



5<sup>th</sup> September 2014

# Newsletter

**Growing Together to Flourish in God's World**

## Welcome back

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and we would like to welcome all of the children and their parents/carers back to a new school year.



## Governor Positions

Caroline Newton and Barry Ratcliffe have been devoted members on our board of governors and their current four year terms are about to come to an end. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their tireless commitment and service that they have shown to St Anne's.

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you!

On 15<sup>th</sup> September we will be sending out information letters giving details about the two Governors positions that are open for nomination. Each family will receive one letter which will be sent home with the eldest child in the school. Should you have any queries please speak to a member of staff.

## Application to Secondary School

Parents of Y6 children can now apply for a secondary school places online. Information and applications can be found at [www.oldham.gov.uk](http://www.oldham.gov.uk)

**All applications must be submitted online**

All applications must be made before **5pm on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014** or it will be considered a **late application**. This could result in your child being allocated a place at a school that was not your preference.

If you need any further advice or help you can contact the Admissions Team on 0161 770 4213/4214/4201

## Parents' Information Meeting

On **Monday 15th September** class teachers will be holding a short information session for parents and carers. The purpose of this meeting is to give you the opportunity to meet the class teacher, receive news about the curriculum and update your contact details. It is not to discuss individual children as we have set a date for Parents' Evening on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** when you will be able to make an appointment for that purpose.

The information session will be held on **Monday 15th September** at 3.30pm. Don't worry if you can't attend or if you have children in different year groups as all information will be sent home. We hope you will find this useful.



We would like to welcome Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Ali to our school. Mrs Mitchell has joined us and is now the teacher for our Nursery. Mrs Ali has joined us to cover Mrs Hayman who will shortly start her maternity leave. We welcome them to the team.

We are sure you will all join us in wishing Mrs Hayman all the best at this exciting time.



# End of Year Attendance

Last school year our end of year school attendance was at **97.1%** which was above our target of 96.5%!!!! Thank you to all children, parents and carers that by ensuring good attendance helped to achieve this level. We continuously monitor attendance and thank you in advance for your continued support.



Good attendance ensures children benefit fully from their education and achieve their full potential.



In September 2013 new legislation came into force meaning that term time holidays could no longer be authorised. Term time holidays result in unauthorised absences being recorded for each day of absence from school. Over five days absence will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued.

If your child is absent from school due to sickness **you need to telephone school on each day of absence before 9am**. Medical evidence may need to be provided for the absence to be recorded as sickness absence. Failure to provide medical evidence when requested will result in the absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Fixed Penalty Notices will continue to be issued for unauthorised absences by the Attendance Service.

## Class Assemblies

Purple Class - Mrs Martin  
 Turquoise Class - Mr Bennett  
 Pink Class - Miss Dunn  
 Lime Class - Miss Walker  
 Orange Class - Mr Gooding  
 Blue Class - Mrs Snape  
 Yellow Class - Mrs Evans  
 Red Class - Mrs Williams  
 Green Class - Mrs Ali

24th September 2014 @ 9.15am  
 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 @ 9.15am  
 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014 @ 9.15am  
 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 @ 9.15am  
 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 @ 9.15am  
 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 @ 9.15am  
 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 @ 9.15am  
 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 @ 9.15am  
 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 @ 9.15am



## Appointments

Can we please remind all parents that all non urgent appointments should be made outside of school hours (dentist check ups, routine optician appointments etc)?



All medical appointments in school time should be followed up by providing an appointment card or letter to the office (preferably in advance of the appointment). Failure to provide evidence of a medical appointment will result in your child having an unauthorised absence on their attendance record.

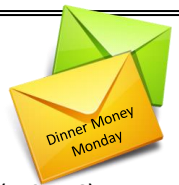
**All** medical appointments have an adverse affect on your child's attendance so please take this into consideration when making appointments for your child.

## Labelling

We have already had a few children that have misplaced coats. Please ensure that ALL items that your child brings in to school is labelled. It makes it much easier to reunite items with their owners.

## Dinner Money

All KS1 (Reception-Yr2) children are now entitled to a free school meal each day.



If your child is on school dinners, and in KS2 (Yr3-Yr6), please remember that dinners are to be paid for in advance of the meals being taken. All dinner money should be paid each Monday either online by Parentmail or sent into school in an envelope with your child's name and class written on. Thank you.

# OUR GOLDEN PROMISES

This year we are continuing with our Golden Promises system to ensure our children always work hard and behave well. There are five promises that the children have agreed are the most important and we all keep to them. The se are:

1. I promise to be honest at all times.
2. I promise to always do my best.
3. I promise to show respect to myself and others.
4. I promise to keep myself and others safe.
5. I promise to look after my property and that of others.



Children have Golden Promises badge which they are required to wear at all times as it shows that they commit to these promises. Children can lose their badge if they consistently break any promises. There is a system displayed in classrooms that children are aware of and there are clear steps that show how well they have been keeping their promises. If a badge is lost, children can earn it back by modifying their behaviour.

Children who consistently behave well will receive rewards each week through Golden Time. This is time tabled each week for 30 minutes where enrichment activities are planned in class. The children will plan this with their class teacher and this could include activities such as a visitor coming in or writing and performing a play.

Please make an appointment with your child's class teacher if you do have any concerns. He/She may also contact you if there are issues in school. We hope that this will help to continue to keep you informed about your child's progress.

## Student update forms



Each September we take the opportunity to check that the details we have on our system for you and your child are up to date. The contact detail update sheet will be coming home with your child in the coming weeks. Please ensure that you check the details we have carefully and make any amendments and return the form to school as soon as possible. **PLEASE NOTE : We do need ALL forms returned to school even if there are no changes to be made.**

The information on these forms are vital for use in an emergency so please make sure they are returned to school as a priority.

## Healthy Lunches

We promote healthy eating at our school. Please try to encourage your child to make healthy choices for their packed lunch by encouraging them to choose items such as fruit, vegetable sticks, sandwiches with healthy fillings, pasta or rice salads, fruit yogurts, sugar free squash, water or milk etc. A healthy packed lunch should not include fizzy drinks, sweets, large chocolate bars, crisps, energy drinks etc. Please ensure that only water is put in water bottles for in class and that if you send a snack for your child for break time that it is only fruit or vegetables. Thank you for your support.



## PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school each week. The indoor PE kit should consist of black PE pumps, black shorts and a red t-shirt. Outdoor PE kit should consist of a pair of tracksuit bottoms, a jumper or fleece and trainers suitable from wearing outside.



## Free School Meals from September 2014 for KS1 (Rec-Yr2)

As of September 2014 all children in KS1 (Reception to Year 2) will receive a free school meal in accordance with the Government scheme. Should you not wish for your child to have the free school meal then please notify the office as soon as possible so that we can prepare the kitchen staff with the relevant numbers.

Previously if you met certain criteria you would have to apply for Free School Meals. If you still meet that criteria we do ask that you still follow the process of applying for the free school meal in the old way as this means that:

- school will receive extra funding which the school can use for staffing, educational resources
- you may also receive some help towards the cost of educational school trips
- should the government scheme be scrapped your child would still be eligible for free school meals as you have already applied—applying at a later date may take some time and you would need to pay for school meals until such time as your application has been processed.
- Even if your child does not get a granted a free school meal under the official process they will still receive a free school meal until they have finished Y2 of infants (unless the scheme is stopped) so there is nothing to lose but possibly something to gain by applying!!

The criteria is as follows:

1) Your child attends a school maintained by a local education authority and you and your child live in the Oldham borough. (If you do not live in Oldham and your child attends a local authority maintained school in Oldham please contact your local council for advice).

2) You receive any of the following:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed the current year's level
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finished, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week.

Additionally:



You, as the parent or guardian, must Receive Child Benefit for the child you are responsible for. Children who receive IS or IBJSA in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals. Children who receive "education suitable for children who have not attained compulsory school age" will still need to satisfy the additional requirement of "receiving education both before and after the lunch period", before being eligible to receive free school meals.

You can download a claim form from [http://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200231/education\\_grants\\_and\\_allowances/161/school\\_meals](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200231/education_grants_and_allowances/161/school_meals) or alternatively see the office for a copy.



## PLANNED EVENTS

Event	Class	Time	Date/Days	Event	Class	Time	Date/Days
Zumba Class	KS2	3.15-4.15pm	Mondays	Harvest Service		09.00am	10/10/2014
Girls football	KS2	3.30-4.30pm	Tuesdays	Individual school photos			15/10/2014
Football	KS2	3.15-4.15pm	Wednesdays	Race Night			17/10/2014
PTA Meeting	Mothers Room	18:30	09/09/2014	Bag2school			17/10/2014
Y3/4 Dewa Roman Experience class trip	Y3/4		09/09/2014	Lime class assembly	Yr3/4	09.00am	22/10/2014
Yr 6 Assembly School	Yr6	09.15am	10/09/2014	Half Term Holidays	All		27/10/14 - 31/10/14
Yr3 Manchester class trip	Yr3		11/09/2014	School re opens	All	09.00am	03/11/2014
Yr4/5 Manchester class trip	Y4/5		15/09/2014	Orange class assembly	Yr3		05/11/2014
Parents information Session		3.30pm	15/09/2014	Blue class assembly	Yr2	09.00am	12/11/2014
Purple class assembly	Yr6	09.00am	24/09/2014	Yellow Class Assembly	Yr1/2	09.00am	19/11/2014
Turquoise class assembly	Y5/6	9.00am	01/10/2014	iSing pop			24/11/14-28/11/14
PTA AGM		18:30	07/10/2014	Red class assembly	Reception	09.00am	03/12/2014
Pink class assembly	Y4/5	09.00am	08/10/2014	Panto			03/12/2014
				iSing Pop concert		18:00	04/12/2014
				Infant Nativity		10:00	16/12/2014
				Infant Nativity		18:00	17/12/2014
				Autumn Term Ends	All		19/12/2014

The above dates and times and events may on occasion need to be amended. It is regrettable and we will aim to give you as much notice as possible in the event of any change.