



# Hey with Zion V.C. Primary School

*This will be your last paper copy of our newsletter. All further copies will be emailed home!*

To do  
the best  
we can



## Dinner Money

For those parents who pay their child's dinner money half-termly, the cost of school dinners for the next half term is **£71.40**. **Please note that the cost of school dinners is £2.10 per day.** Cheques are payable to Oldham MBC. All year-end credits will be repaid on the last day of term

**Please note the following points:**

- Dinner money is payable in advance on **Monday** (or the first day back in school if absent on Monday).
- Dinner money should be sent in to school in a clearly marked, sealed envelope.
- **Children should only swap from packed lunch to school dinners at the beginning of a half term.** If there are exceptional circumstances why your child might want to swap at other times please contact the school office to discuss this.



## Things Going On....

**Foundation Stage & KS1** - had a visit from Richard O'Neil the storyteller

**Reception & Reception/Year 1** took an autumnal walk in to Medlock Valley as part of their current topic

**Year 3** went on a class geography field trip to Medlock Valley and had an art led day with Mrs Slater

**Y5D/M** - 'Play for a Day' visited us and we had a fabulous day of drama

- A fun filled day of sports at Waterhead Academy was led by Manchester United Foundation staff
- An art led day by Mrs Slater and focused on the story from 'Wind in the Willows'

**Year 6** walked in to Lees to look at the war memorial as part of their History topic

**KS2** met with Jonathan Benteke and Jordan Lyden from Oldham Athletic Football Club and were presented with 'Team of the Week' tickets

**The whole school** had a visit from the 'Fire Brigade' and a talk about keeping safe during 'Bonfire Night'

## Dates to Remember

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| Fri 26 Oct     | School closes for half term                          |
| Wed 31 Oct     | Closing date for secondary school applications - 5pm |
| Fri 02 Nov     | Y6 trip to Robinwood                                 |
| Mon 05 Nov     | School re-opens after half term                      |
| November (TBC) | Remembrance Assembly                                 |
| Mon 26 Nov     | Scholastic Book Fair                                 |
| Mon 03 Dec     | Y2 Parent Christmas Craft                            |
| Wed 12 Dec     | <b>Christmas Dinner</b>                              |
| Fri 07 Dec     | Christmas Fair                                       |
| Mon 10 Dec     | Y2 Nativity @ 2pm                                    |
| Tue 11 Dec     | R/Y1 Nativity @ 2pm                                  |
| Wed 12 Dec     | Y1/2 Nativity @ 2pm                                  |
| Thurs 13 Dec   | Reception Nativity @ 2pm                             |
| Fri 14 Dec     | Nursery Nativity @ 2pm                               |
| Thurs 20 Dec   | School closes for Christmas                          |
| Mon 07 Jan     | School re-opens after half term                      |
| Tue 15 Jan     | Closing date for primary school applications - 5pm   |
| Fri 15 Feb     | School closes for half term                          |
| Mon 25 Feb     | School re-opens after half term                      |

## Our Website

We have a very informative website, which is updated regularly with what is going on in school. You will find our weekly dinner menu, this year and next year's calendar dates and much more information about what is going on in school

## Every School Day Counts

Being late adds up to a loss of learning:

- If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to over 3 days lost each year
- 15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year
- Being late every day can add up to a lot of lost learning time
- **Please help your child to be punctual**

### 48 hour Sickness Rule

If your child has been sick, it is our policy that they will not be allowed to return to school until 48 hours after they were last sick. This is to ensure that no bugs are spread throughout the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Applications for secondary school

The closing date for secondary applications is 31 October 2018. Secondary school open days are now being held.

Please ensure that your application form is submitted before the deadline.

It is really important that you apply online its simple, convenient, time saving and you will get an instant acknowledgment that your application has been received.

You will receive the outcome of your application by email, or you can log back into your account.

Further information is available from the website - [www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions).

### No lunchtime return

Please note that if your child is absent for a morning session but will be present for an afternoon session the start times are:

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Nursery    | 12.25pm |
| Foundation | 12.45pm |
| Infants    | 1.00pm  |
| Juniors    | 1.25pm  |

We can only accept children back into school before this if they were registered at the beginning of the morning session and we know of their return. These are health and safety precautions, as your child will not be recorded as being in school until afternoon register is taken.

Thank you.

After half term, poppies will be on sale in school - suggested donation is £0.50.



### After School Clubs

For term 2 the following clubs will be running:

#### Tuesday

Multi-Sports (years 3 & 4)  
3.30pm - 4.30pm (Free)

#### Choir Club

3.30pm - 4.15 pm (years 2 - 6) (Free)  
(Maximum places of 30, first come first served)

#### Wednesday

Higher Maths (year 6)

#### Chess Club

12.50pm - 1.20pm  
(See school office for price)

#### Thursday

##### Indoor Ball Club

3.30 - 4.30pm (years 2-5)  
(£5 or if pupil premium £2.50)  
(Maximum places of 16, first come first served)

#### Friday

##### Handball Club

3.30 - 4.30pm (years 2-5)  
(£5 or if pupil premium £2.50)  
(Maximum places of 16, first come first served)



### Paperless Communication

The vast majority of further correspondence will be sent out via email. **Please check your spam mail!** If you haven't already provided us with your email address, please pop to the office.

### Music Places

We still have the following places available for extra-curricular music tuition:

#### Guitar - 1 place

If your child is in Year 3 or above and is interested in music tuition, please contact Mrs Hodgkinson for further details.



### 'Attendance Matters'

It is proven that good attendance and punctuality is linked to progress and increased life chances as an adult. We would like to say thank you to all the children who are attending well!

We look forward to working with you and your child.



### Oldham FAST Grants - Apply Now

Q - Are you a resident or community group with a great idea but need some funds to deliver a project or activity to improve the place you live?

If so then you can apply for a Fast Grant to develop a project which could:

- Change your area for the better
- Develop the skills of local people
- Encourage your community to be fit and healthy

#### Fast Grants

Fast Grants are small amounts of money, awarded to an individual resident or a community group who has a great idea and requires a small pot of money to deliver something in their community.

To apply visit: <https://oldhamcares.com/fast-grants/>