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## NEWSLETTER

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### HEADLINE NEWS

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year 2023. We are all looking forward to a happy and hardworking year ahead. We have some new clubs on offer this term (have a look over the page) and we will also be holding some Tuition groups (invite only) to help children meet their age related expectations. Those parents will receive a letter in their child's bookbag with details.

We hope our Year 6 class have a fantastic time at Robinwood next week as they embark on their three day residential trip to Todmorden. They will enjoy lots of challenges and fun and have a memorable time with their classmates.

### LEESFIELD READING CHALLENGE

Our Challenge will begin on Monday 16th January and we want all the children to take part and **READ EVERY EVENING FOR TWO WEEKS**. Each day a parent must sign the planner to confirm that they have read and after the two week period those children will be rewarded with a prize of a cuddly toy (infants) or torch (Juniors).



We aim to accelerate literacy progress and promote a love of books. Reading expands your knowledge and vocabulary. It opens up a world of imagination and new interests. It also gets the children off screens! Why not find a comfy place to sit with some good lighting, maybe a drink or snack and enjoy the quiet time. We then hope that you continue this daily routine into the future—you won't believe how much progress they will make!



### Open Day

The deadline for Reception 2023 admissions is Sunday 15th January and so we are hosting an additional **Open Day on Thursday 12th January** for prospective pupils. There will be three tours, led by Mr Whittaker, at **9:30am, 2pm and 5pm**. Attendance is by appointment only. Please contact the school office on 0161 770 5710.

### Attendance

This week in Achievement Assembly we celebrated our 100% attenders from the Autumn Term. Over 40 pupils were praised for attending every minute of the school year so far and received a round of applause and a special 'You've Been Spotted' prize. Attendance is a high priority for school and it is well-known that persistent absence has a negative impact upon learning. Please ensure that your children are present each and every day, unless genuinely unwell, so that they can be 'The best they can be in the sight of God'.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT HALF-TERM

- Monday: Y3-6 Choir—lunchtimes (all year. No permission required).  
(CLUB FULL).  
[NEW from w/c 9th Jan\\* Y4-6 Fine Art Club. By invitation only.](#)
- Tuesday: Y2 Reading Club—3.20—4.15pm (all year).  
[NEW from w/c 9th Jan\\* Y4/5 Recorder Club.](#)
- Wednesday: Y3/Y4/5/6 Lunchtime Running Club (all term). Currently full.
- Thursday: [NEW from w/c 2nd Jan\\* Y3-6 Lego Club.](#) Now full.  
[NEW from w/c 9th Jan\\* Y3-6 Computer Coding Club.](#)

TO JOIN A NEW CLUB YOU MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN A PERMISSION SLIP.  
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ARE FROM 3.20—4.15PM.

### **Admissions**

**The deadline for Reception class admissions is 15th January. If you have a child who will be aged 4 by this September you need to apply for your school place.**

**Within our school we also have spaces for pupils in Years 1, 2 and 5. Speak to Mrs Costello for details.**

### MUSIC LESSONS

We currently have a vacancy in our brass lessons for one pupil to join our small group of brass musicians. The Oldham Music Centre staff come in once a week and give a half-hour lesson in a brass instrument of your choice, between a cornet, trombone or euphonium.

The cost is £85 per term and you have to commit to the remainder of this academic year. Within the cost is the loan of an instrument from the Music Centre. It is a great opportunity to see if your child has any musical ability. This is open to Year's 3-6 only.

We have also started a Recorder Club on Tuesdays after school if your child would like to have a go to see if they enjoy playing a musical instrument. See clubs above.

### SCHOOL MEALS: NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE ON WEEK 2 OF THE SCHOOL MENU

**Our school meal menu is on our website. We produce a balanced plan as per Government requirements. If you would like your child to have a hot meal every day let the office know. We need 2 weeks notice. The cost of meals is still at £2.50 per day and payment is online only.**

**If you think you may qualify for Free School Meals on grounds of your income, go to [Oldham Council website](#) and search Education—Free School Meals or click on this link:**

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**School receives extra funding for children on FSMs.**

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