

**1st December 2023**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### **Pantomime - Reminder next week**



A reminder to families about the in school performance of Sleeping Beauty. This will be performed to years 3 and 4 on the morning of Thursday 7th December and years 5 and 6 on Friday 8th of December. There will be refreshments and treats for all children to enjoy whilst watching, so please don't not send in food or drink for children. We will of course take all allergies into consideration. We hope to share in lots of joy and laughter.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

On Thursday 7th December our school will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Donations of £1 would be greatly received and donations are of course optional - any amount you can spare - 10p, 20p or 50p would make a huge difference. It is lots of fun wearing your Christmas jumper but the main purpose will be to help children facing serious issues like war, hunger and poverty.



See attached leaflet for more information.

### **Christmas Lunch for all**

Last year's Christmas Lunch was a huge success and ran smoothly over two days. This week letters have been handed out to children and if families would like to share in the festivities then please fill in the letter and send into school with the correct amount of money. It is based on a first come first serve basis and you will receive a confirmation once you have secured a place. We look forward to welcoming families on either Wednesday 13th or Thursday 14th December at 11.15am.



### **Snow and icy weather**

As the weather is changing we wish to inform families about the procedures that will be put in place if there is a possible school closure regarding any event of heavy snow. We will also inform families if the playground is icy and therefore children should enter the building via the main school doors. We thank everyone for ensuring the safety of all the school community.



### **Amazing Attendance last week and this week - AGAIN**

We wish to celebrate with our school community how fantastic our current school attendance has continued to be.

A super well done to the classes below for achieving over 95% attendance last week - **96.7% for the whole school.**

Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12

Class 2 enjoyed their breakfast waffles this week as they gained the highest attendance in school.





### Festival of Lights 2023

Oldham Interfaith Forum's beloved Festival of Light.

**When:** Monday 4 December 2023 at 6:30pm.

**Location:** Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oldham OL1 1NL. Entry is free, but booking is required at:

<http://oldhaminterfaith.org.uk/news/post/oldham-festival-of-light-2023>

### Oldham Music Service

Oldham's Music Service has a number of festive events taking place over the coming weeks, with tickets now on sale.

From the borough's very first Battle of the Bands to the Music Centre's Junior Christmas Festival and its Pop Department "Mince Pie" Gig, there's plenty going on.

For more information and how to buy your tickets, visit:

<https://oldhammusicsservice.co.uk/events/>



### Oldham Food Bank

Oldham Food bank is experiencing its highest-ever demand from local people in crisis and it's now in desperate need of donations ahead of Christmas.

The food bank will be collecting donations in local Tesco stores in Failsworth, Westwood and on Huddersfield Road between Thursday 30 November and Saturday 2 December (10am-4pm)

You can also volunteer in helping them to collect donations on these days and for more information on how to get involved.

You can also drop donations off at the food bank main base directly - Unit B, Prince of Wales House, Industrial Estate, Vulcan St, Oldham OL1 4ER.

### 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	Mohammad Isaac Class 12	9 parent home reads
Second place	Ariana Yasar Class 11 Zara Yasin Class 8 Affan Mazhar Class 3 Bilal Samokhvalova Class 9	7 parent home reads
Third Place	Aleena Ahmed Class 6	6 parent home reads



### Spelling Shed Winners

Place	Total points awarded for correct spellings	Child
1st	29,870,700	Hareem Almas Class 12
2nd	24,856,626	Mehak Khan Class 12
3rd	17,576,000	Haroon Mohammad Class 9

### TT Rockstars - CELEBRATIONS!



The most accurate Class	Class 8 (94%)
The most active class	Class 11 (100%)
The most improved speed	Maheen Awan Class 10
The most active player	Yahya Aziz Class 3

### Word Aware

This week's word is '**reluctantly.**'

Please encourage your child to use this word when out and about and complete the activities.



# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

7 DECEMBER 2023



## DEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN,

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, our school will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. We know times are tough, so please remember that donations are optional (it's having tons of fun that's mandatory!) and any amount you can spare – 10p, 20p, 50p – makes you an awesome fundraiser.

This year, donating £2 could pay for a pair of shoes to keep a baby in Afghanistan warm through winter, or £5 could pay for a maths pack to make sure a child in the UK is ready for school.

Remember, there's no need to buy a new jumper. You could upcycle an old jumper, get crafty or head to your local charity shop to buy a pre-loved festive knit. If you want to get creative and decorate a jumper, the Christmas Jumper Day website contains lots of fun craft ideas.

We'd appreciate your support to make Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day a success. Together, we can make the world better with a sweater.

Thank you for your support.



## USEFUL WEBSITES

- for frequently asked questions about Christmas Jumper Day:  
<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about/faq>
- for upcycling inspiration and sustainability information:  
<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about/sustainability-and-inclusivity>
- for more information on how your donations help:  
<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/how-you-help>





**Alexandra Park Junior School**

**REMINDER – INFORMATION IN THE CASE OF A POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO WINTER WEATHER**

Snow is forecast, which may, in the case of heavy snow, make it impossible to open the school. Therefore, our school needs to make sure you can find out first thing in the morning if the school is open for that day.

You will find the message from 7.30am onwards on our website letting you know if school is closed:

[www.alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk](http://www.alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk)

You may wish to save this website address as a favourite so that you can find this information quickly.

We will inform you via Class Dojo and via the school text service.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST MOBILE PHONE NUMBER WE HAVE ON OUR SYSTEM FOR YOUR CHILD/REN.

Please make sure your mobile number is up to date.

We will advise as to future opening arrangements while the worst of the winter weather lasts.

We will also inform Oldham Council of any closure and this will be displayed on:

[www.oldham.gov.uk/winter](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/winter) (See School Closures)

Please note that during such severe weather, our concern has to be for our children's safety and well-being.

We will make decisions for this school only, so messages about other closures or openings will not necessarily reflect what is happening at Alexandra Park Junior School.

Thank you for your support with these arrangements – we hope to keep you as well informed as possible.

