



Orrell Holgate Primary School

Together Everyone Achieves More

4th November 2016

Academy Status

This week we received a letter from the Secretary of State for Education to confirm that we could convert to Academy status from November 1st 2016. As stated previously we have formed a Multi Academy Trust with Orrell Lamberhead Green School because we already had a close working relationship with them. The trust will be called 'The Greengate Trust.' Both schools will retain full autonomy and control of the whole of the budget for their school. Although we will share some resources, training and at times specialist staff such as learning mentors, we will remain as separate, distinct and successful schools.

Payments by cheque

Following the conversion to the Academy, the school's bank accounts have been changed and as a result, all cheques should now be made payable to just 'Orrell Holgate' (please don't add Primary School).

Admission to Primary School 2017

If you have a child born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013, you will need to apply for a reception class place. The application service opens on Monday 7th November and closes on 15th January 2017. If you have registered an interest in a place at Holgate, an application form and school prospectus will be sent to home tonight. Please let the school office know if you haven't received your pack.

Celebration Assembly

There will be no celebration assembly next Friday, 11th November. Instead we will be joining in in the Remembrance Service at the war memorial on Beeford Drive. This is expected to start at approximately 10.45am and everyone is welcome to attend.

Year 6 Football Team

Well done to the Y6 football team who won their match last night. It was a great game despite the rain.

School crossing on Moor Road

From 1st November to 17th November there will be no school crossing patrol on Moor Road. Please take extra care when crossing or cross with the crossing patrol at the junction of Church Street and St James' Road.

Christmas Fair – Sunday 27th November

Preparations for the Christmas Fair are well under way but it's not too late to donate any unwanted tombola or raffle prizes. We will be collecting chocolate donations on Friday 25th November. Instead of a non uniform day we have something different in mind. On Friday 25th November, several staff members will have wet sponges thrown at their face. For each donation your child will be able to throw a sponge at a willing volunteer from the teaching staff.

Film Club

From Monday 7th November, Film Club will be open to children in Y1 and Y2.

School Photographs

The final date for sending in photograph orders is Monday 7th November.

Reception Class photograph

The reception class photograph will appear in the Wigan Observer on 15th November.

Young Voices tickets

Ticket order forms have been sent home to the children taking part in Young Voices.

School trips

Year 4 – Wednesday 16th November – Manchester Jewish Museum – Letters have been sent home. Please return the reply slip and payment asap.

Year 3 – Friday 25th November – Dogs Trust, Manchester – more information to follow next week.

Children in Need

We will be helping to raise money for the Children in Need Charity again this year. For a £1 donation (or more if you like!), children can come to school on Friday 18th November in their own clothes.

Awards

Holgate Hero Behaviour – Rec Olivia Wade, Y1 Dolly Long, Y2 Rebekah Griffiths, Y3 Sapphire Gaskell, Y4 Oliver Foster, Y5 Lucy Thompson, Y6 Luke Smith

Holgate Hero Learning – Rec Lily Owen, Y1 Eva Bowley, Y2 Ben Bennett, Y3 Joseph Howard, Y4 George Unsworth, Y5 Daisy Lanfear, Y6 Ebony Howarth

Lunchtime Awards – Rec Lily Padgett, Y1 Dolly Long, Y2 George Chatterley, Y3 Sapphire Gaskell, Y4 Amelia Grant, Y5 Millie Law, Y6 Dylan Griffiths

Birthdays – Asma Hardi