



Newsletter

Week 5

Friday 5th October 2018

Monday 8 th October	Music lessons: Ukulele and Brass After School: Choir FRoST (PTA) Meeting at 3.15pm in School
Tuesday 9 th October	Music lessons: Keyboard and Woodwind Kinetic Science Theatre Company in school After School: Football (Years 4, 5 and 6)
Wednesday 10 th October	Music lessons: Violin Class 3 welcome meeting for parents at 3.30pm
Thursday 11 th October	Music lessons: Guitar After School: Football (Years 1, 2 and 3) and 'Beatlets' Samba Band (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Football Tournament at Cardinal Langley
Friday 12 th October	

Attendance Trophy

This week's winners are Class 4 with 98.75% attendance.

Class 1 – 97.67%

Class 2 – 97.14%

Class 3 – 96.67%

Class 5 – 97.5%

Average class attendance this week is **97.34%**.

Attendance is a collective responsibility. Parents have a statutory duty to ensure that their children are attending school regularly.

★ Stars of the Week ★

This week's stars will be added on to next week's newsletter.



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. **It's not too late to sign up!**

Resilience Award

Over the next two weeks we will be establishing a new weekly award for children who show a positive and resilient attitude in school. The children will be presented with a ticket which will give them free roller skating lesson at Roller City in Rochdale.

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

Thank you to the parents who attended the first workshop on Thursday about language acquisition. The next session is focussing on how to support your children with reading and writing. This will be on Thursday 6th December.

Supporting your child at home

The best way to support your child with their education is to read with them daily. The ability to read and understand the text is crucial to a successful education. Children who read regularly at home make more progress than those that don't.

Safeguarding of Children

Keeping children safe

The school website has an excellent link to 'Parent Zone' via the internet safety tab at the top of the page. This site contains lots of invaluable information on keeping your child safe, including bullying, online activity, self-esteem in addition to advice around the law.

Reporting Concerns

If you have any concerns about a child you can report it to school. The Designated Safeguard Lead is Mrs Williams and Miss Hobbs is the Deputy Designated Safeguard Lead.

Digital Parenting Magazine

The latest addition has been distributed to the children to bring home this week. There are some really good articles, especially around age rating symbols, and help and support with parental controls on social networks and apps.

Faith

Harvest Festival Service

The Harvest Festival service was very well attended and it was lovely to see the children from Abracadbra and Channings Nurseries. We also welcomed the Reverend Ian Bullock from Littleborough, who gave a wonderful, interactive sermon. Thank you all for sending harvest gifts. These will be distributed by members of St. Thomas' Church in due course

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**.