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NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLIES ARE EVERY FRIDAY AT 2.30PM. ALL WELCOME!

HEADLINE NEWS

Means-Tested Free School Meals & Schools Funding

Just as we are all individually looking at cutting back on spending and saving money, school funding is also tight this year. One way you can possibly help us to help your children is by seeing if you are eligible for Free School Meals. For every child who qualifies for this benefit, we receive extra funding as a school.

Can we ask ALL OUR PARENTS to consider if they may be entitled to this benefit even if (due to being in Reception, Y1 or Y2 or on packed lunches) they do not currently need to apply. Over the past couple of years the Government have provided additional help to these families in the form of supermarket vouchers during the school holidays. If you are not on the system as eligible for FSMs you cannot qualify for these additional forms of support when they arise.

Anyone who is in receipt of Income Support, JSA or Universal Credits with a net income of less than £616 per month, please go to OMBC website and search FREE SCHOOL MEALS or click on the link [Free school meals | Free school meals | Oldham Council](#) and make an online application or you can come into school and see Mrs Costello, who can advise you on the subject and help you complete the form.

Asthma

School must be notified if your child has a diagnosis of asthma. All parents should complete an annual school Asthma form and provide us with an up-to-date inhaler to keep on the premises. If you have a new diagnosis or are new to the school and have not yet notified us, please come to the Main Entrance for a form. You will also need to bring medical evidence. A renewal form is coming out tonight to all parents whose children are on our Asthma Register. Please complete and return.

Harvest Festival

This half-term we celebrate harvest time and give thanks to God for our abundant food supply. We also use this time to think about those less fortunate and ask you to donate non-perishable food items, such as cans and dried food which we will collect and send to St Barnabas Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Our Harvest Festival Celebration will be in St Thomas' Leesfield Church on Wednesday 5th October at 9.15am. All our families are welcome to join us.

SCHOOL MEALS

Next week we will be on week 2 of the school menu.

Our meals are charged at £12.50 per week and payable online via Pay360. If you would like to change from packed lunches to dinners we require 2 weeks notice. If you are not working or are on a low income you may be entitled to free school meals—go to the OMBC website and click on 'Help with Benefits and Money'.

If you pay for your school dinners you must pay in advance.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS THIS HALF-TERM

(permission slips required)

- Monday: Y3-6 Choir—lunchtimes (all year. No permission required).
Y2 Reading Club—3.20—4.15pm (all year).
- Tuesday: Y5/6 Football at Saddleworth Pool & Leisure Centre—4-5pm.
(parents must take and pick up from venue).
- Wednesday: Y3/Y4/5/6 Lunchtime Running Club—12—12.30pm. This club is now open to Year 3 children. Please complete a slip and return to the office. We are looking for more runners, whether you are fit already or are looking to improve your fitness. All abilities welcome.
- Thursday: R/Y1/Y2 Mini-Mindfulness—3.20—4.15pm—yoga, singing, crafts & stories in the Annexe. This club is now open to Year 2 children. Please complete a slip and return to the office. Come and chill with us!
- Y5/6 Netball—3.20—4.15pm.

Year 6 Parents Important Information

Please make sure you have applied for your chosen secondary school by the end of October. Check out the school websites for details of Open Events.

Open Days

Saddleworth School have sent home letters giving detail of their Open Day events taking place between 27th to 28th September.

Blue Coat have an Open Day on Saturday 1st October at 9.30am—12.30pm. You can call anytime during the morning. On Friday 30th September from 9.55am—3.20pm there is an Open Day by appointment only. See the website for more details.

MUSIC FEES— NOW DUE. Please go to Pay360 and look under 'Fees and Subs' to pay £85 for the Autumn Term.

Nasal Flu Vaccines: 1st November 2022

Please return the forms giving consent or NON consent.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM:

- ◆ **4TH OCTOBER: Y6 CLASS ASSEMBLY, FAMILIES WELCOME**
- ◆ **5TH OCTOBER: HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION IN CHURCH. ALL WELCOME.**
- ◆ **5TH OCTOBER: R & Y1 PARENTS MEETING FOR PHONICS/READING IN THE ANNEXE AT 2.30PM.**
- ◆ **12TH OCTOBER: SCHOOL OPEN DAY**
- ◆ **19TH OCTOBER: PUPIL PARENT PROGRESS MEETINGS 1.30—6.30PM**
- ◆ **20TH OCTOBER: BREAK UP FOR AUTUMN HALF-TERM**