

10th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome families to this week's newsletter. Last week the government announced that all children are to return to school at the start of the autumn term. The government guidance on re-opening in the autumn was published on Thursday. This is a mighty document and we are currently working our way through it to ensure that we put all possible measures in place to keep the school safe for a larger number of children. The current Risk Assessment that we are working on will be shared with staff and unions and agreed by governors next week. The Risk Assessment will be sent to the Local Authority Health and Safety team. The Risk Assessment will be shared with parents after the 3rd of August on the school website once the Health and Safety team has reviewed it. We are aiming to return to school as normally as possible, although there will be some differences which parents will feel such as the start and end times of the school day as we will have to stagger this for different year groups. We hope to share these plans with you soon.

The government has published more information about what parents and carers need to know about the re-opening of schools to all children in the Autumn term.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Oldham free school meals – are you eligible? Information for Oldham School Pupils



Oldham Council is urging families to check whether they are eligible for free school meals for the next academic year in September 2020.

The Coronavirus Pandemic has left many families with different financial situations than before. The worry is that more children will be left facing hunger and malnutrition because parents and guardians are struggling financially and aren't aware of what they are eligible to claim.

Free school meal vouchers are now available over the summer school holidays and you'll need to contact us as soon as possible by email on info@alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk, text us on 07786201169 or alternatively you can phone the school on 0161 770 8321 to retain them.

You don't need to make a separate claim for free school meals if you are already in receipt or have applied for Housing Benefit or help with your Council Tax. Oldham Council will use the information and evidence we have already provided to confirm your entitlement to free school meals.

If you live outside the borough (except Manchester) and your child goes to an Oldham school. Then you will need to apply through your local council in the area where you live.

If people are resident in Manchester but their child attends an Oldham school, please complete the Free School Meals application form. For more information, and to access the form, visit http://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200231/education_grants_and_allowances/161/free_school_meals

For any queries about free school meals you can contact the Council on 0161-770-6688 or email: benefits@oldham.gov.uk



Breakfast Club (Owl Club) September 2020

We are looking into whether or not we will be able to run breakfast club in September as this is a vital service that supports children with nutrition first thing in the morning. This will of course be different to the usual breakfast club as we will have to arrange that children remain in their year group bubbles. We will also have to take into account the number of staff we have available. Taking all this into account we may also have to limit numbers so this will be on a first come first serve basis, with a possible waiting list for children.

If you are planning to use breakfast club in September, please do respond to a questionnaire that will be sent via text today. We thank parents in helping us make a decision and plan for the future.

Summer Holiday Music

Attached to this newsletter are some fun music activities for children to take part in over the Summer. These are being organised by Oldham's Music service and centre.



Science Fun

Please find again this weeks Science investigation (attached to this newsletter). This week's experiment is all based around flowers. ENJOY!

WELL DONE

A huge well done to **all** our children who are trying their best with their learning at home. Just try and do what you can and remember to limit your time online.





Alexandra Park Junior School

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STUDY LADDER
STARS OF THE WEEK
3RD JULY 2020

Class 1 - Asija for getting 466 green smiley faces so far.

Class 2 - Inajaa for making an effort to use study ladder more often.

Class 3 - Ayesha A for getting green all week!

Class 4 - Zakariya an amazing effort this week with 100% accuracy in his tasks completed so far

Class 5 - Anabia for her super commitment when completing tasks on Study Ladder.

Class 7 - Zain K for working extremely hard every week.

Class 8 - Seher Y for really increasing the amount of work that she is doing on Study Ladder and trying her best.

Class 10 - Muhsina G who has come back on studyladder and is working hard in all subject areas.

Class 11 - Haseeb B for improving his accuracy each time.

Class 12 - Abbas A for completing tasks on studyladder everyday this week.

StudyLadder
Inspire Motivate Achieve

Events this week

