

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter



Summer Term (1) 2024 No: 3

D Day 80

It was a huge privilege to be part of the D Day 80 commemorative events held by our wider Aldermaston community. We held a House Learning morning so that our younger and older children could enjoy lantern making workshops together which were led by a group of lovely volunteers. Our special collective worship reminded children of those who took part in D Day and the significance of this important historical event and it included a wonderful bagpipe performance by Bill Copland who later that evening, led the Aldermaston procession through the village. Our KS2 children were also able to attend the special display of local history in the Officer's Mess of the Hinds Head where they took part in a quiz to check their learning. It was another one of those days when we felt very grateful to be part of such a wonderful community and for our children to be so welcomed and valued. Thank you to Karen



Dignan, Cathy Jones, Cynthia Newman, Ange Boot and everyone in the Aldermaston History Group.



Creative children

It's been a great couple of weeks for the creative arts in our school.



First, a thank you to Kerry at Mad Hatter Florists for thinking of us and inviting the school to take part in an art competition to mark the first ever National Florists Day. Many congratulations to our winner, Jacob, and the runner up, Benjamin, for their superb entries. I know many of you will have seen the children's entries on display in Mad Hatter's shop.

Last Friday, Year 6 enjoyed a workshop session with StageAbility. They really benefited from the opportunity to develop their performance skills under professional tuition. It was a great boost to self-esteem and confidence, tied in with the school approach to oracy and came at a fantastic time to help them get ready for the KS2 Summer Production.

This week, we have had not one, but two inspiring concerts. On Monday afternoon, we enjoyed performances from Willink pupils who are studying for a music GCSE. These children were a credit to their school and opened our eyes to the possibility of pursuing a passion for singing or playing an instrument at secondary school as part of the curriculum. Mrs Waugh also organised a woodwind performance from Berkshire Music Trust musicians who showcased their skills on a range of instruments including flutes, oboes, clarinets and saxophones. The Kingfishers Class were lucky enough to stay on after the concert to have a go at playing some different instruments and hopefully to consider taking up a new hobby!

The fruits of Wren's labour

As part of our curriculum provision, we ensure that all of our EYFS children experience growing plants from seed, caring for the school garden and (if all goes to plan) harvesting and eating fresh produce. Last week, the strawberries were ready. And very nice they were too! We enjoyed reflecting on how we had seen the flowers growing first, being visited by lots of bees and then developing into the ripe fruits we had picked. In other news, the broad beans are thriving, the sunflowers are growing strongly and there are some promising pumpkin plants.



Family Learning Morning

Our next family learning morning is on Friday 21st June 2024. We're looking forward to welcoming you into the classrooms to learn alongside your children. Please remember that wider family members are also welcome – previous visitors have included grandparents, older siblings and aunts and uncles. The subject for this morning is history and the children are looking forward to helping you to learn more about their current topics. As always, please drop off your children in the usual way and then pop around to the hall so that you can sign in and enjoy a hot drink before the lesson begins.

Best wishes for a brilliant Fathers' Day on Sunday with lots of special family time.

M. Higgs

Mrs M Higgs
Headteacher

ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

NO NUTS STATEMENT

We have a responsibility to provide a safe learning environment for everyone in our school and we take the management of allergies very seriously.

As our school currently has one or more pupils on roll who suffer from a serious nut allergy, we request that parents and carers **DO NOT** send food to school that contains nuts. This includes:-

- All types of nuts
- Spreads and sandwich fillings containing nuts like peanut butter and Nutella
- Cereal and chocolate bars which contain nuts
- Cakes or biscuits which contain nuts

Please check food labels if you are unsure about ingredients.

PLEASE SEE OUR FULL NO NUTS STATEMENT ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

<https://aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk/parents/school-dinners/no-nuts-statement>



School News

NOTICES



A gentle reminder that toys from home should not be coming into school with your child. We do not want your children getting upset over lost or broken toys from home.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL BUILDING

Please note that at all times there should be **NO PARENTS** in the school building without having first signed in through the office and obtained a visitor badge. Thank you.



Play equipment

Please note that all play equipment, including the slide and climbing frames, can only be used during the school day under supervision of trained school staff. Please do not allow children to use this equipment before or after school.

NO Smoking (or Vaping) on School Grounds

Our school site is a no smoking zone and we therefore ask all parents to NOT smoke or vape within the school grounds. Thank you.

Car Park

Please be considerate when parking in our school grounds to drop off and collect your child. The spaces on the left hand side of the drive are meant to be used for people who can drop off or pick their child/children up quickly, rather than for those needing to wait for a long time. If you need to wait, please park in the spaces to the right of the main drive or in the spaces in front of the field to the left of the main school building as you come into the entrance gate. Thank you.



DOGS ON SCHOOL SITE

Please do not bring dogs onto the school site. Many thanks

EVENTS THIS YEAR

Thursday 20th June

Creative Klick—Class Photographs

Friday 21st June

9 to 10.30am Family Learning Morning

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July

All day Willink Induction Day

Monday 1st July

4.30 to 6.30pm .. Willink Parent Information Evening

Friday 5th July

AM Sports Day and Family Picnic

4—7pm.....PTA Summer Fete

Monday 8th July

1.30pm KS2 Production Matinee and Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 9th July

6.30pm KS2 Production

Wednesday 10th July

6.30pm KS2 Production

Friday 19th July

9.30am..... Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 23rd July

9.30am..... End of Year Service at St Mary's Church

Wednesday 24th July

3.25pm END OF PUPIL YEAR

Please see our online diary for more dates at:-

<https://aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk/calendar>

Don't forget Reading Café! This is on and open to all ages every Tuesday between 3.30pm and 4.00pm. You'll find us in Larks Room.

TERM DATES 2024/2025

Summer Term 2024

First Day of Term 5	Monday 15th April 2024
Last Day of Term 5	Friday 24th May 2024
Bank Holiday—no school	Monday 6th May 2024
Half Term—no school	Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024
First Day of Term 6	Monday 3rd June 2024
Last Day of Term 6	Wednesday 24th July 2024

Autumn Term 2024

First Day of Term 1	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Last Day of Term 1	Thursday 24th October 2024
Half Term—no school	Fri 25th October to Fri 1st November 2024
First Day of Term 2	Monday 4th November 2024
Last Day of Term 2	Thursday 19th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

First Day of Term 3	Monday 6th January 2025
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 14th February 2025
Half Term—no school	Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025



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SATURDAY 29TH JUNE, 11AM-5PM

ALDERMASTON PARISH HALL ARTS & CRAFT EXHIBITION

**DO YOU HAVE A HIDDEN TALENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE
WITH THE COMMUNITY?**

We are seeking Artists of all kinds including photographers, poetry writers and all crafters etc..

This event is a wonderful opportunity for you to show off your fabulous work and network with potential buyers for any future business.


To reserve your place or for any questions please contact
Chris Newman on 0118 971 3525
OR via email: chrisnewpc2018@outlook.com

If you are aged 3-11, why not enter our children's competition?
Fabulous prizes to be won.

Subject: Your Holiday (interpret as you wish), using any medium from poetry to painting. Exhibits to be judged on the day. Winners to be announced at 1pm.

(All entries to please arrive between 9am-11am)

No charge for entry but donations welcome

 **Aldermaston
Parish Hall**



SUMMER FETE

ALL
WELCOME

FRIDAY 5TH JULY
4pm to 7pm

ALDERMASTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY

This event is Sponsored and Supported by

RM Reading Money
Simple Smart Advice



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Inflatable Fun | Fair Games
Food Stalls | Bar | Raffle
Badge making and much more!

Special guest appearance by
Sleeping Beauty from **Jollypop**
Entertainment Ltd

For more information contact:
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