

28th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



King's Coronation

In order to celebrate the King's Coronation children can come dressed in red, white and blue on Friday 5th May. They will be having a picnic in the hall for lunch and making and decorating crown's for the occasion.

Choral Speaking Festival 2023

Well done again to Class 11 who demonstrated an impressive performance again at the Oldham Coliseum on Wednesday this week. They were presented with the John Cleary Trophy which will be on display in school until the next competition.

These poems rhythms and words were well learn't and it was a fabulous display of discipline.



PSHE Parent Meeting

Thank you to all the parents/carers that attended the PSHE meeting on Tuesday this week. We hope your concerns and questions were addressed. We will be in touch with another meeting/workshop in the Autumn term. Many were impressed with the the children's drawings based on our vision and values statement that the children have made.

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As part of our annual 'Vocabulary Parade' to be held on Friday 26th May 2023 (The last day of this half term) children can pick a word and make a costume based on the above values. For more information please see attached.

Strike Action

Please find attached the information regarding Teacher Strike action on Tuesday 5th May 2023. This will be the same classes as Thursday this week.

A reminder that this Monday 1st May is a bank holiday so school will be closed.

Get your tickets for charity footy match!

Watch some of the biggest names in football play alongside local celebrities and former Oldham Athletic stars in a charity match at Boundary Park for causes associated with the Manchester Arena bombing.



With the likes of Wes Brown, Jason Manford and Dean Holden all set to feature alongside former England manager Sam Allardyce and Everton and Manchester City legend Peter Reid from the touchline, it's going to be a great day for everyone.

There will also be live music from the Courtbetweeners and Hunter & The Wolves with more names to be confirmed.

The event will be held on Bank Holiday Sunday, May 7 with a 3pm kick off, and tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for under 18s, with more information available [via the Manchester Remembers Facebook page.](#)



Let's get reading - BOOM Reader

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books." - Roald Dahl

Well done to all the children and families who have logged onto Boom reader. We are pleased to announce the most home reading logs recorded on Boom reader this week.

Position	Name	Reads at home
First Place	Aliyah Iqbal Class 2	7 parent home reads
Second place	Aisha Hussain Class 2 Zara Yasin Class 6 Haroon Mohammad Class 6	6 parent home reads
Third Place	Ayesha Arshad Class 6 Dua Huda Class 2 Maha Nazim Class 12	4 parent home reads



Spelling Shed Winners

Place	Total points awarded for correct spellings	Child
1st	10,345,608	Haroon Mohammed - Class 6
2nd	9,348,004	Samson Omos - Class 9
3rd	8,386,472	Ali Abbas - Class 9

TT Rockstars - CELEBRATIONS!



The most accurate Class	Class 8
The most active class	Class 6
The most improved speed	Zakariya Hassan Class 6
The most active player	Abel Lupo Class 4

Word Aware

This week's word is '**neurodiversity**'. 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 2,3 and 12 for achieving 96% attendance last week.

A reminder that school begins promptly at 8.40am.



27.04.23

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: National Education Union (NEU) Industrial Action

In response to strike action I am writing to inform you of how this will affect Alexandra Park Junior School on **Tuesday 2nd May 2023**.

When a strike takes place, those taking strike action stop work and withdraw their labour. This means those teachers involved in the action will not teach their class(es) or undertake any other duties on the strike day.

It is therefore incumbent upon me to consider the impact that industrial action will have on the operation of the school. One of the key issues is to assess whether there are sufficient staff available for the school to remain open, partially open or closed. A detailed risk assessment has been conducted. This considers the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of children and staff and whether the school can run a full curriculum or amended curriculum, to determine whether it is possible to operate the school safely during the strike.

As Headteacher, I and the Governing Board have decided that there will be partial closures in all year 5 classes and two year 4 classes, the rest of the school will be open as usual.

- All classes in Year 3 will be open to all children.
- In year 4 - Class 6 will be open and **classes 4 and 5 will be closed - attendance will be prioritised for vulnerable children only.**
- **All classes in year 5 will be closed – attendance will be prioritised for vulnerable children only.**
- All classes in Year 6 will be open to all children (in classes 11 and 12 they will undertake an amended curriculum to support them in the lead up to their Key Stage 2 SATs)

If your child is within years 3, Class 6 (year 4) and 6 and has been notified of a place in years 4 and 5 then you must ensure that they attend school as usual.

If your child is in year 5, class 4 and 5, we apologise for the inconvenience and understand any frustration you may feel – the decision has not been taken lightly and is due to reduced staffing



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numbers which means we can only assure the safety and wellbeing of a limited number of children on these days.

Work such as TT-Rockstars, Boom-reader and Spelling Shed will be available for children to access. Your child's attendance will not be affected due to their class closure. Any families who are eligible for FSM will be able to claim a voucher for the day through the usual WONDE system.

Clearly this is a difficult situation. A national strike by teachers is very unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the days that they are on strike.

I will of course keep you up-to-date with any further news or changes. If you have any questions or queries please do contact our office staff on the above phone number and email.

We thank you for your support and I will write to you again as soon as I have any further information.

Mrs. J Seabright
Headteacher





Dear Parents and Carers,

Vocabulary Parade is coming and this year we have a theme!

It is that time of year again when we wish to celebrate our love of words and reading so we are asking children to take part in a vocabulary parade on Friday the 26th of May 2023.
(The last Friday of this half term)

Our school's vision and values are:

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Simply, each child will select a word (or a similar word) that will become a costume.

- 1) **PLAN** - Think of a word '...' that would have an interesting costume design. Unusual words and words that perhaps you may not understand the meaning of would be great.
- 2) **CREATE** - You can recycle all sorts of items around your home to make a creative homemade costume: boxes, fabric, tinfoil etc.
- 3) **MAKE A VOCABULARY CARD/LABEL** - Remember to make a card or sign with your chosen word on it, so we'll know which word you represent.
- 4) **COME PREPARED** - wear your costume to school on Friday the 27th of June. Each class will parade around the park and best efforts will be recognised.

Over the next few weeks, children can plan and make their costumes. A 'Costume design sheet' is attached to this newsletter to help your child plan his/her costume. We have included some examples below from last years school parade. If you wish to visit the website via this link it will also show you more ideas.

<https://www.debrafrasier.com/vocabulary-parades/online-vocabulary-parades/>

On the Friday lower and upper school will have a parade in the hall and Mrs Seabright and Mrs Griffin will choose the most creative of costumes, staff will be getting involved too. These will of course be displayed in school and prizes will be awarded too.

Have fun deciding on your word and we thank families for getting involved in this creative and fun activity.

Here are some of the fabulous designs from last years Vocabulary Parade.





Vocabulary Parade Costume Planner

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

WORD:

DEFINITION:

USE IN A SENTENCE:

Costume Due:

Vocabulary Parade Date:

Costume Design Materials Needed:

Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster

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