



21st October 2021

## NEWSLETTER

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### HEADLINE NEWS

**We hope that you have had a productive meeting with your child's class teacher this week and have heard some good news. The children and staff have today celebrated more achievements in our 'Personal Target Assembly'. Children who have reached their personal targets are applauded and given a certificate. Well done!**

**We are having a fun end to the half-term in our 'Break the Rules day' today. The children and staff are enjoying breaking some of our school rules for one day only and at a charge of 50p per rule. All the children will be given milkshake and a cookie at break-time.**

**We finish today for Autumn half-term and return on Monday 1st November. Enjoy the week with your families.**

### High Expectations

Our school has high expectations of our families. We ask that pupils arrive on time, aim for full attendance, wear smart school uniform, work hard and follow our 'Always Rules'. All of our rules are carefully thought out and many of them are life skills to teach our pupils how to go forward in their lives and be excellent members of society.

We couldn't do this without the support and co-operation of parents and guardians and we thank you for working with us.

### Catch-Up Clubs

Many of our children have attended CUPs groups in this first half-term, with the aim of catching up on lost learning, due to covid. Our children have benefitted from starting the year with an extra boost, to ensure that they are on-track to achieve their age-related expectations. CUPs have now paused, until the Spring Term, as we turn our attention towards extra-curricular activities that promote wellbeing.

### School Meals

**The cost of a meal in school is now £2.50 (£12.50 per week). Reception, Year 1 & Y2 meals are provided free. Payment is due in advance and should be made online at: [www.pay360educationpayments.com](http://www.pay360educationpayments.com).**

**You will need an invitation code from school to access your account. Ask at the office.**

**Two weeks notice is required to change from or to packed lunches.**

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Headteacher: Mrs Paula Glynn

Extra-Curricular Clubs: Ask for a permission slip at the office.

Clubs are back on after half-term. See below for the current list. We have Craft Club finishing and a new Lego club for our younger children.

**Monday:** Reading Club Y2 (by invite only)

**Tuesday:** Football Club (Y5&6) at Uppermill 3G pitch at Saddleworth Pool & Leisure Centre 4–5pm.

**Wednesday:** Morning Running Club (Y2-6) 8.15am

**Thursday:** Netball Club (Y5&6) 3.20–4.15pm

New\* Lego Club ( Rec, Y1 & Y2) 3.20–4.15pm

(Embroidery/Craft club (Y5&6)) 3.20–4.15pm Now Finished)

### Free School Meal Vouchers

Oldham Council has been allocated funding to support vulnerable residents through its Household Support Fund. Some of this funding is being used to provide food voucher support for children eligible for means tested Free School Meals. Schools have been asked to issue vouchers to cover the Autumn half-term break. If your child is eligible you should already have received an email from Wonde to access your vouchers. The value is £15. If you haven't received it, let us know.

We understand that there will be more vouchers to cover the Christmas and February breaks. If you think you may qualify for means-tested FSM, apply via Oldham council's website.

Y5/6 Virtual Careers Event: This week, Year 5 and 6 pupils have participated in Oldham's Virtual Careers Fair. Each class has attended online sessions with businesses and entrepreneurs from across the country, as well as watching pre-recorded videos that have inspired and educated us. The whole event is designed to raise aspirations for our children and get them thinking about the endless possibilities that lie ahead for them, in the future.

Complaint from the Community: School have been asked to remind parents to take care at drop-off and pick-up times and to show consideration for others. Please park up properly away from the school gates and bring your children into school. Remember to leave room on the pavement for pedestrians and trolleys.

### School Fundraising

#### Thursday 21st October: Break the Rules Day.

We have had a great day and have raised a total of £341.65. Well done and thank you.

#### Bags2School Wednesday 3rd November

Bags are coming out tonight, although you can use any plastic bag which can be fastened. Please make room in your cupboards for Christmas and have a clear out over the holiday. Bag up and bring in old clothes, bedding, paired shoes, accessories including jewellery, towels, curtains etc.

These items will be reused and recycled and also school is paid per load for what we collect. It's a win-win all round!

Please bring in your bags when you drop off your child on Wednesday 3rd November at 5 to 9am. Thank you.