



Newsletter



Growing Together to Flourish in God's World

Happy New Year to you all!

Ken Martin

We all said a sad goodbye to Ken at his funeral on 15th January. He was a major part of our school and he will be sorely missed. In his memory we will be introducing a new award at our annual Awards Ceremony: The Ken Martin Award for Outstanding Contribution to School Life. This will be awarded to a child for his/her contributions to school. We are pleased to welcome Bishop Mark back on 24th June for our ceremony. He will be the first to present this prestigious award. Ken made an outstanding contribution to our school life over many years and he will not be forgotten.

Absence of 5 days or more

Please be reminded that if your child is absent from school through illness for 5 days or more you will need to provide medical evidence that your child was seen by a medical practitioner - this could be a letter from your GP, a medical card, hospital letter etc

Failure to provide evidence will result in your child's absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence and will be referred through to the attendance service which could result in a fixed penalty notice. Should you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.



Snow business!

Snow may be arriving soon! We will only close school if the conditions are extreme and we always assess the situation early in the morning before a decision is made. If we have enough staff able to get to school, the premises are warm and the immediate school site can be gritted and cleared, we will open school. We rely on Oldham council to grit roads and pavements outside school and so far Broadway and Oldham Road have been clear. If a decision to close is made we will communicate this using Parentmail (to email and text), Twitter (which feeds onto our website) and Oldham Council Website.



New Member of Staff



We would like to welcome Mrs Krista Brierley to our school staff. She will be our new Learning Mentor. She has previous experience as a teaching assistant and we welcome her to the team.

DINNER MONEY

Please note that Dinner Money must be paid each Monday in advance of the dinners being taken. Dinner money should be sent into school in an envelope with your child's name and class written on it. Staff are busy getting children into class as soon as possible and therefore cannot accept loose money for dinners at the door.



You can also pay for dinners each week via parentmail. Should you need new registration details then please speak to the school office.



To help us keep our school head lice free please ensure that you check your child's hair each week. Thank-you.



Save the Children

We raised £237.60 for the wear your Christmas Jumper to school day which will go to Save the Children. Everyone looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers and we had some very creative designs. Well Done Everyone.



School Safe

Please could we remind you that parking outside the school playground, to observe the children, could result in being reported to the police? Staff, residents and members of the public are vigilant in reporting any such incidents. If you have any concerns please come and speak to a member of staff.

Children's University Passport to learning Scheme

The Children's Passport Scheme is still running. The next graduation ceremony will be held around June this year.

Please continue to get your child to fill in their passports which they got from the office. Once your child has reached a University Doctorate level they can bring their passport into the office so that we can keep a list of their achievements ready for the next graduation ceremony.

Please remember that if your child attends an out of school activity that is not registered please bring the activities contact details so we can arrange for them to become registered. This scheme is for KS2 children only.



Dates for your diary...

Finish for Half Term	Friday 14th February
Return to school	Monday 24th February
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 4 th March
Holy Week Service in Church	Friday 4 th April
Finish for the Easter holidays	Friday 4th April
Return to School: Summer Term	Tuesday 22nd April

More details to follow for some of these events.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-2014

Half Term:	Monday 17th - Friday 21st February (inclusive)
Spring Term Ends:	Friday 4th April 2014
Summer Term Begins:	Tuesday 22nd April 2014
May Day Bank Holiday:	Monday 5th May 2014
Election Day:	Thursday 22 nd May 2014
Half Term:	Monday 26th May – Friday 30 th May - (inclusive)
Summer Term Ends:	Friday 18th July 2014

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015

Autumn Term Begins:	Wednesday 3rd September 2014
Half Term:	Monday 27th October – Friday 31 st October (inclusive)
Autumn Term Ends:	Friday 19th December 2014
Spring Term Begins:	Monday 5th January 2015
Half Term:	Monday 16th - Friday 20th February (inclusive)
Spring Term Ends:	Thursday 2nd April 2015
Summer Term Begins:	Monday 13th April 2015
May Day Bank Holiday:	Monday 4th May 2015
Election Day:	Thursday 7th May 2015
Half Term:	Monday 25th May – Friday 5 th June – (inclusive-please note this is 2 weeks)
Summer Term Ends:	Friday 17th July 2015

