

# Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

## Summer Term 1 2021 No. 1



Dear Parents and Carers

### Summer Term 1 - Values and learning heroes

Our Christian value for this term is perseverance. Our collective worships will focus on stories in the bible that show how we are encouraged to persevere in leading good lives and will explore inspiring examples of perseverance from the world around us.

Our children are now following the example of our Manager learning hero. The Manager Octopus is organised and ready, welcomes challenge, is responsible and uses resources well. These are all great skills to support learning in the classroom and our staff will be modeling and celebrating these skills throughout the term. I'm sure your children use some of these skills when they are getting ready for school every morning!



The British Value for this term is the rule of law. It's always fascinating talking to children about why we have rules and what might happen if there weren't any rules. Perhaps you could talk about the rules you have at home and as a family.

### Covid 19 safety measures

We can clearly see how much children are enjoying the improved opportunities for sports and clubs outside of school and the chance to see much loved friends and families in person. I know in school we are also feeling greatly reassured by the availability of vaccinations and we continue to use LFD tests twice a week to guard against asymptomatic transmission.

In relation to our school risk assessment and relaxing the safety measures we have in place here, there are currently no major changes. Staggered start times and restrictions in bubbles mixing remain in place for the time being. The Department for Education has not changed their guidance for schools and we are very aware that there have already been instances of bubbles being closed this term in West Berkshire schools due to confirmed cases of Covid 19. Please do remain vigilant in observing social distancing and other measures to keep our community safe.

As it stands, it seems unlikely that we will be able to hold any of our usual large summer family gatherings (e.g. sports day, summer fair, etc) on the school site. We will continue to monitor new government guidance and take advice from the local authority.

### Clubs and trips

From the start of this term, we have welcomed back our clubs and sports coaches. Everyone running a club has carefully considered Covid 19 safety measures and has provided a risk assessment to demonstrate how they are keeping participants safe. It has been fantastic to see the gymnasts and street dancers back in our hall at the beginning of the day and to watch athletics coaching taking place out on the school field.

Schools are also now allowed to extend their curriculum through organising school trips. Staff are carefully considering the practicalities of these and we are hoping to arrange some trips or outings later in the summer term.

### Website

Our current website will no longer be in use from the start of next month and when you type in our website address, you will be taken to our new site. This should be easy to use and mobile friendly. Any feedback gratefully received either on how the website functions or information you would like us to add to the website. Thank you for your help.

Have a lovely weekend and don't forget (like I have been all week) that it's a Bank Holiday Monday, so we'll see the children back next Tuesday.

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The Royal Mail has launched a competition to design 8 new stamps honouring the heroes of the pandemic and we would like to enter it as an art project for the whole school.

For more than 50 years, Royal Mail's Special Stamp programme has commemorated British history and achievement. Stamps have also been issued to honour the achievements of many British people. Often, the people who appear on stamps are famous. They include scientists and explorers, writers, artists, musicians, athletes, and Prime Ministers.

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many extraordinary people who have done great things. These are the people who have helped us all through a really difficult time and have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety. Many people volunteered to help people in their communities who needed help or support. The Royal Mail wants to honour these heroes by producing a set of eight stamp designs created by children from 4 to 14 years old. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs and the final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued.

Please find more detailed information about the competition on their website:

<https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/>

If you would prefer your child not to enter the competition, please let us know via the office no later than Friday May 7th. Then your class teacher will know not to include their named design in the competition. We hope to create our designs in school from Monday 10th May.