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Christmas Fair and Non-Uniform Days

As you've probably seen we have two non-uniform days coming up to gather donations for our Christmas Fair.

The first is on Friday 24th November and we're asking for donations of bottles and chocolates/sweets on this day for our very popular Tombola Stalls.

Our second day will be on Wednesday 29th November and we're asking for gifts (unwanted new gifts), toiletries, new toys teddies & soft toys, books and boxed cakes. If you are a keen home baker and would like to bake over the weekend for the fair, then please drop these donations off on the Monday morning of the fair. Be sure to label your containers so that we can return them back to you.

If you are a local business and would like to support us, we're also looking for prizes for our big raffle. If you'd like more information about this please contact the school office, who will be happy to help!

The Christmas Fair will take place on Monday 4th December from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. In the past, parents have been very generous with their donations and this has enabled us not to have to charge an entry fee for the fair.

We'll have lots of fun things on the day including the chance to come and meet Father Christmas and a variety of stalls. We'll also have refreshments available to purchase. Where possible, please try to bring loose change as we often get lots of notes and struggle to give change.

Entrance will be through the Year 3 entrance on the KS2 Playground or via the breakfast club door at the front. Please ensure that you collect your children promptly at 3.20pm so the fair can start on time. As staff are needed to run the stalls so we can't start until all the children are collected.





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School meals

Universal free school meals

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for free school meals which is funded by the Government.

Means-tested free school meals

Oldham Council is urging families to check whether they are eligible for means-tested free school meals. This is known in school as free school meals. If your child is in reception, year 1 and year 2, they will already be receiving a universal free school meal. However, should you qualify for free school meals then we would urge you to still apply as this provides extra funding for school. Please remember that you need to apply for each child at school.

You can get free school meals if your child attends a local authority maintained school and you receive one of the following:

- Income Support (IS)
 - Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
 - An income-related employment and support allowance
 - Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed the current year's level
 - the Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
 - Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finished, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week.
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Apply

You don't need to apply if you are already in receipt or have applied for Housing Benefit or help with your Council Tax.

If you live outside the borough (except Manchester) and your child goes to an Oldham school you will need to apply through your local council in the area where you live.

If you are resident in Manchester but your child attends an Oldham school, please complete the Free School Meals application form.

If you have any queries about free school meals you can contact the council via email: benefitsfm@oldham.gov.uk



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Struggling with the Cost of Living?

Help is available, whatever you are going through.



Rising cost of living - We can help

Are you worried about the rising cost of energy bills, food, and transport? You are not alone, the cost of living is rising and is affecting many of us.

We know it's a difficult time for many so please be aware support is available for you.

We can help with issues like debt, finding a job, heating your home, feeding your family and more.

You can ring us on the Oldham Helpline: 0161 770 7007

Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

A text service is also available on: 07860 022876

Help to heat your home	Help with benefits and money	Help with your household bills
Help in a crisis	Help for families and childcare	Finding help in your district
Help to find a job	Practical advice to save on your energy bills	Help with your mortgage



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KNOW THE '4 T'S' OF TYPE 1 DIABETES - IT COULD SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE

It's really important to be able to spot the most common symptoms of type 1 diabetes early.

Unfortunately, we know that too many people – mostly children and young people – are not diagnosed until they are in diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), a life-threatening condition that requires urgent medical attention.

Early action is important and it's good to know the '4 T's' of type 1 diabetes:

TOILET – GOING TO THE TOILET A LOT.

THIRSTY – BEING VERY THIRSTY AND UNABLE TO QUENCH THE THIRST.

TIRED – FEELING MORE TIRED THAN USUAL.

THINNER – LOSING WEIGHT OR LOOKING THINNER THAN USUAL.



If you notice these signs and symptoms, you should contact your doctor **straight away**.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SUPPORT...

Join our 'Friends of the North' Diabetes UK Facebook group where you can find peer support and the latest information from Diabetes UK, locally and nationally: [Diabetes UK chat: Your Friends in the North | Facebook](#)

Or use your mobile phone to scan the QR code:



Contact us:

North of England team: 01925 653281

Diabetes UK Helpline: 0345 123 2399 (Mon-Fri, 9am-6pm)

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

If you would like copies of the poster or the A5 leaflets, please contact north@diabetes.org.uk.

For more information about Diabetes UK visit www.diabetes.org.uk/The4Ts

We have resources to help you support pupils who have type 1 diabetes. Find out more about how we can support schools and our resources to help [Diabetes in schools resources | Diabetes UK](#)

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Diary Dates

13-17 Nov	All	National Kindness Week
17 Nov	All	Children in Need - "Spots or Stripes"
24 Nov	All	Non-uniform day for the Christmas Fair
29 Nov	All	Non-uniform day for the Christmas Fair
4 Dec	All	Christmas Fair - 3.30pm to 5.00pm
4-8 Dec	All	1/2 price book fair 3.30pm to 4.00pm
7 Dec	All	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
8 Dec	All	School Governor Day - Governors visit the school
11 & 12 Dec	Reception	Christmas Performance 2.15pm to 3.00pm
14 Dec	Year 3	The Stone Age Performance 3.45pm to 4.15pm
	Year 3-6	Choir singing at Charles Morris House
18 Dec	Year 3&4	Christmas Party 1.30pm to 3.30pm
20 Dec	Year 5&6	Christmas Party 1.30pm to 3.30pm
	Nursery	Christmas Party 1.45pm to 2.45pm (morning children invited to comeback)
	Nursery	Sing-a-long 2.45pm to 3.15pm
21 Dec	Rec, Year 1 & 2	Christmas Party 1.00pm to 3.00pm
21 Dec	All	Last day of term - break up for Christmas
8 Jan	All	Back to School