

# Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

Summer Term 2 2021 No. 5



Dear Parents and Carers

## Transition and moving up sessions

It's amazing how quickly the year has gone by and we are now at the stage of preparing children for transition. Teachers are holding transition meetings together to make sure that all important information about your children is passed on to their new teachers. This ensures that we can hit the ground running in September. On Thursday afternoon, our children got to have a look around their new classrooms and had a chance to meet their new teachers for next year. We were careful to use enhanced cleaning measures, separate equipment and plenty of ventilation but it was important for the children to experience what it was like to be in their new room and to ask their new teacher any questions that they had. We've had lots of positive feedback from the children and I know they're looking forward to moving up in our school.

## Sports Days 2021

We have just enjoyed two glorious mornings of sport!

On Thursday, every class took part in three exciting field events to earn points for their houses. For many of our children, this was their first chance to compete in long jump, vortex javelin or shot put. They were brilliant at listening to the adult's instructions for each event and really threw themselves into each activity. I know that some of the children who aren't that keen on running loved being able to excel in a different sporting discipline.



Today, saw a more traditional format of races – sprint, hurdle and relay. We were able to space out bubbles enough to allow the KS1 classes to support each other and the KS2 classes to also enjoy a joint event. The children were fantastic at supporting each other and every child should feel really proud of their efforts and achievement of personal bests.



Although we had a wonderful time, we can't wait to welcome all our parents and carers back on site for some extra loud cheering at our next sports day.

There must be a winning house, this year it was Forster (Red) House.



We loved the new format for our sports day which has been devised by Mrs Hatton and Mrs Lunnon. Thank you for all the work that went into ensuring the children had such a great time.

Next week we're looking forward to our PCSO visiting classes to give safety talks and preparations will continue for our end of term services and Year 6 are particularly busy preparing for their 'Evening with William Shakespeare'.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Higgs".

**Mrs M Higgs**  
**Headteacher**



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# School News

## Music Lessons—Space Available

Mr Proctor has advised that he has a piano lesson space available in school in September. If you would like your child to take up lessons, please contact Roger at [roger.proctor@yahoo.com](mailto:roger.proctor@yahoo.com) who will provide you with further information.



## Notice of Road Closure

- We have been advised by the Parish Council that Wasing Lane will be closed just past the school's main entrance to the footpath access (Public Right of Way) further down Wasing Lane on the left about 100 yards.
- West Berkshire Council's term maintenance contractor Volker Highways Ltd., will shortly be constructing a new footpath from the eastern end of Wasing Lane (near Forsters) to the public right of way footpath west of Aldermaston.
- Work is scheduled to start on **Monday 5th July 2021 and take up to 10 working days to complete**. In order to protect both the work force undertaking these improvements and the public a full road closure will be in place from Aldermaston Primary School to the PROW. The closure will be in place **24 hours a day from the 5th July until the afternoon of the 12th July. It will then be put up and removed each day (between 8am and 5pm) from the 13th July until the 16th July.** A signed diversion route will be in place whilst the road closure is operational.
- Access to residential dwellings within the closure area and emergency vehicles on a blue light will be permitted at all times.

## Covid 19 - Staying Safe

It's important that we continue to keep our community safe from Covid 19. DfE advice to schools has not changed and we are required to continue with our current safety arrangements.

When on our school site, please remember to:-

Wear face coverings (unless you are exempt)

Keep a safe distance from others on the school site and supervise children carefully

For the time being, we are asking children not to bring unnecessary items in from home.

**If you are having to isolate for any reason, please do not come to school site. If this causes any concern for collection and drop off please speak to the school office.**



**Aldermaston  
Parish Council**



## Spread the Word

Aldermaston Parish Council would like to reach as many parish residents and businesses as possible through our newsletter distribution list and ask for your help in encouraging your local friends and neighbours to sign up. We have a diverse parish that covers communities in The Wharf, Aldermaston Village (including Maida's Way), Falcons Field/Kestrels Mead, Ravenswing, and Pinelands as well as those living in more dispersed rural housing e.g. on Baughurst Road, Frouds Lane, Paices Hill, Reading Road, Rag Hill & Spring Lane. We want to share what we are doing on your behalf as a Parish Council and also hear what issues are important to you. Whilst we admit to having limited power and finances, we are the first rung of local government and do have contacts within West Berkshire Council and can be effective at making the voices of our residents heard.

The newsletter currently has approx. 250 recipients, whereas the Electoral Roll shows there are just over 890 registered voters in the Parish, so there's plenty of scope for us to increase distribution!

New readers should get in touch with our Clerk ([parishclerk@aldermaston.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@aldermaston.co.uk)) to be added to the mailing list. In the past we left hard copies of our newsletters at various public places around the parish but we found that few were taken and then the pandemic brought the practice to an end. Logistics make it very difficult to offer widespread door-to-door delivery, but if you would like to drop copies in your area we would be happy to investigate how we can provide them.

Lastly, we would welcome any feedback on how we could make our newsletter more relevant or interesting and/or other ways you think we could improve communications and community involvement.

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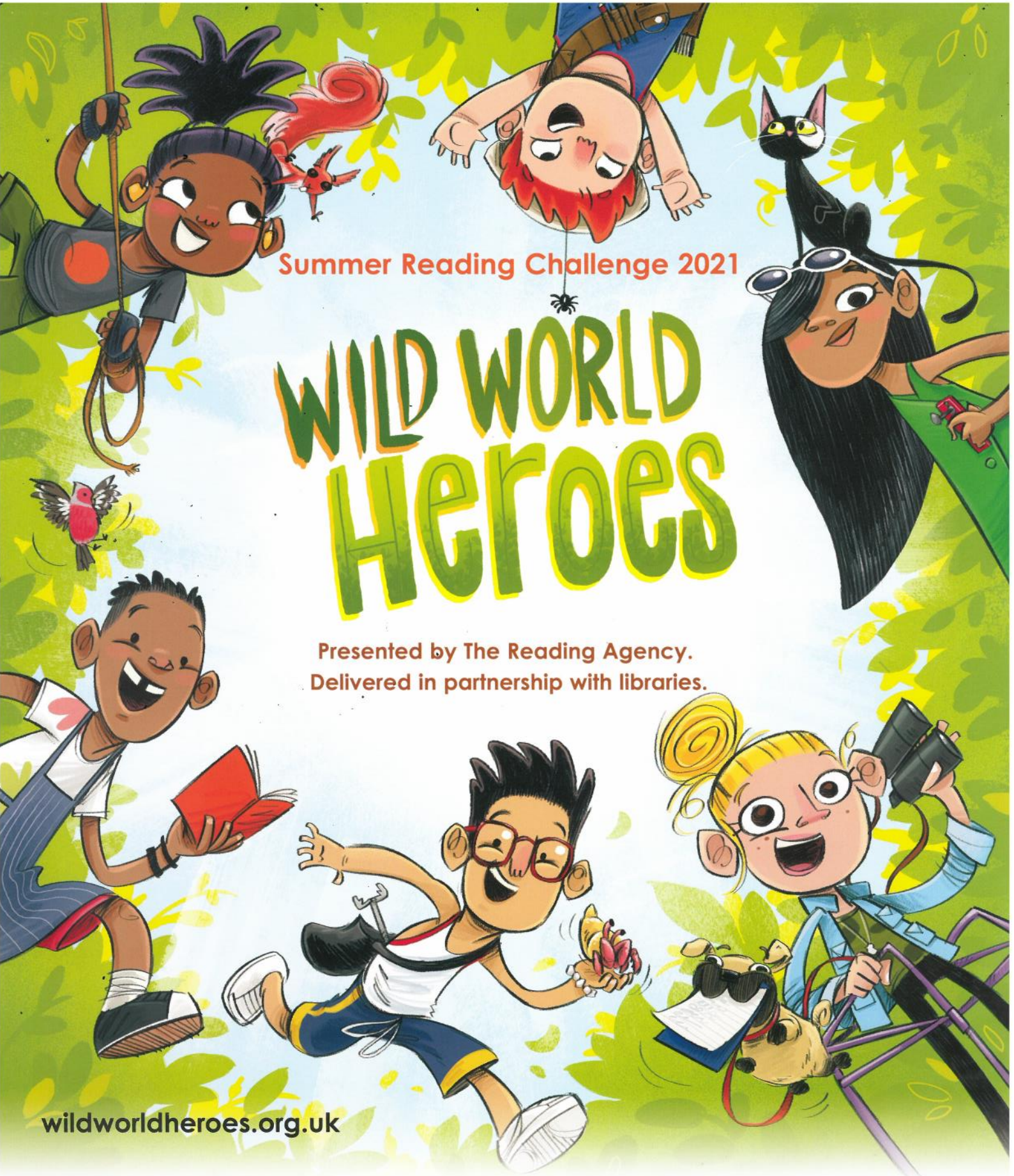
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