



Newsletter

Week 3

Friday 21st September 2018

Monday 17 th September	Music lessons: Ukulele and Brass After School: Choir
Tuesday 18 th September	Music lessons: Keyboard and Woodwind After School: Football (Years 4, 5 and 6)
Wednesday 19 th September	Music lessons: Violin Informal Governor's Meeting
Thursday 20 th September	Music lessons: Guitar After School: Football (Years 1, 2 and 3) and 'Beatlets' Samba Band (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Friday 21 st September	Macmillan Coffee Morning (see below for further info)

Attendance Trophy

This week's winners are Class 3 with 99.67% attendance.

Class 1 – 93.67%

Class 2 – 99.29% - well done a huge improvement on last week!

Class 4 – 95.94%

Class 5 – 93.12%

Average class attendance this week is 96.33%. This is not as good as last week. Attendance is a collective responsibility. Parents have a statutory duty to ensure that their children are attending school regularly.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Cody Walker, Teddy Long, Lorenzo Smith, Verity Cunliffe, Corey Whatmough, Jasper Taylor, Lola-Rose Lane, Brooke Pickford, Hannah Williams, Sadie Kackowski, Amelia Cook, Max Paul-Moore



Health and Wellbeing



PARK RUN

Milnrow are starting a Junior Parkrun from **Sunday 14 October** in the memorial park.

A junior parkrun is 2k and will be held every Sunday at 9am. Children need to register for free at <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/events/juniorevents/>. They will get a barcode which they should print off and bring with them, which will then record the time of their run at the end. For any parents or children that have done the 5k parkrun, it is exactly the same process and those already registered will not need to register again.

There are going to be a couple of "test" runs during September but the main launch is on Sunday 14th October. It's a great way for the kids to get some exercise and potentially get into running and should be a good atmosphere with some of their friends around!

For any parents who would be happy to help out marshalling the lady who is organising it from Parkrun is Barbara – Barbara.bayliss@parkrun.com. A junior parkrun needs quite a few more Marshalls than the general parkrun so any volunteers would be very welcome (they don't need to commit to every week).

Healthy Tuck Shop

The school tuck shop opens on Monday selling healthy break time snacks to children in **years 3, 4, 5** and **6**. All of the snacks fit in with the healthy school policy. Each item **costs 50p**. The shop will be open on **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.

Walk to School

All children are now registered on the 'walk to school tracker'. The aim is to encourage children to walk, scoot or cycle to school, rather than come in a car. **Scooters must be walked across the yard** and not ridden. This fits in really nicely with the school aim of reducing obesity levels in our children – which are way above the national average. Please support your children with this project by either walking the full distance or parking the car away from school and then walking. Suitable places to park include: Milnrow Park, Hough Lane, the Cedar Tree and Two Bridges Road. Please be mindful of not blocking access to houses and pathways.

The school car park is too small for all the staff to be able to use – so therefore do not use the school car park between 8.00am and 4.30pm.

Parental Engagement

Parents Forum

This will be an opportunity to speak with Mrs Williams and Miss Hobbs about anything to do with school. It could be an idea you've had, an issue that you feel needs addressing or it could just be for a general chat about school. These will be held once every half term either in School or in the Church. This term, the forums will be held on Wednesday 17th October and Thursday 29th November. Both will start at 2.00pm.

Workshops for Parents

This term there will be two workshops for parents to attend. The first will be on Thursday 4th October and will focus on the acquisition of language and the importance it plays in a child's education. The second will be based on helping your child with reading and writing and this will take place on Thursday 6th December. Both sessions will start at 2.00pm.

Volunteers

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help listen to children read. It is not too late to sign up to help. All volunteers will be required to complete an enhanced DBS check.

Safeguarding of Children

Unwelcome Activity

Some of you may be aware that we are experiencing some unwelcome behaviours from young adults who are choosing to 'hang about' on Church Steps next to the wall of the playground. The police have been contacted and they have assured me that they are actively dealing with the issue. Their aim is to step up patrols in the area. In the meantime, they have asked us to report any sightings via the GMP website or via the 101 number.

Damaged Playground

Please be mindful that the area coned off in the playground has been done so for a reason. The safety surface is lifting off the floor. I have placed an order for new surfacing and equipment to be paid for by FROST. Thank you for supporting FROST events. Without the money from FROST, we would not be able to replace the surfacing and equipment.

Scooters

If your child comes to school on a scooter, can you please ensure that they walk with their scooter across the playground and are extra vigilant on the ramp. Thank you.

Infant Corridor

Now that children have been in school for a couple of weeks – it is really important that we quickly establish their independence. Children in classes one and two need to come into the building on their own to hang up their coats and bags. The corridors are not big enough and in the interest of keeping children safe, we need to monitor closely any adults entering the school building (even parents).

Charity

Macmillan Coffee Morning



We are holding our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 28th September from 10.30am until 12.00pm. This year we are holding the event in St Thomas' Church at the top of the hill. The car park will be open. If you would like to donate some cakes for this event, please bring them into school on Friday morning. The event is open to anyone who would like to support us in raising money for this very worthwhile cause.

Admissions

Admission to Secondary School 2019

The Secondary School application process is now open. You can apply for a place up until **31st October 2018**. It is an easy process – but if you need help, please contact Mrs Whittles or Mrs Milne who can support you with the process. Applicants can also call 0300 3030340 or call into any library in the borough.

The information and forms needed can be found on www.rochdale.gov.uk.

Missing the deadline for applications can have consequences for families, as it can mean not being allocated a place at your preferred school. It is also really important that parents use all preference places as only putting one will not mean that your child will definitely be allocated a place at that school – you will be offered the nearest available place if you do not get offered your first choice and alternatives haven't been listed.

The competition for places in the Pennine area has been fierce over the past couple of years and it is expected that there will be fierce competition again this year. It is really important that you put yourself in the best position possible to get the place at the secondary school you want.

Admission to Primary School 2019

The application process will open shortly. However, prospective parents are invited to make an appointment to look around St. Thomas' or alternatively there is an open afternoon on **Tuesday 30th October from 2.00pm**. The closing date is usually the middle of January. Primary school applications open on **October 1st**.