

**11th December 2020**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome to this weeks newsletter, there is a lot to share this week.



### **Christmas Activities**

A letter has already been communicated via Class Dojo about the festive activities taking place next week and here is a reminder just in case.

Date:	Year 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	LAST DAY CHRISTMAS CARDS CAN BE POSTED IN THE SCHOOL POSTBOX!	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Visiting Panto performance School lunch Christmas dinner Class parties in afternoon	
	Christmas jumper day for everyone	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		Visiting Panto performance School lunch Christmas dinner Class parties in afternoon
	Christmas jumper day for everyone	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term, break up for holidays. Return to school Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	

### **Snow Closure**

It was wonderful to see the children enjoying the snow last Friday. Although it is not predicted to snow next week, please find attached to this newsletter the usual procedures in case of a school closure due to heavy snow.



### **COVID Test results**

A reminder to parents to send any results to us directly regarding COVID test results. This email is [covid@alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:covid@alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk)

If you receive a negative or positive result anytime (including the weekend AND over Christmas Holidays up until Thursday 24th December) please email the details to the above. The sooner we are informed the sooner we can allow your child back into school or take action (with the advice from public health) for a bubble/class of children that may need to isolate. We can then inform parents if required.

We thank all parents for the immediate responses we have had already. You have certainly worked with staff to support the safety of children and staff with high levels of communication.





### **Food vouchers for families over the Christmas Break**

Please find attached to this newsletter more information regarding families eligible for free school meals on the grounds of low income receiving a £30 voucher to cover the two-week Christmas holiday at £15 per week per child. As we already use the Wonde voucher system, this will be fairly simple for us to administer. A huge thank you to Miss Corry for ensuring all our families who are entitled to this receive their vouchers over this period. This support will also be offered for the February half term in 2021.

### **Keeping well this winter campaign**

Here is a short three-minute video to share with families. It's part of the "keeping well this winter campaign" and shows how asking simple questions can make a big difference.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RCmHqTL0vA~>



### **Partnerships and Community Engagement Curriculum (PACE)**

Oldham Lifelong Learning Service has a wide range of New Year adult courses for adults who are looking to start a new hobby, develop new skills or just want to meet new people. Please share with your families.

For more information contact the PACE Team (0161 770 8265)

[https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200227/lifelong\\_learning~](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200227/lifelong_learning~)

Freephone: 0800 525 956~

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Facebook - [www.facebook.com/OldhamLifelongLearning](https://www.facebook.com/OldhamLifelongLearning)

### **Oldham Library**

Please find attached to this newsletter more information about scheduled events taking place at Oldham Library.



### **Last day of term - Friday 18th of December**

A letter has been sent out today regarding the last day of term. The Department for Education (DfE) this week announced that schools are permitted to make Friday the 18th of December a 'non-teaching' day.

**WE WILL NOT** be changing our term dates as we recognise the significant knock on effect this may have on children and their families.

We will however, be closing at a slightly early time to allow our staff some additional planning and preparation time ahead of the Spring Term.

If you have more than one child at school then please collect all siblings at the eldest child's time.

1.30pm - Year 3

1.40pm - Year 4

1.50pm - Year 5

2.00pm - Year 6

**We thank all our families for there continued support and we wish you all a restful and safe break.**

### Spelling Shed Winners

Congratulations to our top speller again this week Las Nuri (Class 12) with an incredible 200,260,058 points. Be very proud indeed!

A special mention to A\*\*\*\*\* (Class 8) who we know gave it her best to try and beat Las and came in second place. Well done!

Place	Winners	Total points awarded for correct spellings
1st	Class 12	204,187,762
2nd	Class 8	171,661,240
3rd	Class 10	145,108,987

