

# SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON

## NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024



Headteacher: Mr J Graves  
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S Doyle  
Assistant Headteacher: Mrs J Devine  
School Business Manager: Mrs S Paterson-Faye

Tel: 01204 333070  
www.ssoarc.co.uk  
Email: [office@ss-osands.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@ss-osands.bolton.sch.uk)

### Thought for the Week:

Please chat through at home with your child(ren) the school's Thought for the Week which on Monday will be:  
**I know how to show I am sorry.**



### Our Next Break

Our next break is for the summer break. School closes at 3.15pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY – also found on the School Website Calendar

Afternoon Summer Play Performance (Y5/6) - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1pm  
Music Festival – Current Ukulele / Guitar lesson pupils – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2pm. All parents are welcome to join us.  
Evening Summer Play Performance (Y5/6) - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 6pm  
Summer Fair, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 3.30pm-5.00pm.  
Y6 Leavers' Mass, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm – **We have been informed that the Church Hall is now available on this date, therefore Mass will be in Church and the party afterwards for Year 6 pupils will be in the Church Hall.**  
Y6 Assembly, Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July (Leavers' Assembly 2pm)

### NON-UNIFORM DAY – THIS FRIDAY

We are holding a non-uniform day this Friday (5<sup>th</sup> July). We are asking pupils to bring a bottle donation for the Bottle Tombola in our Summer Fair. Thank you in advance for your support.

If anyone has any donations of raffle prizes they would be gratefully received. They can be sent in with your child or handed in at the office. Thank you!

### Music Festival in School

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm, we will be having a Music Festival in school for all children who have music lessons in school - ukulele, guitar or violin. Parents are invited to join us as we listen to them share their amazing musical talents with us.

### Dinner Money Fees – September 2024

We have been notified by Bolton Council that from September 2024, school dinners will be charged at £2.55 per day / £12.75 per week, for children in Year 3 – Year 6. If your child will be changing their meal pattern in September, e.g. moving to packed lunches or moving onto school dinners, please email the office **before** we return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Thank you

## Class Awards

Attendance Award – Well done to the class with the best attendance... **5A** !

Golden Bin – Well done to the class who have kept their classroom and surrounding areas the tidiest – **4O** !

## Roll of Honour

The parents of all children on the list below are warmly invited to our school assembly on Monday at 9am to see their child receive their award. Well done to the following children:

Foundation 1 - Koby E - for being a good role model of kindness and care towards his friends and looking after them well.

Foundation 2 - Niles W for his incredible sense of humour and knowledge about the world! You fascinate all your teachers!

1O - George N for always being a joy to teach and putting in 100% to all his work.

1A - Samuel R for trying very hard learning to tell the time this week!

2O - Judon McD for showing great improvement in his reading comprehension in our reading tests

2A - Nylah S for making great progress in her reading assessments this week. We're extremely proud, Nylah!

3O - Matilda GM for fantastic behaviour and excellent listening and learning to our guide at Kenyon Hall Farm. Well done Matilda.

3A - Levi W for his amazing 'can do' attitude to work and his lovely manners in class. He is a super star!

4O - Zofia S for always being ready, for looking out for her friends and for giving 100% in everything she does!

4A - Pippa R for always trying her best, across the curriculum and always having impeccable manners

5O - Frank S-H for great research on the Euro countries and for an excellent effort in hand writing. Great!

5A - Finley D for a most excellent effort in the RSC drama work shop in Stratford-upon-Avon!

6O - Mabelle T for being a reliable, kind friend to anyone in the class who needs her.

6A - Sienna S for being a patient and kind girl! Her positivity is infectious

Guitarist of the week Cennet C (4A) for having a lovely attitude and super playing of pieces.

Ukulele player of the week, Noah M (1A) for being super organised and improved playing. Well done.

Reading Award - Lacey J- Foundation 2

Assistant Head Award - Oliver D (3O) for demonstrating our British values

Deputy Head Award - Oliver W (6A) for being a kind friend on the Alton Towers trip.

Headteacher Awards - Jacob F and Daniel O (6A): For keeping their friend safe in the right way.

- Theo S (3O) .... for a fantastic piece of writing on instructions.

## Teachers Next Year

Foundation Unit – Mrs Eddisford (Nursery/Foundation 1)  
Foundation Unit – Mrs Callaghan (Reception/Foundation 2)  
Year 1 – Miss Gregory  
Year 1/2 – Mr Brooks  
Year 2 – Miss Helling  
Year 3O – Mrs Davis  
Year 3A – Mrs Jones  
Year 4O – Mrs Martin  
Year 4A – Mr Townsend  
Year 5O – Miss Hails  
Year 5A – Mrs Devine  
Year 6O – Miss Maslovec  
Year 6A – Miss Comer

A warm welcome to our new teacher, Miss Helling! Welcome aboard!

Children will be 'moving up' to their next class on the morning of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July!

As you will be aware from an email sent out for Year 1 parents last week, some additional information regarding the teachers was missing from last week's newsletter. It was sent out the next day as soon as I had been made aware it was missing. Once again, please accept my apologies for the omission of the information which was entirely my fault (Mr Graves).

The missing information sent out to parents the next day was:

*In September, there will be three classes comprising of the 52 children who will be in Year 2, and the 34 that will be in Year 1.*

- *Miss Helling's class will be called Year 2, and it will have 28 children Year 2 children in it.*
- *Mr Brook's class will be called Year 1/2, and it will comprise of 24 children from Year 2 and 6 children from Year 1. These Year 1 children have been chosen because assessments have shown that they are of a similar level to some of the Year 2 children. The parents of these 6 children have discussed this with school staff.*
- *Miss Gregory's class will be called Year 1. This will comprise of 28 children whose age puts them in Year 1.*

*There will be a little movement during the day so that will allow the Year 1 children in Mr Brook's class to be with the rest of the Year 1 children, and the curriculum will be managed so that all children receive their entitlement from the National Curriculum.*

*If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

Also, an email was sent to the current Year 2 parents regarding arrangements for the class structure from September in Year 3. If you did not receive your email in Year 2, please contact school. Thank you.

## Attendance from September

Further to the news on the new regulations over attendance, we received this information from Bolton Council this week:

*In February 2024 the Department for Education published details of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices. The new framework applies from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.*

*The changes to be aware of are:*

- *Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.*
- *Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.*
- *The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period (1). This may include absences because of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.*

- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.
- **A penalty notice issued for any offence that begins prior to the 19 August will be issued under the existing rules.** Therefore, it will (a) be charged at £60/£120, (b) not count towards the escalation whereby a second penalty notice within 3 years is charged at a flat rate of £160 and there is a limit of 2 penalty notices within 3 years and (c) will be issued in line with the LA thresholds for the 2023-24 academic year. This is regardless of whether the penalty notice is issued before or after the 19 August.

For example, if a parent takes a pupil out of school without authorised leave of absence in term time for 10 sessions or more in July 2024 but the penalty notice is not issued until September the old rules will be followed, including being charged at the old rates of £60/£120. The penalty notice will not count towards the escalation.

### **Please Let School Solve Issues**

Please note that, as requested by the Parents' Code of Conduct, school should be left to resolve issues from incidents arising about the children. It is not advisable for parents to take these matters into their own hands and this often makes the situation worse.

Experience has shown us that in many cases, we end up with parents who are at odds with each other, meanwhile the children have long since moved on.

So, we at SS Osmund & Andrew's respectfully ask that parents do not air their views about a child to other parents verbally or on social media as this is completely inappropriate, but instead direct them towards school as we are best placed to find out what has happened and to make things right again.

At that point if you feel that we have not resolved the issue satisfactorily, the correct course of action is the Complaints Procedure, which you will find on the school website.

In short, the expectation of the Parents' & Visitors' Code of Conduct is that all members of our school community are respectful to everyone when on site and allow school to resolve issues between children.

### **Mobile Phones**

Please note that only Year 6 children are allowed mobile phones in school without prior agreement and this is under the strict conditions of the phones not being switched on when in school, and that they must be handed in when children arrive and collected at home time. This includes all events such as discos, etc. Any child breaking this rule will not be allowed to bring their mobile phone into school.

### **PE Kit**

Please note, we support the school white polo shirt and jumper being worn for PE.  
Football shirts are NOT school PE uniform and are not to be worn. Thank you for your support

### **Parking**

Please do not park on Falkirk Drive. Thank you for parking respectfully for our neighbours. For the safety of our families and staff, the school car park is not to be used by parents. Thank you.

### **Prayers**

Sometimes we all need that extra support and as a school we come together every day to say prayers. If you would like the school community to pray for you, your family, friends or any other intentions please email the office ([office@ss-osands.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@ss-osands.bolton.sch.uk)), speak to the office or write a little note and send it in with your child.

You do not need to write a prayer if you don't wish to, just your intention. For example: please pray for my friend who is having difficulties at this time; please pray for my grandma who is in hospital; please pray for the people of Ukraine etc. We will not mention your name or other names if you do not wish us to but we can add your prayer intentions to our prayers in class and in assembly.

**Code of Conduct: Parents & Visitors**

Thank you for:

Respecting the school's caring ethos.

Working with teachers for the benefit of children.

Always remaining calm and respectful.

Always resolving issues through school.

Always correcting your child's behaviour when you need to.

A more detailed version of the Code is on our school website.

