

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

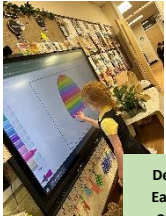
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GLIMPSE OF THE LAST WEEK OF TERM



Wellbeing Yoga with the year 4s



Decorating Easter eggs on purple mash and making Easter cards



Wonkamanía continues as the last few golden tickets are claimed



Egyptian day



EASTER

During the first weekend of the Easter holidays all the Christian families in our school will be celebrating Easter.



Easter comes after 40 days of lent in which some Christians fast or choose to give up something they enjoy. The 40 days of fasting, prayer and penance represent the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert resisting the temptations of the devil.

Shortly after, Jesus was arrested by the Romans and crucified. Christians believe that Jesus rose again on the third day and ascended to heaven.

Easter is a celebration of Jesus rising from the dead. It is celebrated in many way around the world and people have their own traditions intertwined with its religious aspects, e.g. the Easter bunny and eating chocolate.

We would like to wish all our Shawclough School families that are going to be celebrating a lovely and Happy Easter.



EID



Many Muslims families in our school will be celebrating Eid over the Easter break.

Just like our fellow Christians, Muslims celebrate Eid after a period of 30 days of fasting in the holy month of Ramadan.

Muslims fast from dawn till dusk giving up all food and drink. Like Christians the time is used to reflect on their actions, be thoughtful towards one another, and give charity and pray in order to be closer to God.

Eid is very much a family celebration and people choose to feast with families at home rather than go

out, just like Christmas and the elders give children money, gifts and sweets.

We would also like to wish all our Muslim families a Happy Eid/Eid Mubarak.



FIRST MONDAY

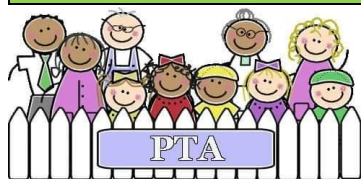
BACK WILL BE OUR EID PARTIES – PARTY CLOTHES!!

SHAWCLOUGH PTA

After Easter the PTA will be looking at holding their next fundraiser for the new term. Watch this space for details.



PTA VOLUNTEERS



After running our Wonka Bar challenge, many parents complained that their child didn't get a

Wonka bar and it 'wasn't fair'.

We would like to remind you that the PTA runs on/with volunteer support and can only do so much. At times we have been down to 1 or 2 volunteers. Please bear this in mind when complaining that the PTA don't do or haven't done enough.

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.

Next 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 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

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/

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

ROCK
STEADY

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.



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 HOLD ONTO YOUR CHILD WHEN ARRIVING OR LEAVING SCHOOL ESPECIALLY ON THE ROADSIDE – THERE HAS BEEN COMPLAINTS OF CHILDREN RUNNING INTO THE ROAD. PLEASE TAKE CARE!

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

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 seek elsewhere to park your car.

This has nothing to do with the school. 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.



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 :



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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2024			
15th	WELCOME BACK FOR THE NEW TERM		Whole school
15 th	Eid parties – non uniform		Whole school
19 th	Head teacher breakfast – Golden ticket winners		TBC
23 rd	Neeli Mosque Visit		Year 1
	Ribchester Museum		Year 3
30 th	Manchester Museum		Year 4
May 2024			
13 th -17 th	SATS week		Year 6
23 rd -24 th	Residential trip to Gullivers World		Year 6
24 th	HALF TERM		Whole school
June 2024			
3 rd	WELCOME BACK		Whole school
3 rd	Bikeability		Year 6
July 2024			
19 th	END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR – 1PM FINISH		Whole school

ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDING 22/03/24

PLEASE NOTE THAT DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON STAFFING

RT	98.3%
5C	97.6%
3A	96.9%
1P	96.5%
NO	96.3%
2S	96.2%
RB	95.8%
1L	95.8%
3L	94.7%
4Y	94.4%
4O	93.6%
6S	63.5%
5P	92.3%
6R	91.0%
2C	90.8%
NS	83.3%

**WELL DONE RECEPTION TURQUOISE–
GOOD JOB, THAT'S AMAZING!**

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

**“YOU CAN'T ACHIEVE YOUR
DREAMS, IF YOU DON'T SHOW UP
TO CHASE THEM!**

**Please note attendance figures are
always for the previous week**

AND FINALLY...

See you next term!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

All proceeds raised will go towards the personal fundraising for an International Trip and personal kit for the Scouts running this event.



COME TO OUR CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY
TUESDAY 2ND APRIL
2PM TO 5PM
£5 PER CHILD (UNDER 1'S FREE)

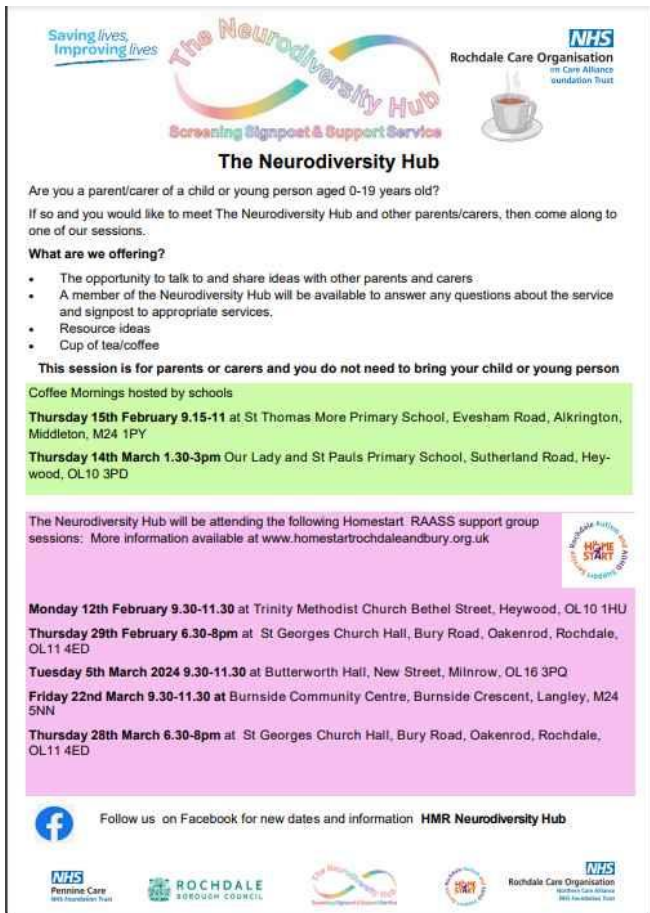
To book, email: roverway2024@outlook.com

AT THE CIRCLE BACUP OL13 8BD

Party games, Dancing
 Easter Crafts
 Colouring competition & other games
 Mini face-paint included

The Circle will be open for food and drink purchases

EAST LANCASHIRE SCOUTS EURO ADVENTURES



The Neurodiversity Hub
 Screening Signpost & Support Service

Rochdale Care Organisation
 an NHS Foundation Trust

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 3PD

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

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NHS Personal Care
ROCHDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
NHS Rochdale Care Organisation