

9th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

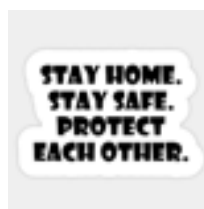
Welcome to another newsletter of the week.

COVID update

Self-isolation guidance

We have all been working incredibly hard to support families who need to self-isolate to contain the virus locally. We have heard reports of families who have not been following the advice given by schools or by public health. This includes children who should be self-isolating going out to the shops, to play or even coming to school. This is now an offence and those who do not follow the advice are liable to a fine.

Self-isolation is about protecting others, and is the most effective way of preventing COVID-19 from spreading. It is very important that anyone who has the virus stay at home for 10 days, and those that might have been exposed to it stay at home for 14 days to limit the number of people they come into contact with. In fact, it is now a legal requirement and could result in a fine if self-isolation rules are not closely followed. This is both for those that have tested positive, and their close contacts.



Translated COVID information leaflets for parents

Please visit our website for all the available translated leaflets for parents, these can be viewed on our website <http://www.alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk>



SEND Helpline (Talk Oldham)

SEND Helpline (Talk Oldham) is now available Tel: 0161 503 1559 (Mon to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm). The helpline will offer vital Information and signposting for Oldham SEND families during this critical period of uncertainty. The new helpline team are ready and waiting to receive calls. Families can also access 1:1 live chats 7.00 – 9.00pm weekdays. www.point-send.co.uk
You will also find information POINTS on twitter @POINTsend



Time to Read Campaign - (Monday 19 to Sunday 25 October)

The BookTrust Time to Read campaign is back for 2020! Their mission is to get families reading together. There are so many ways children can benefit from reading. It will spark children's imagination, improve language and listening as well as encouraging the development of practical skills such as making new friends and dealing with change. Reading together regularly as a family will create a safe place for children to express themselves, something that children might be especially in need of following the coronavirus outbreak.

Attached are some useful links to encourage the love of reading and stories together.

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Children's Time To Shine

In our virtual assembly this week children were chosen to share their learning with the rest of the school. A huge well done!

Thank you to:

Hassan Ur Rehman (Class 7) for his superb explanation of his Greek Quest Myth.

Husnain Anwar (Class 1) for his explanation about Healthy Eating in science and understanding of place value.

Esha Mahmood (Class 10) for her fantastic knowledge and understanding of poetry.

Laiba Waseem (Class 5) for sharing her explanation text on Stone Age tools.



Fundraiser

Usually at this time of year we take part in our annual fundraiser. We have decided to support a local based charity. This week the children in each class voted for their preferred choice of charity. These included:

- 1) Outrageously Orange - Maggie's Oldham are supporting people who have been diagnosed with cancer during lockdown or had treatment postponed.
- 2) Madhlo Youth Zone - Fundraising to ensure that they can continue with their current activities for young people.
- 3) #SaveOurTheatres - Fundraising to support local theatres such as Oldham Coliseum

The children voted for Maggie's Oldham. They can come to school in non-uniform on Friday next week (dressed in something orange or something funny). If we can kindly ask families to contribute £1 towards the chosen charity. Thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE

Well done classes 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 for achieving over 96% last week. A SUPER well done to class 4 for 100% attendance.



Spelling Shed Winners

Congratulations to our top speller Eisha Faisal (Class 12) with 60,885,016 total points for her correct spellings.

Place	Winners	Total points awarded for correct spellings
1st	Class 12	61,826,892
2nd	Class 11	42,102,398
3rd	Class 2	21,535,446





% of class accessing TTRS from the last 7 days

3rd place - Class 1 -17%

2nd place - Class 6 -24%

1st place - Class 3 -30%

Battle of the Band tournament is underway between each class within the year group. All you need to do is log on and play, the computer will automatically add your points towards your class. Winners will be announced in the next whole school assembly!

Who will be the first class to win the battle of the bands?

