



Newsletter 2

Autumn half-term (2) December 2023

Hey with Zion V.C. Primary

To do
the best
we can

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dates to remember

Mon 08 Jan	School re-opens for Spring Term
Wed 10 Jan	Height & Weight - R & Y6
Thurs 11 Jan	Y5 - Lees Library
Mon 05 Feb - Tue 13 Feb	Bikeability - Y5
Fri 16 Feb	School Closes
Mon 26 Feb	School re-opens
Tue 05 Mar	Richard O'Neill - Author
Thurs 21 Mar	Y2 Trip - Eureka!
Thurs 28 March	School closes
Mon 15 April	School re-opens for Summer Term
Mon 06 May	Bank Holiday
SAT's Week - Commencing Monday 13 May	
Fri 24 May	School closes
Thurs 06 June	School re-opens
Tue 11 June	Reception Trip - Manchester Airport
Wed 12 June	Nursery Trip - Cockfields Farm
Tue 09 July	Year 5 Trip - Jorvik Viking Centre
Fri 19 July	School closes

Things going on...

What a wonderful term it has been!

Here are just some of the great things our children have experienced:

- Our first ever joint church service, with St John's and Zion Methodist.
- Robinwood Adventure Weekend was a roaring success! A big thank you to Mrs Patterson, Mrs Light and Miss Clarke for organising it.
- Our year 5 won a creativity award at Hulme Grammar Poetry day - this is a promising link between the two schools and further science workshops are planned throughout the spring term
- The Scholastic Book fair raised £456.27 to spend on new books for the children - Thank you!
- The Christmas Fair raised an enormous £1308.57! Thank you!
- Christmas Jumper Day raised £120 which will be split between two charities - Action for Children and Save the Children.
- The PTFA held another successful disco and Santa Dash! Please become active members of the PTFA as the work they do is amazing. Special thanks to Rebecca and Emma! <https://www.facebook.com/heywithzionptfa/>
- Christmas dinner was wonderful and we held our second VIP lunch - well done to the children who were very important people. We also celebrated with our Christmas term prize winners, nominated by their class teachers. Well done to everyone who came and for the hard work you have put in over the last few months.
- Christmas Nativities were brilliant again thank you to the children, the staff and to you as parents for making the performances so special! Nursery sang and acted superbly at Zion church and the congregation loved it. Heidi from Nursery won the D.T. poster competition and received a prize from St John's church - well done!
- Year 6 boys and girls represented the school well in football and gave their best!
- Year 6 as a treat, experienced Manchester City Winter Wonderland event. The children's behaviour was exemplary and as a result a great day was had by all and to top it off those that went received a City goody bag!
- Choir sang beautifully at the churches and the local care home.
- Isaac our World Children's Parliament representative was amazing, he gave his opinion on climate change and called for action, speaking with passion and conviction to his honourable members. Isaac will be working with our school council, Head Boy and Head Girl as well as our year 6 prefects to continue the vision for change!
- We are in the process of booking school trips for all of the classes from Nursery to Year 6 - we will need some parent helpers to volunteer on the day of the trip - parent mails will go out soon.
- We continue to work with the Council and the Department for Transport to make our school street safe. Please walk to school if you can. Meetings will be arranged after Christmas with parents to discuss the way forward.
- Our planned academisation with the Epworth Trust has been approved by the DFE - we are looking to finalise this on the 1st of April 2024. Mr Clowes and I agree that this will be a positive move for the school and the children.

Finally, we are very sad to say goodbye to Miss Slater but we wish her well on her new chosen career path of working with children as a mental health practitioner. She will be missed!

We welcome Miss Taylor who will be a wonderful year 2 teacher and is known to the school already. She is an excellent teacher and she can't wait to get started!

Have a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

See you on Monday 8th January!

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 spring half term is **£81.00**.

We are 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**.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your generous support with this appeal.

We raised **£524.72**.



*....and a Happy
New Year from all
the staff and
children of
Hey with Zion*

Applying for Primary School Places

The closing date for primary applications is **5 p.m. on 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.

Thanks to our School Kitchen & Mid-day Staff

Last week our children enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner, cooked by our kitchen staff.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for such a wonderful meal and thank you to our mid-day staff for working so hard to make sure everything ran so smoothly.

Thank you for all their hard work all year round, we wish them all a very Merry Christmas!



After School Clubs

For **term 3** the following clubs will be running:

Tuesday

Multi-Sports Club
3.30pm - 4.30pm (Y1 & 2)
(£8 or if pupil premium £4)

Times Tables Club

3.30pm - 4.15pm (**Year 4 children only** Miss Morton)

Choir club (Y3-6)

3.30pm - 4.15pm (free)

Friday

Badminton Club
3.30pm - 4.30pm (Y3-6)
(£8 or if pupil premium £4)

Chess Club

3.30 - 4.30 (Y3-6)
£6, £1 per week



Snow!

With the winter weather upon us and the possibility of snow, our website will be regularly updated with news of possible school closures. If we do decide to close our school, we will text all parents to advise of the closure.