

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 FIRST WEEK OF TERM



Eid party with dancing and games!



Years 2's found a 'Disgusting Sandwich' in their cloakroom...Ewww!



Year 3s reading the 'Eid Mubarak' Poem



Arnie's having a party for the animals at early start club!

## MORE WONKA WINNERS



Ibrahim - one of the lucky Wonka winners, won 2 tickets to watch RFC



Lucky winners of the Head Teachers Breakfast took a trip to Dunkin Donuts with Mrs Mitchell and had great fun!

## **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 to 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](mailto: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.

## **PARENT WORKSHOP – HEALTHY EATING**

Are you stuck when it comes to choices for your children's meals? Are they picky eaters? Are you confused about making or helping the make healthy choices? Are you at your wits end when it comes to meal times?



Yes? Well, you might benefit from attending our Healthy Eating workshop with the school nurse on **8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.

The nurse will be advising and sharing ideas on how to develop healthy eating behaviour, ideas for healthy meals and snacks – including lunch boxes.

**Come along – it's FREE to attend!**

## **ST GEORGES DAY**

Some families will be celebrating St Georges Day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 but who is St George and why do people celebrate him?

These are some fun facts about St George:

- Whilst being the patron saint of England - George never ever visited England but is the patron Saint of many countries- (Venice, Genoa, Portugal, Ethiopia, Catalonia and they all have celebrations in his honour. He is also the patron of knights, soldiers, scouts, fencers and archers.
- St Georges Day, although still celebrated by many is no longer a national holiday. The day took less significance when England unified with Scotland in 1707 to create the UK.
- St George wasn't English! He was born in Cappadocia (Turkey), his mother was Palestinian and his father was Greek. He died and is buried in Palestine.
- He wasn't a knight and he didn't slay a dragon – he was more likely a Roman soldier and the story about him saving a princess and slaying a dragon is a popular legend/myth.
- He was however a Martyr, which means he died for his Christian faith. He was executed for not making a sacrifice to the pagan gods. He was canonised (made a saint) by Pope Gelasius in AD 494. 23<sup>rd</sup> April is possibly the date of his martyrdom.
- The emblem of St George is a white flag with a red cross on it. Unfortunately, these days the emblem is used in a negative way by some people but we should remember that the flag (which also appears on the Garter badge – The Order of the Garter) represents those we honour. Many memorials have been built in England over the years, to honour ALL the



soldiers who fell in WW1 and WW2. A number of these memorials feature the emblem and image of St George.

Happy St Georges Day to everyone celebrating next week!

## SHAWCLOUGH PTA



To celebrate the release of Kung Fu Panda 4 this term, the PTA are taking the kids back to the beginning – where it all started for 'PO', the loveable Panda who became the Dragon Warrior.



PTA will be showing 'Kung Fu Panda' (the first one) this term **(Date to be confirmed)**

for years 1-5 only. Tickets will be £3.50 and include snacks and a drink.

The last time we had a film show was a few years ago, so many of the children will not have had the opportunity to attend before. The tickets will only be available on the Gateway App. The film will be shown on a week day after school in the main hall. Parents will be asked collect their children from the dining hall after the film has finished, usually around 5pm.

Please remember that these events are run by the PTA who are **volunteers** and can only go ahead if we have the correct adult to child ratio for safeguarding reasons. This also means that there will be a limited amount of tickets, therefore they will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

## BAG2SCHOOL

Do you have any items of clothing, textiles, toys and shoes that you no longer need? The PTA will be having a BAG2SCHOOL collection on 9th May 2024.

Why do we have a BAG2SCHOOL collection? Well, it's an easy way to raise funds for our school. The BAG2SCHOOL Company, will collect all the items from school at no extra charge and pay us a small amount for each kg. So remember the more we collect the bigger the benefit to our school.

Just a reminder of the things that they collect:

- Good quality adults and children's clothing
- Paired shoes
- Hats
- Belts
- Handbags
- Soft toys
- Bedding
- Curtain
- Towels



Bags will be given to children to bring home just before the collection and will only be accepted back on the collection day. If one bag isn't enough, you can add an extra carrier bag, black bag, etc., they will be accepted.

Please ensure items are clean and shoes are soil free.

## PTA VOLUNTEERS

The PTA are always looking for new ideas **and volunteers**. If **you** have extra time or would like to help out with an 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 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.

## WELLBEING AMBASSADORS



Who are the Wellbeing Ambassadors?

The Wellbeing Ambassadors are a group of children who have volunteered their time to help prompt the wellbeing of their peers through:

- Helping people on the playground if they are feeling lonely.
- Talking to people.
- Being a good listener and help children find a trusted adult.
- Being a friendly role model.
- Promoting the 5 ways to wellbeing.
- Helping children with ideas for their wellbeing.

This term they will be focusing on promoting wellbeing through 'healthy journeys'. They will be distributing a fun activity sheet to each child in school to help them think about their journey to school and

how it impacts their health. Look out for it in your child's book bag.

## FIRST AID

Just to reassure all parents, our TAs are all qualified first aiders. They all take an intensive 3 day course and learn everything they need to know about first aid for your children. Many of them do a further 2 day Paediatrics First aid training course also.

If your child is injured they will send a standard letter out to you via Medical Tracker (by the end of the day if not immediately) to notify of any injury that needs more than some TLC and a plaster.

If we are concerned that your child is seriously hurt, we will contact you immediately to collect your child and seek further medical help.

Please note that often the office are asked to call home but will have no knowledge of any injuries or illness as first aiders are busy with other children and the request to call home may come through another teacher, lunchtime supervisor or TA.

We ask that you please be patient until we locate the first aider who has dealt with your child.

## HEADLICE

Every so often there is an outbreak of Head lice in a class. If you find that your child has head lice, please see instructions 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!

[trockstars.com/parents/](http://trockstars.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](http://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.

### PEDESTRIAN 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

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.**

**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.**

### PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

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 (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.**

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.

### **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 (formerly Twitter)



We can also be found on the web :

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

The Shawclough PTA are also on :



An advertisement for the Schoolgateway app. It features a blue header with the text 'Schoolgateway Keeping up with what's going on at school is easier than ever'. Below the header, there is a hand holding a smartphone displaying the app interface. To the right of the phone, there is text that says 'GET THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP Stay fully connected to your child's life at school, wherever you are. Download from your app store.' Below this text are icons for the App Store and Google Play, along with the Schoolgateway logo, which consists of two interlocking circles.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
DEPENDING ON STAFFING**

April 2024			
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bedtime Story Event – Wear your PJs		Reception
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Neeli Mosque Visit		Year 1
30 <sup>TH</sup>	Manchester Museum		Year 4
May 2024			
8th	Healthy Eating workshop		Parents
9th	BAG2SCHOOL collection		Whole school
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17th	SATS week		Year 6
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Residential trip to Gullivers World		Year 6
24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HALF TERM</b>		Whole school
June 2024			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>WELCOME BACK</b>		Whole school
3rd	Bikeability		Year 6
July 2024			
1st	Ribchester Museum		Year 3
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR – 1PM FINISH</b>		Whole school

## COMMUNITY NOTICES