



Summer Half Term 1 (April 2024)

Hey with Zion V.C. Primary

# Happy Easter

To do  
the best  
we can

## Things Going On....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here are just some of the great things our children have experienced this spring.

Our school trip programme has continued with Year 2 visiting Eureka with Miss Taylor. The children learned so much and were extremely well behaved!

We have celebrated "Science Day" with some fantastic practical experiments and lots of excellent costumes! Year 6 experienced "Chemistry with Cabbage" and loved the science lessons!

"Victorian Day" was a roaring success, and I was amazed by how much fun and knowledge the children had acquired. Some classes even stood up as I entered their classrooms as a sign of respect!

World Book Day was another success! It was very hard to pick the winning hat in each class and there were some very worthy runners up. Well done to the winners!

### Other events include -

- Year 5 had a workshop led by the Man City coach Amy - "No Room for Racism."
- Our half termly VIP Lunch recognised the children who have shone out during lunchtime. Thank you to the staff, especially Mrs C and Joanna for the fabulous treats.
- Saturday Church was well attended and was led by Zion and St John's Churches together, exploring Palm Sunday.
- We had an agape meal together - which was a special time for all.
- Epworth Education Trust welcomed our children into a inter school competition on TT Rockstars -times tables - I was very proud of our first Epworth competition and hope we can enjoy more of these in the future.
- We held our termly awards celebration, with our teachers choosing three pupils from each class who have worked so hard this term. Thank you, children, for being amazing.

### In other news -

Academisation into the Epworth Trust is set for May 1<sup>st</sup>. You may see school signs being replaced in the coming weeks.

We are in the process of moving our food bank into a new wooden shed which will be called "The Pantry." We hope this will be up and running after Easter, with food, toiletries, and clothing for children.

I would like to say a big thank you to Sally Maher and Community Wardrobe who have kindly organised local businesses to provide all our children with an Easter egg or Easter treat - the children's faces were priceless!

If you are on Instagram - look out for Hey with Zion's new account, we are hoping this will take over from the blog page which has been sorely missed. Class information will continue to be posted on Google Classroom and Tapestry.

Thank you for all your support and I am sure you would like to share my thanks to the super Hey with Zion staff who have worked hard to make learning so much fun!

Finally have a wonderful Easter holiday! See you on Monday 15th April.

Warmest Regards

Sara Machin - Co Head

## Dates to remember

Thurs 28 Mar	School closes
Mon 15 April	School re-opens for Summer Term
Wed 24 April	Year 5 Road Safety Walk
Tue 30 April	Year 4 trip
Mon 06 May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 09 May	Year 5 - Lees Library
Week Beginning Mon 13 May SAT's Week	
Thurs 23 May	Class Photographs
Fri 24 May	School closes
Thurs 06 June	School re-opens
Tue 11 June	Reception trip
Wed 12 June	Nursery trip
Sat 15 June	PTFA Summer Fete
Wed 03 Jul	Reception/Y1 trip
Tue 09 Jul	Year 5 trip
Wed 10 Jul	Year 1/2 trip
Fri 19 July	School closes for summer holidays
Wed 04 Sept	School re-opens for the new school year

## Dinner Money

The cost of school dinners is increasing from 01 April 2024 to £2.90 per day (£14.50 per week). For those parents who pay their child's dinner money half-termly, the cost of school dinners for the first spring half term is **£84.10**.

We are operating a **cashless school**. All items including school dinners **must** be paid via ParentMail. **CASH OR CHEQUES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN SCHOOL!**

**NO CASH  
ACCEPTED**

After half term, we will be continuing offering to all packed lunch children the opportunity to join the other children with a hot school meal. These adhoc dinners can be selected on a **Tuesday**

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What's On Oldham - New Events Website for Oldham Discover everything happening across the borough for families all in one place. Find out the latest and greatest events, from family-friendly activities to cultural day, plus more.

Website: Visit What's On Oldham

## After School Clubs

For **term 5** the following clubs will be running:

### Monday

Creative Writing - Year 5  
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Spelling Club - Year 3 (Miss Cochrane)  
3.30pm - 4.30pm

### Tuesday

Choir Club - Year 3- 6  
3.30pm-4.15pm (free)

Multi-Skills Year 1 & 2  
3.30pm - 4.30pm (£8 or if pupil premium £4)

### Friday

Tennis - Year 5 & 6  
3.30pm - 4.30pm (£8 or if pupil premium £4)

Chess - Year 3-6  
3.30pm - 4.30pm (£6)

## Primary School Offer Notification

You will receive the outcome of your application by email (**on the 16 April 2024**) or you can log into your account to find out the outcome.

If you do not receive an email, please check your junk/spam folder before contacting the School Admissions Team.

The School Admissions Office will not be able to inform parent's which school your child has been offered over the telephone.

Further information about school admissions including school appeals and waiting lists can be found on the Oldham Council website - [HYPERLINK www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions)

## Absence from School

We are all working hard towards improving our attendance figures and would ask that parents continue in their efforts to bring their children to school on time.

If it is unavoidable that your child is absent, we have a telephone answering system where you can leave a message for their class teacher giving their name, class and reason for absence. Alternatively, you can log your child's absence via the ParentMail App!

Please call or report on our App before 10 am; otherwise, Miss Clarke our Learning Mentor/Attendance Officer will contact you for an update.

If your child has an appointment during school time please bring their appointment card or letter in to school so that, we can note the details for our records.

## Road Safety

We have had a couple of incidents recently where vehicles have entered the school grounds at the beginning/end of the school day and almost hitting children/parents.

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR VEHICLE ON TO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ANY TIME, INCLUDING WHEN COLLECTING AFTER CLUBS!**

**THE CAR PARK IS STRICTLY FOR STAFF USE ONLY!**