the last day to return your completed sponsor forms back into school {please make sure that you pay the sponsor money in via the School Gateway}. Thank you for your continued support.

Wednesday 2 December - **SWIMMING** at Royton Sports Centre for pupils in **YEAR 5**
... will hopefully resume today...
{don't forget to bring your swimming kit and towel!}

Tuesday 22 December - School closes today at 3:00pm for the Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 6 January - School re-opens today at 8:35am

Friday 15 January - **NURSERY APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021** – If your child is due to start Primary School in September 2021 **you will need to complete an application using the online application system available on the Oldham Council website.** Applying on line is the only form of application as Oldham Council no longer provides paper application forms. The online system will close at..... **5pm on 15 January 2021.** If you do not have access to the internet, there are computers in all Oldham's libraries. You will need an email address, these are very easy to set up and staff there will be happy to help.

For faith schools you will need to fill in a supplementary form or provide documentation in addition to the application you make to us. Supplementary forms are available from and returned to the relevant school.

You will be able to access further information by clicking on the link...
[To apply for a Primary School place click on the link here...](#)

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2020 / 2021

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

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

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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