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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SPRING 2024

Dear Parent/carers,

Please find details of some of the main headlines and 'other' relevant information at Limehurst and the wider Community.

Winter Weather and School protocols/procedures

We write to remind parents and carers of the existing procedures in place to circulate information relating to any potential changes to the school day or in the event of a full school closure.

School closure is a significant decision, and one which school will always seek to avoid. However, the decision whether to keep school open or to closed school will be based on several risk assessments (as per Oldham Council guidance). These will focus on:

- Known weather conditions and the forecast of further adverse weather
- Safe access and egress to and from the building and school grounds for all stakeholders
- The 'condition' of outdoor areas in case of emergency evacuation i.e. fire
- The number of teachers and support staff who can travel into work safely. Most teaching staff live over 5 miles away from the school site and often their 'local' weather is more extreme i.e. Saddleworth and other Pennine areas
- The provision of school meals and other 'vital' services necessary for the functioning of the school i.e. water & heating etc.

Also, we highlight the procedures used successfully in previous years to help alleviate any unnecessary journeys in the event of school being closed due to heavy snowfall. Firstly, regularly check local weather reports for any predicted snow fall. If snow is forecast, please adopt a 'common sense' approach to your own safety.

If it does snow significantly, notification regarding any changes to normal school routines will be advertised via the school's website; www.limehurst.oldham.sch.uk and Oldham Council's website; www.oldham.gov.uk/schoolclosures at the earliest possible opportunity.



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In addition, SchoolComms will be used to circulate information via the 'in app messaging' function and also via email. It is therefore important that you are registered to the new school gateway app (more information is available from the school office). Finally, we will post information on Facebook, 'Limehurst Primary School Oldham Facebook Group'.

If in doubt, phone school to check before you set off on your journey. Please be patient when phoning school, lines may be busy but keep trying.

Lastly, if a full or partial school closure would be problematic to your individual circumstances, please give due consideration to a possible contingency plan to resolve your childcare needs.

What changes might occur to normal routine?

Late opening: Where a decision has been taken to open the school, but there is insufficient time to make the site safe, parents may be asked to drop children off at school later than usual (e.g. 10.00am)

Early closing: Where weather conditions worsen during the school day parents will be asked to collect children early. **Changes to routes around the school site:** site conditions may dictate areas of access to the site due to heavy snow, snow drifting or unsafe icy areas.

'The occupiers' Liability Act 1957 section 2(2) places a duty of care on the part of the occupier of premises to take all reasonable steps as necessary to see that visitors are safe in using the relevant premises.'

In the event of snow, we ask parents to ensure you and your child/ children take extra care when travelling to school and entering onto the school premises. Whilst every effort will be made to prevent accidents on ice and snow (by clearing pathways etc.), weather conditions can change swiftly and previously cleared access routes to and from the site can quickly become 'covered' again. Some areas may not be cleared/ treated (football zones etc.). These areas will be 'coned off' and out of use- please stay away.

The safety of children, parents/carers and staff is paramount. When snow is forecast, please 'hope for the best but plan for the worst'.

Nursery Provision at Limehurst

At Limehurst we offer quality nursery education for children aged between 3 and 4 years old.

We provide a 'good' Early Years education with a highly qualified, early years trained teacher and a team of experienced support staff.

We plan activities to help your child's learning journey through the Early Years Foundation Stage, towards all their early learning goals. With a bright and stimulating learning environment, your child can learn through their play, both indoors and outdoors.

We focus on the 3 prime areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage, which support your child's Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development to give your child the best start in their education and also to get school ready!

Ofsted said:

- ***Leadership in the Early Years is good. The senior leader with this responsibility has a clear and well-informed view of achievement and the quality of education. She ensures that the curriculum is appropriate and is planned to build on children's previous experiences and meet their interests.***



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- *Indoor and outdoor provision is both safe and secure. The outdoor area is well developed and provides the children with a range of high-quality learning opportunities, meeting their needs in all areas of learning.*
- *Indoor learning opportunities are engaging and exciting. They ensure the children develop their communication and language skills and their personal, social, and emotional skills rapidly.*
- *Children are safe and secure, relationships are warm and encouraging, and welfare requirements are well met. Children from a range of backgrounds play together in a calm and encouraging atmosphere and enjoy developing together with support.*

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, they will be eligible for a fully funded Nursery place at our school, starting September 2024.

Our offer of provision for 2024-25 is based over FOUR FULL DAYS:

Monday: Full day (start and finish time to be confirmed but the day will be over 6 hours in duration)
 Tuesday: Full day (as above)
 Wednesday: Full day (as above)
 Thursday: Full day (as above)

If you are interested in a nursery place in our 'good' early years' environment, please call into the school office and collect an admissions form (your child's birth certificate will be required as part of this process). For further information or to arrange an informal visit, please contact school on 0161 7707220 or email info@limehurst.oldham.sch.uk

We look forward to meeting you!

The Early Years Team.

Please note, at present we only offer a 24/25 nursery place to children born between the dates above.

World Book Day-Thursday 7th March 2024

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading for pleasure. This year World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. To celebrate this event, we are holding a non-uniform 'dress up' day. The children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book (please ensure it is a book character not a character from a film).

Please see attached letter.

Community

Jobs Fair @ Oldham Library Tuesday 6 February 2024 10am -1pm
Jobs Fair Flyer (Attached)

There will be Jobs Fair hosted at Oldham Library (Greaves Street, OL1 1AL) on **Tuesday 6 February 2024 10am to 1pm.**

Anyone interested in booking a stall or who would like more information, please contact Guy Nicholson.
Point of Contact: guy.nicholson1@dwp.gov.uk Page 9 of 10



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Research Opportunity for South Asian Communities – LOLIPOP

South Asian Communities – LOLIPOP (*Attached*)

NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) are promoting a study called LOLIPOP. The purpose is to establish why conditions such as heart disease and diabetes are more common in South Asian communities.

The study is open to anyone aged 18 to 85 from the South Asian Community (focusing on Indian, Sri Lankan, Pakistani and Bangladeshi). Participants will receive a free 60-minute health assessment checking blood pressure, weight, a dietary review, and ECG.

They will also receive a full health report: Health Report Example.

Watch the video about the study on YouTube Visit www.sabiobank.org to book an appointment

Point of contact: ashley.minchin@nihr.ac.uk **Tel:** 07988 091 796

Health Research Type 1 Diabetes – 3 -13 years

The ELSA study is screening children for type 1 diabetes. Any child aged 3-13 years can do a simple finger stick blood test to find out their risk of developing type 1 diabetes in the future.

@NativeveResearch

Take part in the: ELSA Type 1 Diabetes Study - Native Health Research

Reminders ...

Oldham Lifelong Learning Courses

With Oldham Lifelong Learning Service, you can take part in classes on anything from arts and crafts to first aid or English and maths.

Visit: [Oldham Lifelong Learning](#)

Point of Contact: lifelong.learning@oldham.gov.uk | **Tel:** 0800 525 956

Oldham Active (OCL)

Oldham Community Leisure offer the largest range of leisure facilities, gyms, and activities in Oldham, and all at a great price.

Visit: <https://oclactive.co.uk/>

Point of Contact: info@ocll.co.uk | **Tel:** 0161 207 7000

Report a Local Problem

Anyone travelling around Oldham can report a problem they see, e.g. streetlight not working, a fallen tree or blocked drains.

Report it here: www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200609/contact/1920/report_a_problem

or here: www.fixmystreet.com

Time to Talk Day - Thursday 1 February 2024

Time to Talk Day is the nation's biggest mental health conversation. Happening every year, it's a day for friends, families, communities, and workplaces to come together to talk, listen and change lives.

It's run by our friends at Mind and Rethink Mental Illness. It's the perfect opportunity to start a conversation about mental health. We know this isn't always easy.

Download talking tips here: [My Whole Self - Talking tips.pdf \(windows.net\)](#)



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Illuminate – Celebration of Light

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!

Moston Brook Bird Walk – Wednesday 14 February 2024

Bird Walk Poster Moston Brook Feb 2024 (Attached)

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a free "Love Your River" bird spotting walk on Moston Brook. Join nature expert Russell Hedley for a stroll and a chat. No knowledge required just bring your wellies.

Point of Contact: ann.bates@oldham.gov.uk

Local Elections Day – Thursday 2 May 2024

To vote in person for the May Elections, photo ID will be required.

Accepted forms include a UK passport, driving licence, blue badge, certain travel cards, PASS-marked identity cards, biometric immigration documents, and more. For more details about what ID you can use, check the [Electoral Commission website](#)

Residents who don't have the required ID, can apply for a free voter ID, also known as Voter Authority Certificate, on the [GOV.uk website](#) To get a free voter ID they must be [registered to vote](#)

Get more info on this [webpage](#)

Holocaust Memorial Day – Saturday 27 January

Saturday 27 January 2024 is Holocaust Memorial Day, a time to honour the millions lost during the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

Royton and Crompton E-Act Academy will be hosting a special commemoration on Friday 26 January, opened by The Mayor of Oldham, Councillor Zahid Chauhan. Guest speaker Leah Burman from the Northern Holocaust Education Group will share insights. Students from Royton & Crompton E-Act Academy and Oldham Youth Council will also present.

On Saturday 27 January 2024, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, a national commemoration will be streamed at 7.30pm [online](#)

Let's work together.

Yours sincerely,

M Roberts

Mark Roberts
Head teacher



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