

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Swimathon

Thank you all for your incredible support for our Swimathon which took place on Saturday 11th September at Tadley Swimming Pool. It was a real privilege to be part of the school team raising money for Cancer Research UK by swimming as many lengths as possible on the day. We had a huge team of children taking part – 52 children! They were joined by some parents and staff who also swam lengths of the pool. The combined distance for our school team was an astonishing 1,300 lengths. All of this effort has raised £836 to date for Cancer Research UK. We're so proud of the incredible things we achieve together as a school team. Many thanks to Miss Hawes who makes this event possible for our children and gives up her own time to organise and attend on the day.



Bikeability

As part of our curriculum, and through the extras we are able to offer, we're committed to help children learn skills to keep themselves safe.

Congratulations to the Year 6 children who attended two days of bikeability training this week and achieved Level 2. I know that some of these children felt worried about taking part and it's a credit to them that they were able to complete the course and learn such important skills.

Pupil leadership

I am delighted to share the names of our newly appointed Year 6 leadership team. Every Year 6 child had the opportunity to apply for leadership positions that they felt matched the skills and experience they had to offer. The application forms were subsequently reviewed by our teaching team. The quality of the applications this year was very high and I was really impressed by some of the reasons given for wanting to take on a role.

	Achard House	Forster House	Congreve House	Keyser House
House Captain	Kalisia	William	Noah C	Arabella
Deputy House Captain	Kayla	Noah M	Grace L	Eloise

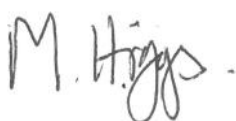
School worship team	Kalisia, Ryan and Grace L
School librarians	Jasmine, Owen, Noah M, Harry and Alfie
Sports Ambassadors	Grace M and Owen
Computing and technical team	Jack, Harry, Taylor, Jake, Grace M and Jacob.
Wildlife and Eco monitors	Jasmine, Kayla and Alesha
School photographers	Ellise

Thank you to these children for taking on extra responsibilities this year. I am sure they will provide inspirational leadership throughout the school and thoroughly enjoy the opportunities for personal development provided by their roles.

Towards the end of this term we will hold elections for our school council (Years 1-6). A place on the school council allows children to share the views and opinions of their peers and to make changes to our school which reflect the things that the children feel are important. Previous school councils have created a friendship bench, written the playground charter and revised our school learning heroes as part of their work on embedding British values. Please do encourage your children to put themselves forward if they show an interest.

Best of luck to our Year 5 and 6 cricket team who are in action at Falkland Cricket Club today. How fantastic it is to see these events starting up again!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.



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After a very quiet 18 months for fundraising, we're actively looking at fun activities for raising money and working with the local community. The first fundraising activity is our clothing collection on **Tuesday 28th September**; however we will also be doing a school uniform collection/sale soon plus have started preparation on other activities. Why not contact us to help out with ideas or events – we're a friendly bunch and it's really not onerous!

CLOTHING COLLECTION – TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER



Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.
Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- ✓ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
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Tuesday 28th September

Please put your sealed/knotted bags in the bike shed from Friday 24th September. They will be picked up on Tuesday morning after school drop off, so please ensure you add your donations anytime on Friday/Monday, or Tuesday morning.

Don't forget to talk to friends and family about this too, as we need to raise as much money as we can. Please see the list of what can and can't be added, and feel free to get more bags from the office or use bin bags.

If you have any good quality school uniform, please hold onto it as we will be doing a uniform collection very soon (please don't put them in the fundraising bags for Tuesday!).



PTA New members wanted!

The PTA is a registered charity, run by a friendly group of parents, teachers and friends of the school.

Whilst fund-raising is a major part of the PTA's activities and directly contributes to the improvement of the school, there's a lot more to it than that. We help to build the whole school community, including linking with wider society, all of which benefits the school and offers a positive influence within the local area.

We all lead busy lives, but there are lots of ways you can help - there are only about four meetings a year, plus you can volunteer as little or as much as you like.

Becoming a member of the PTA is a great way of getting to know other families and school staff whilst making a real contribution to the quality of school life for everyone.

We would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions for fundraising activities or can help in any way.

Please contact us on pta@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk.

We also have a [Facebook](#) page.



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