

Newsletter



Growing Together to Flourish in God's World

Parents' Evenings

We will be holding Parents' evenings on Wednesday 7th and Wednesday 14th March 2018. Bookings have gone live on the Parentmail app. Just click on the invite message you receive on the app in the Parents' Evening option. Then select the date you would prefer, click on 'book now', select an available appointment slot and finally click on 'book' on the left hand side of the screen. If you are struggling to use the Parentmail App please contact the school office on 0161 624 9885 and we will aim to get you an appointment time as close to your preference as possible.

Class assemblies

Purple Class - Mrs Martin	7 th February 2018 @ 9.15am
Turquoise Class – Miss Cartwright	28 th February 2018 @ 9.15am
Lilac Class - Miss Barr	7 th March 2018 @ 9.15am
Lime Class – Mr Bennett & Mrs Hayman	14 th March 2018 @ 9.15am
Orange Class - Mr Ashworth	21 st March 2018 @ 9.15am
Blue Class - Mrs Snape	18 th April 2018 @ 9.15am
Green Class – Mr Gooding	25 th April 2018 @ 9.15am



Sponsored Pancake toss

Thank you for your generosity when supporting the PTA sponsored pancake toss.
The children had fun taking part and they raised a massive £552.73.



Key Stage Assessments

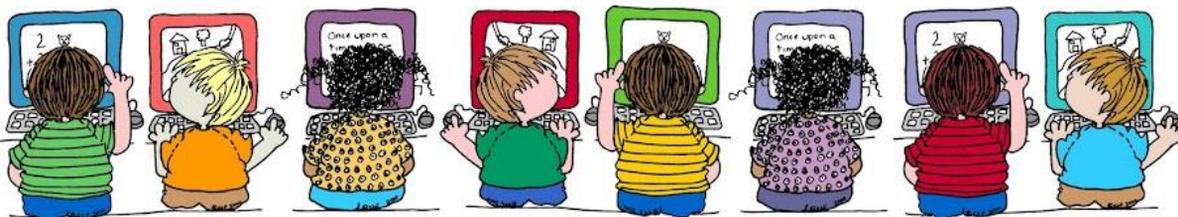
It may only be the start of the year but we need to remind parents that important assessments take place in May and June this year. Y6 will take the statutory KS2 SATs week commencing **14th May** and all children **must** be in attendance for that week. Y2 also undertake KS1 SATs and Y1 have the Phonics Screening Check **throughout May**. Again these are a statutory requirement all children must complete.



PTA School Disco

PTA Disco & Non-Uniform Day, **Friday 2nd March 2018, 3.30pm - 5.00pm**, Ticket Price: £2.00
 Due to the success of our previous discos, we will be running our next disco in the same way. Time to get your dancing shoes on! **Ticket sales are strictly limited in number and are sold on a first come, first served** due to fire regulations. You can purchase these via Parentmail. **Tickets must be purchased before the disco**. If you have any questions about making payments on Parentmail, please see the school office for help and support.
 If your child wishes to come to the disco, they will be taken to the school hall by their teacher and then you will be able to collect your child from their classroom door at **5.00pm**. If you have a child in Nursery, you can drop them off at the school office at 3.30pm and collect them from Reception class door at **5.00pm**.
 As usual, there will be drinks, hotdogs, sweets and disco toys to buy. Please send your child's spending money in a sealed, named envelope. This will be kept safe by the class teacher. Please keep the amount to a maximum of £2.50 for KS1 (infants) and £5 for KS2 (juniors). This will reduce the risk of children losing their change.
 On the day, all children in school can come in non-uniform with a £1 donation (this is separate to the disco ticket price). This will save the children who attend the disco having to get changed and will reduce the risk of any lost items. As this is a World Book Week themed disco, children are to come to school dressed as a character from a book.
 Thank you in advance for your continued support. If you need anything clarifying, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.





Children follow the examples that are set by adults at home and at school and this is why we all need to be careful in our online behaviours to ensure we are all setting good examples.

The headteacher, staff and governors have agreed an approach to the use of Social Networking Sites that includes the items below. We are now inviting parents and carers to join us in setting a good example for our children.

All parents and carers are invited to join staff in setting a good example for our children by:

- Demonstrating courtesy and respect for colleagues parents and pupils when comments are placed on social networking sites.
- Ensure appropriate language is used in any comments placed on social networking sites.
- Ensure that any comments and/or images could not be deemed as defamatory or in breach of any relevant legislation.

All parents are invited to join staff in setting a good example for our children by **not**:

- Using social networking sites to make derogatory comments which could ring the school into disrepute, including making comments about pupils, parents, other staff members, the senior leadership team, governors, local authority or the wider community

Our promise to parents is:

- We will meet with you and use the Governing bodies policies and procedures to resolve concerns.
- We will work hard to resolve any concerns in the best interest of the whole community.
- We will act in the best interests of our whole community and honour our duty of care to all our pupils.

Follow the code to stay safe online



ZIP IT

Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



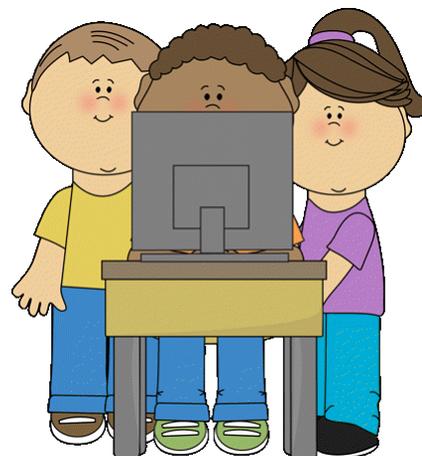
BLOCK IT

Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



FLAG IT

Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.



***Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?
Register now to make sure we don't miss out***

Currently school meals cost £10.50 per week and we offer a wide range of choices which provide a healthy meal for the children.

Universal free school meals From September 2014, all children in reception, year 1 and year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for free school meals. **BUT** if you are in receipt of certain means tested benefits you could still be eligible for the extra funding that accompanies means tested benefits Free School Meals that runs along side the universal free school meals.

Do you qualify?

You can get free school meals if your child attends a local authority maintained school (not private) and you receive one 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 Guaranteed 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.
- Universal Credit



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.

There are also cases where the parent/guardian whose children may be eligible for free school meals is not on Housing Benefit/Council Tax Reduction, i.e. where they are not the householder. This is generally the case where the pupils' parent/guardian lives in another household.

Apply

You need to complete an application form and submit it to Access Oldham:

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200231/education_grants_and_allowances/161/school_meals

You do not need to re-apply for free school meals every year unless your circumstances change.

Change in circumstance

If you or your child's circumstances change free school meals may be withdrawn, the most common reasons include:

- The parent or guardian ceases to receive a qualifying benefit
- The child leaves school
- The family move out of the borough
- The child goes onto packed lunches (long term)
- The child is absent from school for a long period of time
- All changes of circumstance must be reported by the benefit claimant (schools can also report changes of circumstance).

If you already have a child that is entitled to Free school meals you may need to check that younger siblings are also eligible for Free School meals as they are not automatically added to your claim. Please contact 0161 770 6688.

Weekly attendance

The whole school attendance for this year was 95.59%. This means that this week's attendance was below our target of 96.5%. Please keep aiming high everyone.

This week the attendance league table is as follows:

So far this year the class that is in the lead with attendance is.....

Position	Class	Attendance this week (%)
1st	Mr Gooding	98.67
2nd	Miss Barr	98.06
3rd	Mrs Martin	97.81
4th	Miss Cartwright	97.06
5th	Mrs Snape	97.00
6th	Mrs Evans	96.00
7th	Mrs Williams	95.67
8th	Mrs Mitchell	93.85
9th	Mr Bennett & Mrs Hayman	92.90
10th	Mr Ashworth	87.24

Turquoise
Miss Cartwright with 97.74% -

keep it up Turquoise class the gap is closing on the annual leader board!!!

Please remember to let us know about any absences either through the absence line 0161 624 9885 or via the parentmail app, make sure your child attends school on time every day and to make routine appointments outside of school hours or in the school holidays.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Event	Class	Time	Date/Days
PTA school disco - Book Character theme	Tickets only	15:30-17:00	02/03/2018
Class assembly	Lilac Class - Miss Barr	09:15	07/03/2018
PTA Secret Mothers Day Gift		In school	07/03/2018
Parent's Evening		Appointments only	07/03/2018
Class assembly	Lime Class - Mr Bennett & Mrs Hayman	09:15	14/03/2018
Parent's Evening		Appointments only	14/03/2018
Class Photographs			20/03/2018
Class assembly	Orange Class - Mr Ashworth	09:15	21/03/2018
Bags to school collection			23/03/2018
PTA Easter Chocolate Bingo		TBC	25/03/2018
Spring Term Ends:			Thursday 29th March 2018
Summer Term Begins:			Monday 9th April 2018
PTA Grand National Racenight			14/04/2018
Class assembly	Blue class (Mrs Snape)	09:15	18/04/2018
Election Day: School closed			Thursday 3rd May 2018
May Day Bank Holiday:			Monday 7th May 2018

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.

Please check that ALL personal items, including school uniform, have your child's name on. We are only able to reunite items with their owner if they are named. Thank you.

