

4th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



Breakfast Club

Next week (w.b 07.02.22) we are opening our breakfast club for free. This is an opportunity for your child/ren to come and experience the club which includes a range of hot breakfast food and drinks, fun games and spend time with friends. Mr Clarke will also take out children so that they can enjoy a game of football too. Our breakfast Owl Club begins at 8am until 8.45am, we would love to see more children attend the club that costs only £1 per child per day. Places are limited so be quick.

School Newspaper

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Griffin's budding journalists have now published their first school newspaper of the year. They should be so proud of their writing achievements. The printed copies are hot off the press today and are being sold in school to children for 20 pence. All monies raised will go towards a charity chosen by the newspaper team.



Free School Meal Vouchers

We will again be supporting our families with school meal vouchers over the half term w.b 21.02.22. We want to ensure that those eligible for free school meals on the grounds of low income receive a food voucher to cover the February Half Term School Holiday at a rate of £15 per eligible child. Please see attached letter for more information.



Digital Gifting Scheme

As part of Oldham Council's commitment to support Oldham households who are struggling financially following the impact of COVID, Oldham Council has launched a digital gifting scheme which is open to Oldham households and children who attend Oldham schools. The scheme supports those families who meet means tested Free School Meal eligibility criteria.

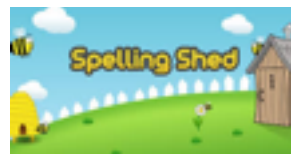
The scheme is funded by the Department for Work and Pensions' (DWP) Household Support Grant which supports residents with food, fuel, housing costs and essential items over the Winter months. It is a cash limited scheme that expires on 31 March 2022.

To support a vulnerable pupil's education, the scheme provides a device and/or data package to our most digitally excluded households which includes those who do not have access to a device and/or Wi-fi at home. The scheme will gift a Samsung tablet with a 12 months 5GB data contract to children / households who meet the means tested free school meal eligibility.

If you require any further information, please email Digital.Gifting@oldham.gov.uk and/or contact the school for more support.

Maths Number Day

Children, families and staff really did impress today with their inventive costume designs for Number Day. Thank you for your donations, this money will contribute towards the charity NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children).



Spelling Shed Winners

| Place | Winners | Total points awarded for correct spellings |
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| 1st | Class 6 | 173,179,921 |
| 2nd | Class 8 | 80,920,870 |
| 3rd | Class 5 | 24,205,474 |

What an amazing increase in points this week. Class 6 you have been working extremely hard indeed!

Congratulations to our top speller this week 'Mohammed M' Class 8 with 49,469,144 points. Amazing determination!



TT Rockstars - CELEBRATIONS!

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| The most accurate Class | Class 7 |
| The most active class | Class 5 |
| The most improved child | Maria Hussain Class 8 |
| The most active child | Owais Nadeem Class 2 |

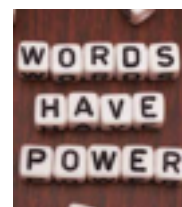
Maths App (Aged 5-6)

Please find below a link to a free maths app. This is the first version of the app so there maybe more to come. There are individual one-minute tasks which focus on addition and subtraction. Multiplication and division will be added soon. Your child can choose any topic they want to try. If they are struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button will give a helpful clue showing the question in a different but familiar way.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths#download>

Word Aware

This week's word is '**Sequence**'. Please encourage your child to use this word when out and about and complete the activities, which Miss Varley will share on Class Dojo.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to classes 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 11 and 12 for achieving over 96% attendance in the last week before the holidays.

A SUPER well done to class 4 for achieving 100% last week. AMAZING!

Over the next few weeks we will be celebrating children who have made the most improvement in their attendance. These children will of course be presented with a certificate.



COVID UPDATE

From Monday 17th January, people with COVID-19 in England can end their self-isolation after 5 full days, as long as they test negative on day 5 and day 6.

For more information visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-five-full-days-following-two-negative-lfd-tests>

COVID Test results - REMINDER

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



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



04.02.22

Dear parent/carer,

RE: Food Vouchers to cover the February Half Term Holiday 2022

You may have read in the local media that Oldham Council has been allocated £2.4m of funding to support vulnerable residents through its Household Support Fund. Some of this funding will be used to cover food voucher support for children eligible for means tested Free School Meals over the February 2022 half term holiday.

We want to ensure that those eligible for free school meals on the grounds of low income receive a food voucher to cover the February Half Term School Holiday at a rate of £15 per eligible child.

The most effective way of ensuring vulnerable families receive the vouchers that can be used in the Oldham supermarket of their choice is via a third-party online hub – known as WONDE.

WONDE is a data integration company already used by many schools in Oldham who offer a free school meal voucher system. This voucher system has a live link to your school's data therefore automatically recognises the students who are eligible for Free School Meals. The system should be quick and easy to use and produces the vouchers that can be used in most Oldham supermarkets.

If your child is entitled to income based free school meals, please look out for an email and/or text confirming that your voucher has been issued.

For more information go to: <https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb> this includes a step by step guide of how to access the vouchers (once your school has issued them to you).

If you have any questions, please contact the school in the first instance.

For any families that are really struggling for food and provisions over the school holiday, please visit the Oldham Council website www.oldham.gov.uk/wecanhelp which lists financial support and benefits that are available for residents.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Seabright

Headteacher