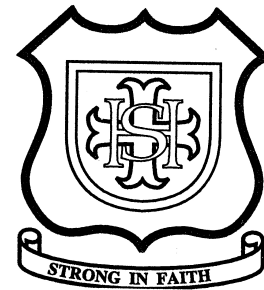


# St. Herbert's RC Primary School

## Spring Term

26<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

A belated Happy New Year; we have had a very busy start to the new year, and as always the children have come back to school after Christmas with enthusiasm and joy. We are lucky to serve this community. Thank you for the gifts and lovely comments we received over Christmas.

### **PFA**

A huge thank you to the PFA for their support over the Christmas period, providing lovely events for our families – Breakfast with Santa was very well attended and the children loved their pantomime provided by our PFA.

### **Community Support**

We received many donations to support our families over the Autumn Term, from our school community, the Parish, and external agencies eg: Caritas and Asda. Due to this generosity we have been able to support many families in different ways over the Christmas period, which is tremendous. Mrs Collins works tirelessly to support people who need assistance, and we wish to thank her and yourselves for your kindness.

### **Parking**

Thank you for your ongoing support in parking either in the Parish Centre or in the Cemetery; please do not park **at any time** in our school car park and please can you avoid Edward St – this is causing ongoing issues with our residents who have to contend with parking and road issues all the time. Let us be respectful to our neighbours. Thank you for your support.

### **Health & Safety**

A quick reminder that there is to be no smoking (or vaping) **at anytime** on our school grounds. Also please no pets on our school grounds, whether it be carried, in a bag or walking along the ground (playgrounds, car park etc); the only animal allowed is Barney and we have a risk assessment and policies in place specifically for our therapy dog. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Staffing**

It is lovely to welcome Mrs Kendrick back into school. She has started her 'Keeping in touch' days in preparation for coming back to school from her maternity leave after Easter. Mrs Kendrick is working every Monday, up to Easter, then will return to school on 8<sup>th</sup> April job sharing with Mrs Whale in C3. Welcome back Mrs Kendrick!

### **Water bottles and pencil cases**

We actively encourage the children to bring water bottles to school; keeping hydrated is very important for our brain function and general health. However some children have now begun to bring very large water bottles to school. Some pupils have also started to bring large pencil cases too. Space is limited in classrooms, and if items are too large we end up with a cluttered environment which is a health and safety issue. Please can we ensure that water bottles are a standard size only please, we can always refill bottles in class, and pencil cases are limited in size too; children do not need pencil cases, as we provide all stationery required.

### **Nursery Places**

If you have not already done so, please contact the school office if you would like to apply for a Nursery place for your child for September 2024. Children must be three years of age before the 1st September 2024 to be accepted for a place in Nursery in September. Full time and part time places are available.

## **Illuminate – Celebration of Light**

I have received this information for an exciting event being held in our town:

Save the dates as ILLUMINATE, the annual celebration of light, returns for 2024. The event opens on Saturday 24 February from 6pm, with the magical Illuminate Parade from Oldham Civic Centre to the Old Town Hall. Watch in awe and witness the streets come alive with light, sound, and illuminated performances. The magical event continues into the night with a range of awe-inspiring light art installations and performances across Oldham town centre for you to discover.

The fun continues on Sunday 25 February 2024 for 'By the Light of the Moon', an exciting free family event celebrating the magical world of Moths at Northern Roots, just near Alexandra Park. Meet the moonlight pollinators in our magical forest, help the moths carry out their nocturnal work, and join the Moonlight Moth Ball!

We're still putting together the final touches to the events; more information will be available soon on our Webpage [www.oldham.gov.uk/illuminate](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/illuminate)

Once again, thank you for all you ongoing support,  
Have a lovely weekend,

Kind Regards

Mrs S J Milligan

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