

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of the half term this seems like a good opportunity for a few updates.

## Staffing

Mrs Smith has now started her maternity leave and is due to give birth anytime soon, we wish her all the best. Miss Giddings, a very experienced teacher, will be covering her role in Year 6. She has already spent time in the school in preparation for taking over her teaching commitment after the October break.

Mrs Dust is leaving us this week after 46 years at the school. I'd like to thank her for everything she has done over the years. I very much hope she enjoys her well deserved retirement. Mr Hussain has decided to resign from his position at OA Clarksfield. I'd like to thank him for all of his work over the years and wish him well for the future.

## **Building**

The building works are moving at a pace now. We have a number of new classrooms which are being used by Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 as well as a new main entrance and offices. I hope that shortly after half term we will be able to use the new Reception entrance and our youngest children will be able to access their outdoor area. There are plans for new signage to be put up around the site so keep your eyes open.

## Covid

Up to this point (Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>) we are one of the very few schools in Oldham which hasn't had to close any parts of the school due to Covid (Hope I haven't spoken too soon!). This is due to a combination of good luck and incredible hard work. Staff have been working harder than ever to try to ensure everyone in the school stays safe, thank you.

I'd also like to thank all of our parents, carers and wider family members for supporting us with this. We have had to instigate a number of changes to our day and your positive and constructive comments have been very helpful. It is easy to complain but harder to come up with solutions so thank you.

I have previously sent information regarding the process if we have any positive cases so please be aware that this is still very much a possibility.

Hope you have a restful half term break.

As always thank you for all your support, we appreciate it.

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**Principal** 

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