



# Newsletter

Week 6

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October    | Music lessons: Ukulele and Brass<br>After School: Choir   |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October   | Music lessons: Keyboard and Woodwind<br>After School: Football (Years 4, 5 and 6)                                     |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October | Music lessons: Violin<br>Parent's Forum from 2.00pm   |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October  | Music lessons: Guitar<br>After School: Football (Years 1, 2 and 3) and 'Beatlets'<br>Samba Band (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October    | School Is closed for INSET  |

## Attendance Trophy

**This week's winners are Class 1 with 98.3% attendance.**

Class 2 – 96.1%

Class 3 – 94.3%

Class 4 – 95.9%

Class 5 – 96.9%

Average class attendance this week is **96.3%**.

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

## ★ Stars of the Week ★

**Jenson Dawson, Xiaoton Lin, Filip Brandebura, Emelia Roberts, Violet Taylor, Harrison Gannon, Monica Anton-Izvoranu, Samuel Flinders, Lily Costello, Helena Boardman, Lucy Clegg, Ella Halliwell, Amelia Cooper, Adam Sanderson, Millie Hutchins, Amber Speed and Amber Robinson**

(some certificates are form last week)



### Health and Wellbeing



### Tuck Shop Reminder

Just a reminder (it was on the newsletter dated 21.09.18) that children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have access to a healthy tuck shop on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. All items cost 50p.

### 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 will 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 17<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Supporting your child at home

On last week's newsletter, it was mentioned that reading is vital to your child's education. However, there is something even more essential that allows a child to succeed and that is **talking** and **interacting** with your child. Children need a good understanding of vocabulary in order to succeed both at school and as an adult. We are finding that children are starting school with poorer communication skills often as a result of not being read to or having meaningful conversations with their parents.

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.

Autumn Safety Campaign

There is a very useful website that is supported by the emergency services and contains advice about keeping safe during autumn with particular reference to Halloween and Bonfire Night.

The website address is: <http://www.safe4autumn.com/>

Admissions

Admission to Secondary School 2019

The Secondary School application process is now open. You can apply for a place up until **31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> October from 2.00pm**. The closing date is usually the middle of January. Primary school applications open on **October 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### **OFSTED**

The school was inspected on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. This was a short inspection. Unfortunately we cannot discuss the outcome until the final report is published, this could take up to three weeks. As soon as the report is available, it will be uploaded onto the school website.

### **FROST**

Thank you to all who attended the meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Many ideas were discussed. The first fundraising event of the year is in connection with World Vision. However, all the money raised is going to the parent's association. Frost have just paid for replacement play equipment to go in the playground where the broken equipment currently is. The equipment is on order and will hopefully be installed soon. The money from the next events will pay for the coaches for the whole school pantomime trip which is already booked.

The first event is a 'Pumpkin Heroes' themed disco on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. A flyer has already gone out about a pumpkin carving competition that is being held as part of the event. More information about Pumpkin Heroes can be found at <https://www.worldvision.org.uk/get-involved/pumpkin-heroes/>

