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## NEWSLETTER

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### HEADLINE NEWS

Welcome back to all our children for the new academic year 2022/23 and a particular welcome to all our new pupils in Reception and our in-year transfers throughout the rest of the school.

We are looking forward to a fresh year with a new leader at the helm, Mr Whittaker, and our new teacher, Miss Nutter in Year 4. After our break we are ready to work hard, play hard and make some new friends along the way.

This newsletter comes out every Friday and contains important information about what is going on in school. The letter is normally sent via email, however initially we are providing a paper copy so parents can see how useful it is. In the coming weeks we will be trialling sending a text link to the weekly news. This week the newsletter should also have come to you via email (except Reception) with the current half-terms teaching & learning.

### Parent Welcome Meetings

All our class teachers and teaching assistants are holding meetings for parents in the coming weeks to welcome you to the new class and inform you of class expectations and requirements. These meetings provide important information and we hope that you can attend. The dates are as follows:

Reception— Tuesday 20th September at 3.30pm.

Year 1— Tuesday 13th September at 3.30pm.

Year 2—Thursday 22nd September at 3.30pm.

Year 3—Thursday 15th September at 3.30pm.

Year 4—Tuesday 20th September at 3.30pm.

Year 5—Thursday 15th September at 3.30pm.

Year 6—Monday 12th September at 3.30pm.

**School Achievement Assemblies: Please note that we have changed the times of our Achievement Assemblies when we invite families in to celebrate the children's successes. This assembly will now be held every Friday at 2.30pm. Please join us.**

### SCHOOL MEALS

**School dinners are prepared by our in-house kitchen and are currently charged at £2.50 per meal (£12.50 a week). Payment is made via our online payment system PAY360.**

**Infant children (Rec-Y2) are funded by the Government via the Universal Free School Meal programme. Year 3—6 are chargeable. If you are not working and claiming benefits or are on a low income (£7,400 net pa) and qualify for Universal Credit, you should be entitled to Means Tested Free School Meals. Go to Oldham Council website and search 'Free School Meals' and click on the Free School Meals application form tab. It is really easy, will save you money and also gets funding for school.**

**If you have to pay for your child's meals, please ask the office for an invitation code for Pay360.**

## WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHAT EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS WE WILL BE PROVIDING IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

### Learning Mentor

Mrs Costello provides the school's pastoral support and provides a sympathetic ear to pupils and parents who need to speak confidentially with any personal issues they may have which impacts on their child or their child's learning. This year her working week is Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Mrs Costello also upholds our school's high standards and will speak to parents whose children are repeatedly late or absent. She asks that all school uniform and coats are labelled with the children's name so they can be easily returned.

### Drinking Water

All classes in the main school (Y2-6) are provided with drinking water from the taps in the classrooms. They are all given a cup of their own. Please do not send in water.

Reception and Y1 are different to this due their young age and we ask that they do bring in a named bottle with water each day.

We encourage all children to drink water for the health benefits.

### Reception Class PE Day

Parents please note that PE day in Reception class is Wednesdays. The children should come to school in their PE kit for the whole day. This is a change from an earlier date that you may have been given.

### Special Needs Reviews

If you attend review meetings with your child, these will now take place twice a year instead of in each term. We decided the targets set in the Spring term did not really need updating and that any issues can be discussed at the Pupil Progress meetings in February. Children in receipt of high level funding (EHCPs) will continue to have termly meetings as before. Dates for all meetings will be sent out via Parent text in the next few weeks, with a reminder the week before in planners. Please contact Mrs Schofield with any queries.

**MUSIC FEES:** If your child is signed up for our brass lessons this year, payment is for £85 per term due at the beginning of each term. Payment is on our online payment system Pay360. If you have never used the payment system, ask the office for an invitation code. The system should be set up for payment by Monday. Thank you.

Nasal Flu Vaccines: Intrahealth will be in school on 1st November to administer nasal flu vaccines to those children whose parents have given consent. Consent forms are coming out tonight. Please return them with your consent or non-consent next week so we can forward them to the health service.

**Planners and Communication: All the children have been given a planner which is a communication tool between you and the class teachers. They will write any messages for you and you can use it to query or inform us of any important information. Any homework or reading will be logged in this book and we ask **ALL PARENTS TO SIGN THE PLANNER IN THE CURRENT WEEK BEFORE THE SCHOOL DAY ON FRIDAY.****