



Hey with Zion V.C. Primary

To do
the best
we can



Things Going On....

We have had a very productive and exciting half term!

Harvest

I was thrilled to see forty or so children and their families worshipping and singing at St John's Church Harvest Festival. They were fantastic and sang beautifully. We have plans to do this again very soon with a joint church service in November. Watch this space!

Play For a Day

Our year 5 classes enjoyed "Play for a Day!" I was amazed at the talent and acting ability of the children- we have some budding actors in the making.

Collective Worship

This term has seen some positive changes to the school week.

Collective worship has changed to include an opportunity for each class to lead the worship and for parents and families to watch and enjoy as well as participate in. I hope you agree, that this has been wonderful for the children, the parents and the rest of the school community. I for one, have loved watching the children shine like stars!

VIP House Captain Lunch

On Wednesday this week, we had our first ever VIP and House Captain Lunch.

The house captains talked with the children and supported them as they ate as well as bonding and getting to know them a bit better.

The children enjoyed being VIPs and were rightly chosen by our wonderful lunch supervisors as a reward for being a great example to others at lunchtime. These VIP lunchtimes will occur every half term.

School Prefects

We have some very capable and proud year 6 children who have been amazing in their new roles.

Each year 6 child is a prefect and in addition we have our Head Girl and Head Boy, our House Captains, Buddies and School Council. Keep up the super job you have started - we are so proud of you!

A special mention must go to Isaac who was elected to represent the area of Oldham in the UK's Childrens Parliament. Isaac will meet with politicians and members of the House of Lords to develop COP28 in making the world a greener and healthier place for future generations! All of Hey with Zion are proud of you!

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A big thank you to the PTFA who, with your support, raised **£238** on their pyjama and popcorn day!



Check out their face book page for further events!

Panto! Please use the QR code to book your pantomime place - this is a new venture, please support us.

Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone who took part in Oldham's Summer Reading Challenge. I am pleased to announce that we are the winners again for the second year running! A big thank you to all who took part! The winning pot of money will be spent on more books for our school!

Please look out for Lees Library's half term competition!

If you have any raffle prizes or as a business can donate to the school's Christmas Fair, - we would be most grateful. Finally have a wonderful half term holiday -thank you for your ongoing support and I personally would like to thank you and all of the staff and children at Hey with Zion, for making my first half term as a head teacher, so rewarding and memorable.

Sara Machin Co Head

Dates to Remember

Fri 20 Oct School closes for half term

Mon 30 Oct Closing date for secondary school applications - 5pm

School re-opens after half term

Wed 01 Nov Ready Workshop for EYFS - School hall @ 3.40pm

Thurs 02 Nov City Thrive Workshops - KS2

Fri 03 Nov Flu Vaccinations

Week Beginning 13 November
Cool to be Kind Week

Week Beginning 20 November
Road Safety Week. Please walk to school!

Fri 24 Nov - Fri 01 Dec Scholastic Book Fair

Fri 01 Dec Christmas Fair - 3-4.30 pm

Week Beginning 4 December
Dress rehearsals for EYFS & KS1 nativities

Thurs 07 Dec PTFA Christmas Disco - Non Uniform Day

Sun 10 Dec St John's Christmas Fair & Nursery Nativity TBC

Mon 11 Dec Year 2 Nativity @ 2pm

Tue 12 Dec Year 1/2 Nativity @ 2pm

Wed 13 Dec R/Y1 Nativity @ 2pm

Thurs 14 Dec Reception Nativity @ 2pm

Fri 15 Dec Nursery Nativity @ 2pm

Week Beginning 18 December
Christmas Parties

Mon 18 Dec Y1/2 & Y2

Tue 19 Dec R & R/Y1

Wed 20 Dec Year 3, 3/4 & 4

Thurs 21 Dec Year 5 & 6

Fri 22 Dec School closes for Christmas

Mon 08 Jan School re-opens

Dinner Money

As you are aware, the cost of school dinners has increased to £2.70 per day (£13.50 per week). For those parents who pay their child's dinner money half-termly, the cost of school dinners for the first autumn half term is **£108**.

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 and Friday only**.

After half term, poppies and other items will be on sale in school - suggested donation range from £0.50 - £1.50



No lunchtime return

Please note that if your child is absent for a morning session but will be present for an afternoon session the start times are:

Nursery	12.25pm
Foundation	12.45pm
Infants	1.00pm
Juniors	1.25pm

We can only accept children back into school before this if they were registered at the beginning of the morning session and we know of their return. These are health and safety precautions, as your child will not be recorded as being in school until

Applying for Secondary and Primary School Places

The closing dates are:

- Secondary school applications are **5 p.m. of 31 October 2023**
- Primary school applications are **5 p.m. 15 January 2024**

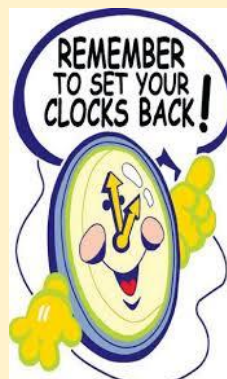
Please ensure that your application form is submitted before the deadline.

It is really important that you apply online its simple, convenient, time saving and you will get an instant acknowledgment that your application has been received.

You will receive the outcome of your application by email, or you can log back into your account.

Further information is available from the website - www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions

*Do not forget to
put your clocks
back
on 29 October!*



After School Clubs

For **term 2** the following clubs will be running:

Tuesday

Basketball club (years 5 & 6)
3.30pm - 4.30pm (£8 or £4 if a pupil premium child)

Wednesday

Film club (KS1)
3.30pm - 4.30pm (Free)

Friday

Girls Multi-Sports club (years 3 & 4)
3.30pm - 4.30pm (£8 or £4 if a pupil premium child)

Chess Club (year 3-6)
3.30pm - 4.30 pm (£6)



'Attendance Matters'

It is proven that good attendance and punctuality is linked to progress and increased life chances as an adult. We would like to say thank you to all the children who are attending well!

We appreciate the support of parent's in keeping our attendance high.

