



SS Aidan and Oswald RC Primary School

Newsletter - 25 June 2021

Dear All

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

"We have peace alive within ourselves so that we can reach out to others with the message of peace..."

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

ADVANCE NOTICE – On **Friday 23 July 2021** school will finish for the Summer holidays after the children have had their lunch in school, at **1:00pm**. If you need to book your child/ren into the Before and After School Club please contact them as soon as possible on **07974 379327** or email annmarie.hurley@ntlworld.com

The last two pages of this newsletter contain our school holiday pattern for the remainder of this academic year plus **2021/2022** and **2022/2023**, for your information.

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.

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.

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.

PE KITS - The children should come to school on their allocated PE day wearing their school yellow PE top (a plain t-shirt if they haven't got one); a warm sweatshirt and leggings / tracksuit bottoms and trainers for the whole day.



SPRING TERM MUSIC FEES 2020/21 – are now **OVERDUE** for payment. Please make your payment via the School Gateway system. The **SUMMER TERM** fees have also gone live on the School Gateway System. Thank you.

Oldham FREE SCHOOL MEALS – are you eligible? - Oldham Council is urging families to check whether they are eligible for free school meals. 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.**

Next week we are on **WEEK 1** 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 NEWS... Thank you for your continued support.



PARKING on ROMAN ROAD / RESIDENTS BAY / VAUGHAN STREET / SHEPARD STREET / CORAL MEWS / 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!

We have had numerous complaints about our parents parking on the residents' car park at Coral Mews on Crompton Street. This car park is strictly for residents only and you are likely to incur a fine of £95 for parking, no matter how short a time your car is on the car park.

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

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.

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
Until 10 July 2021

- **STAGECOACH OLDHAM** are back in both our school Hall's here at Ss Aidan & Oswald's, and will be using all the safety measures as before plus any new regulations that are required.

KS1 = 9:30am – 11:00am
11:15am – 12:45pm
1:15pm - 2:45pm

KS2,3 & 4 = 10:00am – 1:00pm
2:00pm – 5:00pm

Classes are limited. Please ring/email to check availability and book your taster session on 07772 860177.

Tuesday 29 June

- **WOODWIND** lesson in school today with Mr Prince
{don't forget your instrument and music}

Thursday 1 July

- **DRUM** Lessons in school today with Mr Smith
{don't forget your drumsticks}

Wednesday 30 June

- **SWIMMING** at ROYTON SPORTS CENTRE for pupils in **YEAR 6**
{don't forget to bring your swimming kit and towel!}
If you have not yet given consent or paid, please log onto the SCHOOL GATEWAY system before lessons begin

Wednesday 30 June
Thursday 1 July

- **YEAR 6 transition days to high school** – our Local Authority have advised secondary school in Oldham not to go ahead with face-to-face transition days. Secondary Schools will advise parents further.

Thursday 1 July

- **BRASS** Lessons in school today with Mr Wilson
{Don't forget your instrument and music}

Friday 2 July

- Pupils new to RECEPTION CLASS 2021 visit today
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- Monday 5 July - **CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS** here in school today!
- Wednesday 7 July - **SWIMMING** at ROYTON SPORTS CENTRE for pupils in **YEAR 6**
{don't forget to bring your swimming kit and towel!}
If you have not yet given consent or paid, please log onto the SCHOOL GATEWAY system to do this
- Wednesday 7 July - Pupils new to NURSERY 2021 visit today at
- Thursday 8 July - **PEACE DAY** here in school today!
- Friday 9 July - Reports to parents

- Wednesday 14 July - Pupils new to NURSERY 2021 visit today at 1:30pm
- Thursday 15 July - **SPORTS DAY** in school today!

- Friday 23 July - School closes at **1:00pm** today for the **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**
{pupils will have their lunch in school as usual today}

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	Friday 18 December 2020	Monday 21 December 2020	Tuesday 5 January 2021	Wednesday 6 January 2021
Spring Half Term	Friday 12 February 2021	Monday 15 February 2021	Friday 19 February 2021	Monday 22 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	Friday 21 May 2021	Monday 24 May 2021	Friday 4 June 2021	Monday 7 June 2021
Summer	Friday 23 July 2021 {finish at 1:00pm}	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
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