

12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to our last newsletter of the half term. A huge well done to all our children and their families for all the learning you have been engaged in. It has been a challenging time for us all to say the least. A massive well done also to all the teaching and non teaching staff in school (and at home) for their effort, dedication and commitment in supporting the welfare and education of our children and their families.

We wish everyone a safe and restful break next week.

Safer Internet Day



The internet has been a lifeline for most young people during the pandemic, in terms of their education and social lives but also in helping to provide emotional support.

However, the internet also presents them with challenges around trust and reliability. For instance, almost half of young people are seeing misleading online content regularly. For some of them, this is many times per day.

This week children have been engaging in resources linked with Safer Internet Day to support them with the above. Mrs Rashid led a whole school assembly and children have been taking part in many important activities to support them in being safer online.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021>

Attached to this newsletter is a leaflet containing information and advice for parents and carers to help support young people online. There are also additional translated leaflets that may support too.

Guide to using Micro-soft teams

Mrs Rashid has also compiled a short video to help children and their families at home access the live lessons through their secure teams accounts. This will help guide you through the simple steps if anyone is struggling to access their lessons.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YulspdtPdeg&feature=youtu.be>



Consent

This week during our welfare calls teachers are directing parents and carers to the children's 'Code of Conduct'. We are seeking permission from parents if they allow their child to have their cameras on during live lessons. Teachers are compiling lists for children who are allowed their cameras on will be able have more of a sociable aspect to the Live lessons. Once trialled in classes we shall then trial in whole school assembly the week after. It is important that children, parents and carers read the Codes of Conduct as the correct behaviours will ensure the best outcomes for learning. To read these important documents please visit:

http://www.alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk/?doing_wp_cron=1576156685.9141829013824462890625



Find the special Rocks

Year 5 have created a #AlexParkRocks pebble trail for the rest of you to enjoy over the half term holiday! While you are out and about walking in Alexandra Park, keep an eye out for our pebbles. If you find one, take a picture and post it onto our school Twitter feed or our Class Dojo page!



Brain-builder

Thank you to Miss Varley for organising the half term Brain-builder activities for over half term. It is important that all children take a break from their screens over the next week. There are some super activities that children and their families can enjoy together. Miss Varley will post this today on our class Dojo story.

Free School Meals (Half Term)

Just a reminder that a letter went out attached to the newsletter last week with more information regarding families eligible for free school meals on the grounds of low income receiving a £15 voucher to cover the February Half Term holiday. As we have already used the Wonde voucher system, this will be fairly simple for us to administer again. A huge thank you again to Miss Corry for ensuring all our families who are entitled to this receive their vouchers over this period.

Spelling Shed Winners

Congratulations to our top speller this week is A1Y1 (Class 8) with an incredible 39,127,944 points. Well done! Keep practising children!

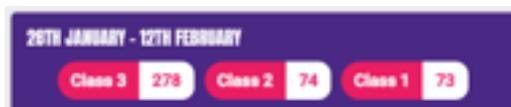


Place	Winners	Total points awarded for correct spellings
1st	Class 8	61,071,384
2nd	Class 9	29,019,358
3rd	Class 3	18,447,062

TTRS stats week ending 12.02.21

Battle of the Bands winners

Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Most Coins earned

Eisha Faisal Class 12
27,770

Aleena Noor Class 10
19,968

Issra Shazad Class 5 19,

IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL

Finally, but most importantly, if any child is feeling unwell, please do not bring them to school if they are receiving on-site educational provision and inform the school office.

If your child presents with any Coronavirus symptoms, including a headache, cold symptoms, aching limbs or a stomach upset, then please access a test, self-isolate and only return to school after a negative test result and when symptom free for 48 hours or after their 10 day isolation if positive. Children may only display minor symptoms for a short time and seem to be back to their normal selves after a couple of hours but still be positive and infectious.

If anyone in your household is unwell with any Coronavirus symptoms they should access a test and all household members should begin to isolate immediately.

It is important to be informed or reminded that around 1 in 3 people have no symptoms and could spread Coronavirus without realising it. Government advice is that everyone should act as if they have the virus, even if they do not show symptoms. Anyone can spread the virus so please remember: Hands, Face, Space.

A reminder to parents to send any results to us directly regarding COVID test results. This email is covid@alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk

If you receive a negative or positive result anytime please email the details to the above. The sooner we are informed the sooner we can allow your child back into school (if they are attending school).

We thank all parents for the immediate responses we have had already. You have certainly worked with staff to support the safety of children and staff with high levels of communication.

