

10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to the new school year at Alexandra Park Junior School. Children, including the new children in year 3, have settled in well. Staff have been busy preparing classrooms and exciting lessons and we are all happy to be back in school to make a difference to children's lives and education. It was lovely to greet all our families on Tuesday morning.



Our Vision is simple 'To Learn, Be Happy and Achieve our Best.'

In partnership with parents, carers and families we aim for our children to,

- * Be independent learners who are aware of their strengths and weaknesses and can motivate themselves to engage in and improve their learning.
- * Feel safe and therefore be happy because they are heard and understood and to have that understanding acted upon.
- * Achieve our Best because we 'Never, never, never give up!'

Communication and Home School Links

We are always looking to improve communication between home and school. Hopefully we can gradually get back to some normality over the next few weeks. These are just some of the things we aim to do again,

- * Hold our initial parents meetings (this will be carried out through Microsoft teams)
- * Ensure that children are able to demonstrate their leadership skills through holding such responsibilities in being a part of the Children's Leadership team, Sports Leaders, Eco- leaders, Peace Ambassadors and Health and Safety Leaders
- * Resume all trips and visits including the year 6 residential and swimming for year 4 and year 6
- * Resume Come and See my work sessions for parents
- * Resume After School Clubs
- * Other exciting invitations and fundraising events.



Mrs Seabright (Headteacher) will continue to send out newsletters every Friday and we will continue to communicate through our text messaging service and through Class Dojo. Please do also visit our website:

<http://www.alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk/>

Thank you

We would like to thank all parents for their support in dropping and collecting their child/ren at the correct times before and after school. Thank you also by adhering to the one way system enabling all children to enter and exit the building as safely as possible. Even in the heavy rain on Thursday all parents ensured these important measures were followed.

*Thank
you!*

Staffing Update

We would like to welcome three new members of teaching staff to our team. A warm welcome to Miss Horrocks (Year 3), Mrs Wagstaff (Year 5) and Miss Nolan (Year 6).

School Payment

Just a reminder that we are a cashless school and that all monies will need to be paid online. The online system we use is Parent pay. Please ensure that we have your email addresses so that we can send you a personalised link to enable you to set up online payments.

Please do not send cash payments into school as we cannot accept it and will be returned home.



<https://www.parentpay.com/parents/>

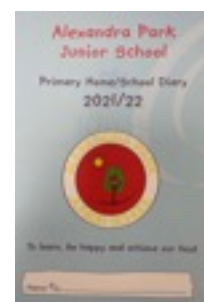
If you have any questions or queries please do contact our office staff on 0161 770 8321.

PLANNERS

To help improve communication with school and home it is important to familiarise yourself with your child's planner. These are really helpful as they contain lots of information about your child's curriculum and targets. There are also useful pages to help you support your child at home. We have also included a page regarding safety as it is our top priority to ensure your child feels safe and happy in school.

Please ensure that you read and sign pages **1, 9, 22, 25, 26, 27 and 31**.

There is also space in the weekly diary for you to write any comments for your child's teacher to read.



ATTENDANCE



Last year despite the pandemic our attendance was still 96%. We were still able to award children who had 100% attendance which proves that children enjoy coming to school. We thank parents for their support in this.

We continue as always to focus on attendance and punctuality and we expect attendance to continue to be a strength of the school.

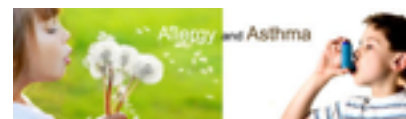
Regular attendance is key to academic and social development.

MEDICAL AND DATA COLLECTION FORMS

Data collection, medical (forms have been sent out to year 3 parents this week). Please can parents in years 4,5 and 6 inform your child's teachers or the school office of any changes to mobile numbers and/or any changes in your child's medical information. Data Protection forms will be sent out next week. Please ensure that these forms are returned as soon as possible.

ASTHMA

If your child has asthma please make sure that they have their pipe (please check the date on this) and their spacer in school at all times.





Flu Vaccinations

Our school will be participating in this year's nasal flu immunisation programme. This year children will be offered a non-porcine gelatine vaccine. We wish to ensure that parents have all the information that they need so please do either contact Miss Thompson or you can contact Intra health on 0333 358 3397.

Curriculum Newsletters

These are being sent out to parents and outline what your child/ren will be learning over the course of the term.

PE Kits

Information about school PE kits was sent out to parents on Class Dojo, children should continue to wear their PE kits to school. You will find your child's PE days in their school planner.

CLUBS

We pride ourselves on our extra curriculum provision. We are excited that our after school clubs will be resuming once again. Information will be sent out over the next few weeks.

'Owl Club' in the mornings began on Tuesday this week if you require a place at this club then please do contact Mr Clarke.



DONT TRASH OLDHAM

Also attached to this newsletter is information regarding a big clean up project. We are hoping that our children can get involved in this. Remember we can all play our part in keeping our streets clean and tidy.



DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday 13th September - Year 3 Freddy Fit
Wednesday 22nd September - Class Photographs
Friday 17th September - Year 5 Wonderdome

