Our main aim is a love of life and learning.
Happiness is the key and our children's happiness, safety, security and love are at the heart of our achievements for each individual child.



Shawclough Community School Newsletter

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GLIMPSE OF THE WEEK





Our BAG2SCHOOL collection. We collect 200kg of unwanted clothes, shoes and toys! Thank you to everyone for their support.

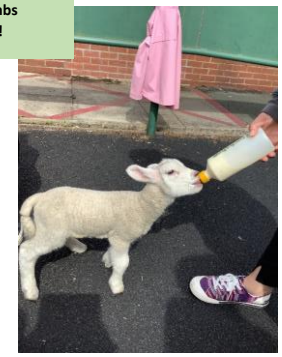






Rainbow and the staff had a great time being rock stars and some lambs came to visit – aah!









Reception are enjoying reading Football themed stories

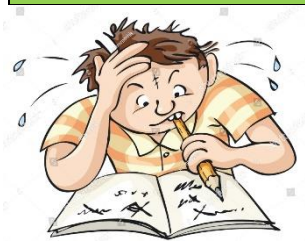








SATs WEEK



13th-17th May (next week) is SATs week. It is very important that your Year 6 child is in school for the full week.

Year 6 SATs, help provide a snapshot of a child's academic progress. This can help parents make decisions on secondary schools as well as identify areas of strength or weakness that may need additional support. SATs are also used by the government to assess a schools performance.

It is important for our school as well as your child that they get every opportunity to perform to the best of their ability during SATs week.

Things to remember:

Please ensure your child gets plenty of sleep, has a good breakfast and arrives on time for school everyday.

Children do not need any extra equipment for SATs, school will provide everything they need.

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Encourage children to leave their watches at home. They will have to be conficscated during SATs.

It is important to ensure your child doesn't get stressed out by the SATs process. SATs week is also Mental Health Awareness Week so it is vitally important to look after their well being and mental health.

Encourage and nuture your children to do well rather than focus on them getting the 'best' or the 'top' marks.

Allow them plenty of time at home to unwind and do some fun stuff , be it watching TV, a bit of screen time, going to the park (weather permitting), seeing friends.

Good luck to all our year 6s. – WE'RE ALREADY PROUD OF YOU. YOU GOT THIS!

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK 13-19 MAY 2024

More than one in 10 primary school aged 5-11 has an identifiable mental health condition – that's around 3 children in every class.

We all have mental health. Your mental health affects how you feel, think and act. It refers to you emotional, psychological and social wellbeing. Your mental health can change on a daily basis and over time and can be affected by a range of factors

This year Mental Health Week focuses on movement. 'Movement: moving more for our mental health.'

Movement and exercise can protect and build out mental wellbeing, boost our mood and help us look after our health.

At school we work hard to constantly improve our children's mental health through fun activities in PHSE, games/PE and other lessons.

Mental Health Week will be no different. There will be lots going on in classes in all the year groups and our schools Wellbeing Ambassadors will be working particularly hard with their peers, helping with a promoting wellbeing.



HEALTHY EATING WORKSHOP

We would like to thank the school nurses for visiting this week and running our Healthy Choices workshop.

They will be back in school again on 26th June along with Rochdale Parent Voice to run another workshop. Free to attend and refreshments available.



NURSERY PLACES – SEPTEMBER 2024

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****



Nursery places for September 2024 are filling up fast! If you have a child of nursery age that you are hoping will start at our school in September, please ensure you either pick up an application form from the office or email office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk and request an application pack.

Please note, places are allocated on a first come first served basis therefore having a sibling attend our school does not guarantee a nursery place.
Similarly having a place in nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception. – Deadline for applications was October 2023.

If you still have not secured a Reception place for your child, please contact Rochdale City Council .

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HEADLICE

Every so often there is an outbreak of Head lice in a class. If you find that your child has head lice, please follow the advice below:



You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.
Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.
You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing:
Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.
You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.
There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.
Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Alternatively, you can buy over the counter products at the pharmacy and follow the instructions on the back
Please note: Anyone can get head lice

FUN WITH TIMESTABLES

Is your child struggling with their Timetables?
Have a look on the TTRockstars webpage below to see how to best support your child with their continuous timetables practice whilst having fun!

ttrockstars.com/parents/

What's included?
Importance of timetables
TTRS intro video

Parent guide PDF
FAQs answered
Free downloadables

ROCKSTEADY

Is your child musical? Would he/she like to sing, or learn to play an instrument and play in a rock band?
Rocksteady is a company that work in partnership with school to deliver a musical learning experience to children which in turn helps improve:

Confidence
Resilience
Behaviour
Wellbeing
Attainment
Inclusivity

For more details visit their website:-
www.rocksteadymusicschool.com
Some of our children are already benefitting from the benefits of Rocksteady and take part in a showcase concert every term for their peers.
Classes are delivered at school, in school time by a professionally trained musician supplied by Rocksteady. Our current teacher is Adam. Adam collects the children from their classroom and delivers them back after their lesson. Adam has developed close relationships with the children and creates a fun environment for the children to learn.
See our children below in their 'Rock Bands' having fun whilst learning valuable skills.

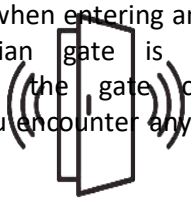
(**Payments and bookings are made directly through Rocksteady *not school)***

PHONES

For safeguarding reasons please ensure that you are NOT on your mobile phone when you are in the school reception area.

PEDESTRAIN GATES

We kindly ask that when entering and leaving the site that the pedestrian gate is **NOT pulled or pushed**. Please let the gate close and open automatically. If you encounter any problems, please let the office know.



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PARKING

Shawclough school kindly request that parents -



- Be mindful of where you choose to park around school.
- Be mindful of our neighbours, local community, gardens and driveways. **DO NOT** move people bins to park your car.
- Be kind and use kind language to each other around the school.
- Remember our children are always listening.
- Set a good example for your children and others.
- Think of the health benefits of parking a little further away and walking. A bit of rain never hurt anyone – kids love it!
- Please do not drive over and along pavements, this is very dangerous and unnecessary.
- Please hold onto your child when arriving and leaving school, especially on the roadside – there have been complaints of children running into the road unsupervised



WARNING: The residents of The Spinney (small road opposite the school) are now working with a private company to clamp any cars that block the entrance/exit. You have been advised to park away from The Spinney.
If you are clamped, the school have no power or say in removal of said clamp.

EARLY START & TEATIME CLUB

For safeguarding reasons, please may we remind parents and carers that ***all*** children who are attending Early Start Club, ***must*** be brought in and signed in by an adult.
Any child dropped off before 8:30am **will** be placed into Early Start Club ***and you will be charged for this.***

If you are late picking up your child, he/she will be taken to teatime club *and you will be charged for this.*

Teachers will only wait by the door for a short while after pick up time.

.PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

If you arrive late in the morning (8.40am and doors will be closed) you have to bring your child through the main reception area to be signed in and choose their dinner. Class teachers will close the doors at 8.40 regardless of if the bell has gone.
If you have a ***regular*** arrangement for a child to walk home (year 6 only) or be picked up by another parent or someone not on the 'class pickup arrangements' please let the office know. Children will not be released to anyone if school have no prior knowledge of it.

If you change pick up arrangements for a one-off afternoon via phone call, this does not constitute a regular change in arrangements. If pickups are to be done by anyone other than someone on your pick list on a regular basis, please notify the office via email/fill in a form.
Too many parents are assuming that if they pick up someone else child, the other person is automatically allowed to pick up their children. This is only possible if they are on each other's list.
Please give the office plenty of notice if arrangements are to be changed – Thank you.

COMMUNICATION

Please check your email and text and SCHOOL GATEWAY APP regularly. We can send out a number of messages during the day to notify you of changes in collections, letters going out, trips, payments, etc.

Please advise the office (in writing) if you have had a change in email addresses or phone numbers.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE DOWNLOADED THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP.

IS YOUR CHILD OFF DUE TO ILLNESS OR AN APPOINTMENT?

*If your child is off due to illness **YOU MUST** inform the office first thing in the morning. You can leave a message on the answering system and then call to follow up. Alternatively, you can email or text in. **THIS INCLUDES NURSERY.***

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*If your child has an appointment first thing in the morning (made last minute) you **MUST** still inform the office and fill in an appointment slip before or on your return to school. School should be informed for all other appointments in advance.*



*If your child has been **vomiting** or is sent home from school for vomiting please be advised that they should be off for **24 hours** from the last bout of sickness.*

*If your child has **diarrhoea** or is sent home from school due to having diarrhoea, please be advised that they must be off for **48 hours** from the last bout of diarrhoea.*

PTA VOLUNTEERS

All the funds raised by the PTA go back into school to enhance school life and make it a more enjoyable experience. This year we would like to be able to contribute towards end of term trips or new playground equipment for the whole school, should funds allow.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance for week ernding - 03/05/2024	
6R	97.9%
6S	97.5%
3L	97.0%
4Y	96.0%
2C	95.6%
1L	94.6%
3A	93.9%
RB	93.1%
RT	92.4%
5P	92.3%
1P	91.5%
4O	90.8%
5C	89.3%
2S	88.8%
NO	87.3%
NS	68.6%

WELL DONE TO YEAR 6 RED CLASS – GOOD JOB!

Please note that attendance figure are *always* for the week prior.

"SUCCESS IS EARNED ONE DAY AT A TIME – START BY SHOWING UP!"

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2024		
13th-17th	Mental Health Awareness week	Whole school
13th-17th	SATS week	Year 6
21st	Parent Breakfast	Reception
23rd-24th	Residential trip to Gullivers World	Year 6
24th	**HALF TERM**	Whole school
June 2024		
3rd	**WELCOME BACK**	Whole school
3rd-7th	Kindness week	Whole school
3rd	Bikeability	Year 6
7th	Non-uniform and Foodbank collection	Whole school
26th	Healthy Eating Workshop	Parents
July 2024		
1st	Ribchester Museum	Year 3
2nd	High School Transition Day	Year 6
19th	**END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR – 1PM FINISH**	Whole school

PLEASE NOTE THAT DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON STAFFING

COMMUNITY/MISC NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE: People are still parking and blocking the entrance/exit of the Spinny opposite school. As a result of someone's careless parking a child from the Spinny was unable to get to school on time as her father could not get past the car pictured. We are sure this would be unacceptable if it was your child who got to school late for this reason. As a result the child has left a note on the car. It is very sad that it has now come to this. The residents of the Spinny have already issued a warning that they are going to clamp cars. Should this happen, the school is powerless to do anything about it. Please park elsewhere.





EGG BOXES

Year 2 are going to be doing some science experiemnts and require a lot of empty eggs boxes. If you have any, please bring them to the school office. Thank you.



GOOD WEATHER

Now that we are finally experiencing some good weather, please remember to send your child to school with a summer hat or cap and suncreen when approriate.





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Rochdale Parent Carers Voice

Coffee Morning at Shawclough Community Primary School

Weds 26th June 2024 9.30am-11am

We will be hosting a Coffee Morning at your school on the above date and time. If you have a child with SEND or you have concerns your child may have a SEND need please come and meet our team and find out about what is available in our area and how we can help you.

We are all parents and carers with lived experience so where ever you are on your SEND journey or if you want to know more about SEND services in our borough please come along and have a brew and chat with us. No diagnosis for a child is needed to attend.

We look forward to meeting you.
RPCV Team