

6th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to the new school term at Alexandra Park Junior School. Children, including the new children in year 3, have settled in well. Staff have been busy preparing classrooms and exciting lessons and we are all happy to be back in school to make a difference to children's lives and education. It was lovely to greet all our families on Wednesday morning in the playground.

Our Vision is simple 'To Learn, Be Happy and Achieve our Best.'

In partnership with parents, carers and families we aim for our children to,

- * Be independent learners who are aware of their strengths and weaknesses and can motivate themselves to engage in and improve their learning.
- * Feel safe and therefore be happy because they are heard and understood and to have that understanding acted upon.
- * Never, never, never give up!

Communication and Home School Links

We are always looking to improve communication between home and school. Here are just a few of the opportunities:

- * A termly Parent Forum held with the Headteacher.
- * Half Termly Relationships Steering group Forum.
- * Termly parents meeting with teachers.
- * Courses for parents with Lifelong learning. (These will begin on 16.09.19 for ten weeks)
- * Come and See my work sessions both in the mornings and afternoons.
- * Other exciting invitations and fundraising events.



Mrs Seabright (Headteacher) will continue to send out newsletters every Friday and we will continue to communicate through our text messaging service. Please do also visit our website:

<http://www.alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk/>

School Payment

Thank you to all parents/carers returning the data collection forms and also for providing your email address.

Just a reminder that we are a cashless school and that all monies will need to be paid online as explained in the letters and text messages sent out before the summer holidays. Please ensure that we have your email addresses so that we can send you a personalised link to enable you to set up online payments. Please do not send cash payments into school as we cannot accept it and will be returned home.



If you have any questions or queries please do ask our office staff.

PLANNERS

To help improve communication with school and home it is important to familiarise yourself with your child's planner. These are really helpful as they contain lots of information about your child's curriculum and targets. There are also useful pages to help you support your child at home. We have also included a page regarding safety as it is our top priority to ensure your child feels safe and happy in school.

Please ensure that you read and sign pages 1, 18, 19, 20 and 24.

There is also space in the weekly diary for you to write any comments for your child's teacher to read.

ATTENDANCE



Last year we saw a huge improvement in our attendance including a decline in extended leave. There was also a significant rise in the % of children who achieved 100% attendance which proves that children enjoy coming to school. We thank parents for their support in this.

We continue as always to focus on attendance and punctuality and we expect attendance to be 96% at least.

Regular attendance is key to academic and social development.



MEDICAL AND DATA COLLECTION FORMS

Data collection, medical and data protection forms have been sent home this week and important information is required from parents regarding contact numbers and medical issues such as asthma and allergies. It is very important that these forms are completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

ASTHMA

If your child has asthma please make sure that they have their pipe (please check the date on this) and their spacer in school at all times.

CLUBS

We pride ourselves on our extra curriculum provision. Our exciting clubs have now been organised, letters have gone out and they will begin next week. Information about our breakfast club 'Owl Club' has also gone out and began the first day back.



DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- * Monday 9th September - Whole School Celebration Assembly (9am Parents Welcome)
- * Tuesday 10th September - Swimming begins for Class 1 (Letters have gone out)
The Red Cross are in for Year 6
All Year 4 Chester Trip
- * Friday 13th December - Whole School Assembly (9am Parents Welcome)

**WELCOME
BACK**