



7th October 2022

NEWSLETTER

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

HEADLINE NEWS

On Wednesday 12th October we invite our current parents and those who are hoping to come to our school in September to our Open Day, to see the school in action.

Please come to the Main Entrance anytime between 9am to 11.30 or 1.30pm to 2.30pm. We will be hosting an assembly at 9.10am and you are welcome to join us for a cuppa, followed by a tour of the school led by our Year 6 pupils. Thereafter tours will be held throughout the day.

To apply for a Reception school place for September 2023, you must apply online by 15th January 2023. Click on the link: [Apply for a primary school place | Oldham Council](#)

Progress Meetings

There is a letter in bookbags tonight regarding the Autumn Term Progress Meetings. Make sure you return it to the class as soon as possible to get your preferred slot. It is a wonderful opportunity to hear some good news about your child and discuss any worries you may have.

HARVEST THANK YOU!

A huge thank you from all at St Thomas' Leesfield for the donations for Harvest. As always, we have been overwhelmed by your generosity and your donations will be gratefully received by St Barnabas' foodbank.

On Wednesday, all classes took part in our school Harvest Celebration and reflected on the value of Thankfulness. Your donations contributed to our wonderful display of Harvest gifts.



SCHOOL MEALS: NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE ON WEEK 1 OF THE SCHOOL MENU.

Our meals are charged at £12.50 per week and payable in advance online via Pay360.

If you would like to change from packed lunches to dinners we require 2 weeks notice.

We are 20p a day cheaper than council school dinners and are independently run by our brilliant kitchen staff. Mrs England knows the children well and is able to cater for the fussiest of eaters. We encourage all our children to have a nutritionally balanced school dinner.

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', click on this link: [Free school meals | Free school meals | Oldham Council](#) or email benefitsfm@oldham.gov.uk

Thank you to those parents who have double checked their entitlement for FREE SCHOOL MEALS, it makes a huge difference to our budget.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS THIS HALF-TERM

(permission slips required)

Monday: Y3-6 Choir—lunchtimes (all year. No permission required). **Club now full.**

Tuesday: Y5/6 Football at Saddleworth Pool & Leisure Centre—4-5pm.
(parents must take and pick up from venue).
Y2 Reading Club—3.20—4.15pm (all year).

Wednesday: Y3/Y4/5/6 Lunchtime Running Club—12—12.30pm. **Runners can come to school in their PE kits for the entire day on club day. Club now full.**

Thursday: R/Y1/Y2 Mini-Mindfulness—3.20—4.15pm—yoga, singing, crafts & stories in the Annexe. **Club now full.**
Y5/6 Netball—3.20—4.15pm.

IN THE LINE 10 - 2 - 9

We are still having a lot of late arrivals to school. Please try to arrive on time for the school day. It is important to settling the children into the routines and allowing us to get on with our work. Remember we are now starting our day at 10 to 9am.

There are lots of roadworks around the area and traffic is particularly heavy at the minute. Set out early for your journey. Thank you for your cooperation.

Despite the fact that we are the best school in the world, we amazingly have places available in some year groups. If you are looking or know someone who is looking for a place in Year 1,2,3,5 & 6, contact Mrs Costello.

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

RECEPTION VISION SCREENING

School Health Orthoptic Department are visiting school on Thursday 13th October to screen all children in Reception class for vision problems. The assessment involves measuring the children's vision in both eyes by covering each eye in turn and matching shapes or letters. They will check their records to discover whether you are already known to the service.

If you are not contacted after the assessment, then your child has no detectable eye problems at this time.

COMPLETE THE OPT-OUT FORM IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE TEST.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM:

- ◆ **19TH OCTOBER: FUNDRAISER—BREAK THE RULES DAY**
- ◆ **20TH OCTOBER: BREAK UP FOR AUTUMN HALF-TERM**