



4th September 2020

NEWSLETTER

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HEADLINE NEWS

Welcome Back! We are so pleased to see all our children again in school. It has been so long. We hope you are all equally pleased to be back in school and getting back to normality. We have worked hard to make school as safe as possible for everyone and hope you are reassured that we are all acting with the same interest to protect us all.

WE also welcome our new pupils in Reception who are settling in part-time until next Friday when they will join us for the full day. They look really lovely and smart in their uniforms.

Communication

This newsletter is sent out by email every Friday to parents. We also send out reminders by text. Please make sure school have your email address and up to date phone numbers at all times. Reception parents have received a paper copy this first week but future letters will be by email.

Curriculum Information is sent out half termly via email & on the website class pages.

If you want to communicate with the teaching staff please write messages in your child's planner and remind your child to tell the teacher. The class staff will do the same to write to you, so check the planner every day.

Check our website for general information on the school, photos, term dates, policies etc.

Note from Mrs Costello

Mrs Costello as most of you know is the school's Learning Mentor and pupils and parents can go to her to speak confidentially with any personal issues they may have which impacts on their child or their child's learning. She works in school Wednesday to Friday. Reception parents will have met her through the 'welcome' process.

Mrs Costello works to uphold school uniform standards and would like to thank you all for supporting our uniform policy. She asks that parents ensure that their child's name is in every item of clothing so that it is never lost and can be easily returned.

SCHOOL LUNCHTIME MENU next week is week 2

The current menu is on the website and notice boards.

School meals are provided free to Reception, Y1 & Y2 as Universal Free Meals.

Y3–Y6 are charged at £2.40 a day, £12 per week. Payment is due in advance of the meals. All payments via Sims Pay please. Any access problems please let the office know.

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Headteachers: Mrs Caroline Ireland and Mrs Paula Glynn

Extra Curricular Clubs: Currently not running.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

- ◆ A letter is going out in planners tonight regarding arrangements which we have to have in place if we were to have a lockdown situation in school. Please read it and complete and return to school asap.
- ◆ Please make sure we have your up to date contact information as we may need to contact you in an emergency. Any changes you must put a note in the planner.
- ◆ Only people who are on the contact form can pick up your child. If a new person needs to pick up your child you must let school know and add them to the contact list. Please make sure your child knows their home time arrangements and talk to them reminding them if their normal person isn't there to pick them up they **MUST** return back into school. We will also have that talk. No-one under 16 is able to bring or collect children as per school policy.
- ◆ Allergies—if your child has an allergy please make sure that school are aware.
- ◆ New academic year calendar including school holidays is attached.
- ◆ All children are invited to bring in a healthy snack for their break time of fruit or raw vegetables.

Always Rules

Children and staff have been working hard this week devising a new set of class 'Always Rules'. As you know we love our behaviour management system and the children help to decide what our standards and rules should be which change as they get older. We look forward to the children receiving their new 'Always Badges' from next week.

Year 1 New Start and Pick up Times

Parents of Y1 children please note that we are having to change your start and end times for a while from Monday to make it easier in these 'socially distancing' times. We need more time and space to settle our youngest children and speak to parents. With the safety and comfort of our children in mind we are asking that from MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER, Year 1 are dropped off from 9.10am in the mornings and picked up at 3.30pm at the end of the day. We thank you for your support.

Reading Books: Reminder for parents to return any reading books that were sent home during Lockdown especially parents of children who haven't attended school since Friday 20th March 2020.

Year 6—Applying for Secondary School 2020. Closing date is 31st October 2020. Go to Oldham Council website—www.oldham.gov.uk.

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