



Shawclough Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers, Welcome back,
I hope that you have had a good
summer.

Upcoming Events 2023

September

11/09/2023 Year 6 Welcome Meeting
12/09/2023 Year 2 Welcome Meeting
13/09/2023 Year 3 Welcome Meeting
14/09/2023 Year 1 Welcome Meeting
15/09/2023 Year 4 Welcome Meeting
18/09/2023 Year 5 Welcome Meeting
27/09/2023 Parent Workshop - Sleep
Issues

October

02/10/2023 Yr 4 Visit to Healey Dell
06/10/2023 Food Bank Non-Uniform - Bring
in a tin
13/10/2023 School Photos - Individuals
9th-13th October Phase 3 Parent/Carer
Update Calls
16th-20th October Phase 2 Parent/Carer
Update Calls
17/10/2023 EYFS Reading Meeting 8:45am
& 4pm
20/10/2023 Whole School Rockstar Dress
Up Day
20/10/2023 Yr 4 Parent Assembly
23rd-27th October Half Term

November

21/11/2023 Parent Workshop - Low Mood
23/11/2023 Flu Vaccinations- For those
who have given consent

December

07/12/2023 Y6 Parent Carol Concert
08/12/2023 2:15pm Nursery Christmas
performance
12/12/2023 Reception Christmas
Performance
20/12/2023 Children Christmas Dinner
21/12/2023 Christmas Party Day
21/12/2023 1pm Finish for Children

Staffing

We welcome new staff members:

- Miss Greenwood – Year 2 Sunshine Teacher
- Miss Cleary – Year 4 Orange Teacher
- Mrs Bibi – Year 6 Red Teacher
- Mrs Loughlin – Year 6 Red Teacher
- Mrs Force – TA 2 in Rainbow
- Mrs Ali – TA 1 in Phase 2
- Mrs Mvundura – TA 1 in Phase 1
- Mrs Akhtar – Lunchtime Organiser
- Miss White – Lunchtime Organiser

Welcome Meetings

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to invite parents to an information
meeting on:

Year 6 Monday 11th September 2023.
Year 2 Tuesday 12th September 2023
Year 3 Wednesday 13th September 2023
Year 1 Thursday 14th September 2023
Year 4 Friday 15th September
Year 5 Monday 18th September

The meeting will begin at 8:45am and last
approximately half an hour.

There is no charge for parents attending the meeting,
however you will need to book on via the School
Gateway App.

We look forward to meeting you.

School Attendance

Requests for holidays during term time will not be
authorised unless in exceptional circumstances, so
please ensure that holidays are not taken in term time.

Last year we issued a record number of Fixed Penalty
Fines when children had a holiday in term time and we
will continue to do so this year, if necessary.

Phones

When picking your child up from the office for safeguarding reasons please can you make sure that phone calls are not being made.

Pedestrian Gate

We kindly ask that when entering and leaving the site that the pedestrian gate is not pulled or pushed.

Lost Reading and Library Books

If your child loses their reading or library book, a slip will be sent home with your child, outlining the name of the book to help you to find and return the book.

Shawclough PTA

Please get in touch with the school if you are interested in joining the school PTA.

Warm Weather

Please ensure sun cream is put on your child before school and they bring a sun hat for when they are outside

Job Adverts

We have 4 TA roles available these can be found on the below link

<https://www.greater.jobs/search-and-apply/job-details/RO-83023/>

3 x Post Teaching Assistant Level 1 In the Mainstream school – 30hrs

1 x Post Teaching Assistant Level 1 In the Mainstream school – 20hrs

Lateness

School begins at 8:40 a.m. If your child arrives at school after this time it is recorded as 'late' and if after 9.10 a.m. this is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

I encourage you to drop your child off as the doors open at 8.30 a.m. If you arrive at school after 8.40 a.m., please bring your child to the main office.

Uniform

Our Schoolwear is available from Moses Schoolwear, 21 – 23 Oldham Road, Rochdale.

The following is a list of school-appropriate clothing:

- Fleece- Black
- Sweatshirt or cardigan- black
- Black long or short trousers, black skirt or pinafore dress, Green/white or yellow/white gingham dress in summer
- Polo shirt –green or yellow
- Plain black shoes or plain black trainers- No logos or heels
- Sunhat (summer)
- Coat

PE KIT

- T-shirt
- Shorts
- Black pumps
- Track suit bottoms, jumper and trainers

Early Start

Early Start Club is £3.30 per morning.

Children who arrive at school before 8:20am without an adult will be placed in Early Start club and be charged and a phone call home will be made to make sure that you are aware that they are in school.

Any debts over £20 will result in the withdrawal of Early Start Club service until the debt is cleared. Parents will be asked to sign their children in with a signature and time.

Year 6 High School Applications

We would like to remind Year 6 parents please remember to look at high school websites as the open days for next September 2024 are starting to be advertised.

The application process has also started which can be found following the link <https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/apply-secondary-school-place>

Monday 4th September – The online admission system opens for secondary school places.

Tuesday 31st October 2023- Closing date for applications

Ensure your secondary school application is submitted before this date. Otherwise, you will need to apply for a late application.

Friday 15th December 2023- Last date for any changes to the address in your application.

Friday 1st March 2024 – National Offer Day

Tea Time Club

Tea Time Club is £3.30 per afternoon.

If your child is not picked up by 3:25pm they will be placed in Tea Time Club and be charged at £3.30 with a phone call home to make sure that you are aware that they are still at school.

Any debts over £20 will result in the withdrawal of Tea Time Club service until the debt is cleared. Parents will be asked to sign their children out with a signature and time.

School Dinners

The cost of a school dinner is now £2.60 per day or £13.00 per full week – due on the Friday of each week. Payments can be made on the School Gateway App or at the office via card. If you are having any problems please come and see us and we will be happy to help.

Each child in the Reception, Y1 and Y2 classes is entitled to a free school meal. I hope that you choose this provision. This would be a saving of around £400 per year compared with the cost of a paid meal each day.

Children in all year groups may be entitled to a free school meal (FSM), subject to their circumstances and income. Parents and carers can apply for this. School receives additional funding for each child who is entitled so we want to encourage as many to do so as possible. Often, because a child is in R, Y1 or Y2 and is receiving a free meal, parents do not feel the need to apply.

The menu for school meals is available on our website. It goes in a 3 weekly-cycle. Next week will be Week 2, then 2, then 3, then back to 1 etc.

If your child has a packed lunch, please bear the following advice in mind:

A balanced meal would consist, in the view of the Rochdale Healthy Schools group, of:

- A drink
- A carbohydrate food, such as bread, potatoes, rice, pasta or noodles
- Fruit and vegetables – try to include 2-3 different fruits or vegetables each day
- A protein food – such as chicken, turkey, fish, ham, egg, cheese or hummus
- A dairy food such a milk, yoghurt, cheese or fromage frais

Packed lunches should not include:

- Fizzy drinks – or glass bottles for safety reasons.
- Chocolate bars (e.g. Dairy Milk, Mars Bar etc. – Kit Kat, Blue Riband, Penguin bars etc are OK) or Sweets

