

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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Week ending 01/03/24



WELCOME BACK WEEK



Reception
creating chalk
patterns in the
rain and planting



Having fun and
getting fit -
Games/PE time!



Getting mucky at
play dough club



Trying apples
and cucumbers
to see which
parts of our
mouth/teeth we
are using



Making
puppets



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March is World Book day...Yay!

This year children are invited to dress up as book characters and take part in our paper plate competition. Paper plates will be handed out before half term and will NEED to be returned by World Book Day.



We can't wait to see the children's creative and imaginative ideas for their plates and costumes.

Remember, World Book Day needn't be expensive. Search on PINTEREST or GOOGLE for costume ideas that you can make at home with your children.

These are some of the entries from last year's plate competition – they were all really good and choosing the best ones was very difficult for our judges



SHAWCLOUGH PTA

WONKA BAR CHALLENGE

As you all know Easter is fast approaching and although is a Christian Observance and Holiday for many, for others it's a time that we have a break and indulge in eating a shameless amount of chocolate. The PTA are going to be having fundraiser leading up to the Easter break. We hope to run the 'Wonka' challenge.



Children will be able to buy a Wonka bar and as per the film – there will be a limited number of bars, in a few of the bars will be GOLDEN TICKETS. We can't offer you a trip to 'Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory' or a ride in a 'Glass Elevator' but the tickets mean more prizes!

Hopefully, we can get some donations from local companies and business to offer as prizes.

If you work for a company that may be able to help with donating prizes – we need your help. Prizes are never too small, so whatever you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact the office with your ideas. Let's make this a '**fun**'-draiser for our children.

HOODIES

Thank you to all year 6 parents who have purchased a hoodie for their child – well done you got the early bird offer! The hoodies are still available but the price has increased slightly.



Remember, the hoodies are a great memento/keepsake of your child's years at Shawclough School.

PTA VOLUNTEERS

The PTA are always looking for new ideas and volunteers. If you have extra time or would like to help out with event, please get in touch via the school office.

All the funds raised by the PTA go back into school to enhance school life and make it more enjoyable all round.



This year we would like to be able to contribute towards end of term trips for the whole school should funds allow.

SHAWCLOUGH SCHOOL GOVERNORS



We have thrown our hat in and applied for the 'Making a Difference – Primary School of the Year' award. Mrs Collins, one of our Reception Class teachers, has made a fabulous video, which is on the school website – **GO WATCH IT!**

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!

ttrackstars.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:



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 blow in their 'Rock Bands' having fun whilst learning valuable skills.



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

REMINDERS

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.



PARKING

PLEASE...

Be mindful of where you choose to park around school.

Be mindful of our neighbours and local community.

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.

Remember to rise above it!



PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE OVER AND ALONG PAVEMENTS – This is very dangerous and unnecessary.

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**.



PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

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.

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, they are automatically allowed to pick up the other persons 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 (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.**



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.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can follow us on (formly Twitter)



We can also be found on the web :

<https://shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk/>

The Shawclough PTA are also on :





















We are a **CASHLESS** school. All money transactions are conducted over the **SCHOOL GATEWAY APP**. We

do not accept any cash payments, unless collecting for charities on non uniform days or when special dispensation has been made.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2024		
7th	World Book day Dress up and Paper plate comp entries	 Whole school (NOT YR 3)
8th	Class Photos	 Whole School
11th	Trip to ChristChurch Healey	 Year 1
11th	World Book Day dress up	 Year 3 only
13th	Parent Assembly	 Year 1
14th	Oral Health Team	 Year 4
15th	Red Nose Day	 TBC
18th	Bikeability	 Year 5/6 (TBC)
18th-22nd	Parents evenings	 TBC
25th-29th	Parents evenings	 TBC
19th	Bikeability	 Year 5/6 (TBC)
19th	Rocksteady Concert	 Children in Rocksteady ONLY
19th	Parents eveing	 nursery
21st	Down Symdrome day Rock Your Socks	 Whole School
25th	Circus Skill	 Year 3
29th	Final date for paying for Yr 6 leavers Hoodies	 Year 6
28th	END OF TERM FINISH 1PM	 Whole school
April 2024		
15th	WELCOME BACK FOR THE NEW TERM	 Whole school

ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDING 01/03/24

Please make sure that your child attends school every day, on time.

**“TRUST IN THE POWER OF
ATTENDANCE – IT’S ESSENTIAL
FOR YOUR CHILDS ACADEMIC
SUCCESS!”**

**FIGURES WILL BE UPDATED NEXT
WEEK**

COMMUNITY NOTICES



How to access the Neurodiversity Hub – Update February 2024

It is no longer necessary to fill in a 'Getting Help' form to access the Neurodiversity Hub for parents/carers or professionals and **these forms will no longer be screened by the team**

How do I access the Neurodiversity Hub

Coffee Mornings/Afternoon

- The easiest way to access support from the Neurodiversity Hub is by attending one of our **coffee sessions** to meet the team and discuss the support you require. Sessions are held across Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale. Details of these sessions can be found via our Facebook page **HMR Neurodiversity Hub** or can be accessed via the local offer website.

Telephone Advice line

- If you are unable to access any of our coffee sessions, the Neurodiversity Hub team will be setting up a **telephone advice line** for parents/carers & professionals which will take place on **Tuesdays** starting the **13th February 2024**
- Please call **0161 206 0606** between 8am and 12pm on a Tuesday morning. You will then be added to a 'call back' list and a member of the team will return your call between 1pm and 3:30pm Tuesday afternoon. Please note—there will be a set amount of telephone appointment slots each Tuesday and these may fill up quickly. If there are no available slots please call us again the following Tuesday.

Professional Support/Guidance

- If you feel that your concerns have not/cannot be addressed through universal and targeted services or hub support and you think specialist level assessment/input is required, please refer to the Community Paediatric Service for children Under 5 and the CAMHS service for children over 5.
- For children under 2 years old who are demonstrating delays across their development please refer to the Community Paediatric Service, as appropriate.



Saving lives,
Improving lives



The Neurodiversity Hub

Are you a parent/carer of a child or young person aged 0-19 years old?

If so and you would like to meet The Neurodiversity Hub and other parents/carers, then come along to one of our sessions.

What are we offering?

- The opportunity to talk to and share ideas with other parents and carers
- A member of the Neurodiversity Hub will be available to answer any questions about the service and signpost to appropriate services.
- Resource ideas
- Cup of tea/coffee

This session is for parents or carers and you do not need to bring your child or young person

Coffee Mornings hosted by schools

Thursday 15th February 9.15-11 at St Thomas More Primary School, Evesham Road, Alkington, Middleton, M24 1PY

Thursday 14th March 1.30-3pm Our Lady and St Pauls Primary School, Sutherland Road, Heywood, OL10 3PD

The Neurodiversity Hub will be attending the following Homestart RAASS support group sessions: More information available at www.homestartrochdaleandbury.org.uk



Monday 12th February 9.30-11.30 at Trinity Methodist Church Bethel Street, Heywood, OL10 1HU

Thursday 29th February 6.30-8pm at St Georges Church Hall, Bury Road, Oakenrod, Rochdale, OL11 4ED

Tuesday 5th March 2024 9.30-11.30 at Butterworth Hall, New Street, Milnrow, OL16 3PQ

Friday 22nd March 9.30-11.30 at Burnside Community Centre, Burnside Crescent, Langley, M24 5NN

Thursday 28th March 6.30-8pm at St Georges Church Hall, Bury Road, Oakenrod, Rochdale, OL11 4ED



Follow us on Facebook for new dates and information **HMR Neurodiversity Hub**

