

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2021 No. 4



Dear Parents and Carers

Covid 19 update

We are aware that there has been a significant spike in confirmed cases of Covid 19 in West Berkshire. We are carefully monitoring the situation at our school and if we experience a rise in cases, we will put in place our contingency plans. For the time being, we are planning ahead as if nativity performances, open mornings, etc for next term will happen in person. We will let you know as soon as possible about any changes we have to make to arrangements going forward. Thank you for your help this term in letting us know about potential cases and being so considerate in your approach to testing when needed.

Election frenzy

Our classrooms have been awash with democracy this week as some very worthy candidates put themselves forward as School Council representatives. Teachers have used School Council elections as an opportunity to revisit the British value of democracy with our children and to discuss the importance of elections.

Our School Council gives the children a voice in how we run the school and, over the years, School Councils have made a real impact on lots of different areas of school life including break and lunchtimes and updating our school Learning Heroes.

Candidates were told that they would need to:-

- Attend School Council meetings.
- Discuss ideas to improve our school with other School Council members.
- Talk with the rest of their class and report back on everyone's thoughts and ideas.
- Be prepared to make presentations in assembly or explain their work to visitors like our school governors.

We asked candidates to show that they had particular qualities too.

- They should care about our school and want to make it the best school for everyone in our community.
- They needed great listening skills and the confidence to communicate their ideas and speak in front of others.
- They should be well organised and work well with others in a team.

All candidates made speeches to their classes about why they should be elected before a class vote was held to select the class representatives. We are so proud of every child who put their name forward for the School Council. Standing up in front of your class is a brave thing and I know the courage it took for many of our children to give election speeches. It's great to have so many children who want to do their bit and give back to the school.

Well done to our new School Council representatives.

Robins	Evie H and Lilly
Owls	Sam and Hamony
Kingfishers	Stanley and Lavinia
Starlings	Arabella and Jack

Basketball – using new skills

It has been a tense last day to term as all five of our classes engaged in a house team basketball competition. With each child's score contributing to a house team total, they attempted to score as many hoops as possible within a strict time limit. It was great to see the impact of our basketball coaching in action. See our sports report for further details!

Class learning heroes

Congratulations to our wonderful class learning heroes who have consistently shown all the skills of the Investigator this term. Thank you for sharing your wonderful skills and for modelling good learning to others.

Wrens	Robyn	Owls	Stanley
Robins	Charlie	Kingfishers	Henry
		Starlings	Harry



It has been a really enjoyable first term. Thank you for the lovely feedback received at our recent parents' evenings.

We really value the excellent partnerships we have in place to support children's learning and it was great to be able to celebrate so many successes.

I hope all our families have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 1st November.

Mrs M Higgs
Headteacher



Thank you for the foodbank contributions—lovely display of compassion from our school community. These will be donated to the West Berkshire Foodbank over half term.

Larks Club and Morning Activity Clubs

EnergyKidz are still unable to provide Breakfast Club due to staffing issues. We will continue to run Larks alongside the morning activity clubs. If your child would like to join one or more of the activity clubs, please do sign them up or alternatively, please book them into Larks Club which will run alongside these activity clubs. As with all clubs, there is a minimum number required to run – we have 2 new morning clubs starting after half term—Monday—Multi Sports and Tuesday—Tech Club.

Multi Sports will take place in the hall and Tech Club will take place in the Larks Room.

On Tuesday morning, any children needing Larks will be accommodated in another classroom but can still enter via the Larks entrance.

A new booking form for Larks is attached with this newsletter email—please complete and return to the school office via enquiries@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk.



Contact Us:-

Tel: 0118 971 3362

Text: 0118 324 0216

E-mail: enquiries@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk

Website: www.aldermaston.org.uk

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Morning Active Clubs

Please note that all clubs will not be able to run unless there a minimum of 8 children booked on.

There are still spaces available in Multi Sports on a Monday morning—see flyer at back of newsletter. This currently only has 3 children booked on and will be cancelled if no further bookings are made.

We are also pleased to announce a Tech Club on a Tuesday morning—starting Tuesday 2nd November and running until Tuesday 14th December—see flyer at back of newsletter.

Regular Activities in School

Morning Active Clubs before school

Every Wednesday 8am—Gymnastics Club

Every Thursday 8am—Judo Club

Every Friday 8am—Street Dance Club

Music Lessons during school time

Every Monday—Guitar

Every Tuesday—Violin/Piano

Every Wednesday—Percussion/Drums

Every Thursday—Woodwind/Piano

AFTER HALF TERM

Additional Morning Club before school:-

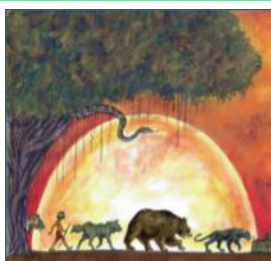
Every Monday 8am—Multi Sports Club

Every Tuesday 8am—Tech Club (Larks)

Pantomime – Friday 26th November

All Year Groups

We organised a trip to see “The Jungle Book” at the Watermill Theatre in Newbury. The children will leave school soon after registration in the morning and then return to school in time for a later lunch.



For the Panto, we would like all children to attend and would therefore advise that unless we receive an email in enquiries@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk to advise that you do not wish your child to attend, we will assume that permission is granted for ALL CHILDREN to attend. Thank you.

For this trip, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £11.50 towards the cost of the theatre ticket. It may be necessary to request a further sum of £6 towards the cost of the coach, but it may be possible for the PTA to help with the cost of this—we are awaiting their confirmation before requesting this additional sum from parents.

Cheques should be made payable to “Aldermaston School Fund”. We have the facility for parents to pay by BACS. If you would prefer to use this option, please make sure you quote your child’s name and “Panto” in the reference. Our account details are as follows:-

Account Name: Aldermaston C E School Fund
Account Number: 00164740
Sort Code: 30-18-45

Key Dates

Thursday 21st October

3.20pm—END OF PUPIL HALF TERM

Friday 22nd October to Friday 29th October

HALF TERM

Monday 1st November

9am—ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Wednesday 17th November

8.30am—Sibling Photos—please bring preschool children along for a photo with their older siblings

AM—Individual Photos—all children in school

Thursday 18th November

Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Friday 26th November

AM—Whole School Pantomime—The Jungle Book at the Watermill Theatre

Monday 6th December

1.30pm—FS/KS1 Nativity—parents invited

Tuesday 7th December

1.30pm—FS/KS1 Nativity—parents invited

Wednesday 15th December

WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

Friday 17th December

3.20pm—END OF PUPIL TERM

Mon 20th December to Mon 3rd January—

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS—SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 4th January

Inset Day—School closed to pupils

Wednesday 5th January

9am—ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Art

Robins class looked at the work of Turner Prize winner Lubaina Himid this week who has an MBE for services to black women in art.



We looked at the beautiful colours and textures she uses and this is what we created!



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Sport

Today, all children in school have taken part in a basketball shooting competition. Each class was split into their house teams, and they had 5 minutes to shoot as many basketballs into the hoop as they could within that time. All children tried their very best, and the team work and encouragement within the teams was fantastic.



Reading

Huge congratulations to:

All of whom got five signatures in their reading records every single week this term! The count up begins straight after half term so remember to read next week!



Wrens

Dhaani
Isabella
Jil
Juno
Marni
Mia
Oscar
Poppy
Robyn

Robins

Abigail
Amelie
Cristian
Jacob
Nelly
Zoe
Charlie
Connie
Emily
Jacob
Maisy
Margot
Thomas

Owls

Ana
Ben D
Ben T
Benjamin
Evie
Isla
Jayen
Kailesh
Phoebe
Sam
Zoe

Kingfishers

Felicity
Verity
Holly R
Lucy
Ella
Isabelle
Joshua
Finley
Henry
Holly
Carley
George E
George S
Lavinia
Toby
Millie

Starlings

Kalisia
Orla
Xanthe
Maddie
Grace L
Everley
James
Taylor
William
Jake
Arabella
Katherine
Mikey

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.

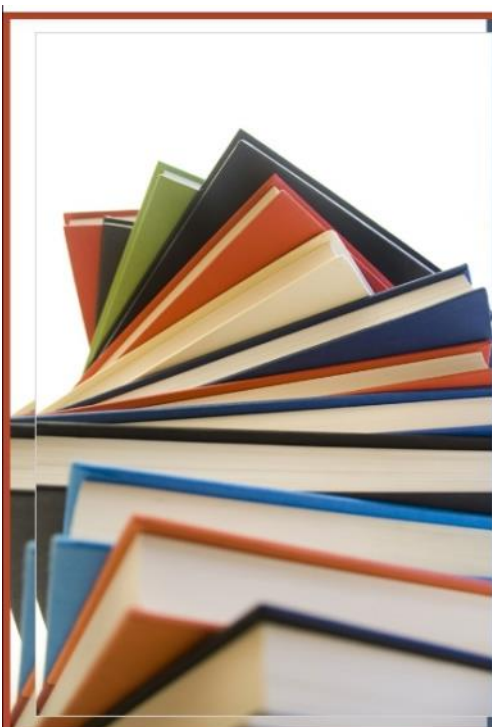
We all lead busy lives, but there are lots of ways you can help - there are only about four meetings a year, plus you can volunteer as little or as much as you like.

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.



Join in the Fun at our Xtra Curricular Club...

The logo for Sports Xtra, featuring the word "sports" in a light blue sans-serif font above the word "Xtra" in a white sans-serif font. A white starburst graphic is positioned behind the letter "X". The entire logo is contained within a dark blue circular background.

MULTI SPORTS

Sports Xtra's multi sports course is designed to introduce you to a number of different sports and experiences. You and your friends will learn new skills whilst having a lot of fun trying sports such as dodgeball, football, basketball and tag rugby.

Book online www.sports-xtra.com

School/Location

Aldermaston School
Morning Club

Duration

7 x weeks @ 45 mins

Dates

01/11/21 To 13/12/21
Mondays AM

Start Time

08:00

Pick Up Time

08:45

Age Range

Years 1 - 6

Cost (£)

*£35

Other Info

Year's 1 to 6 Multi Sports Club , Max 16 book early !
*6% transaction fees apply

Terms and conditions apply.

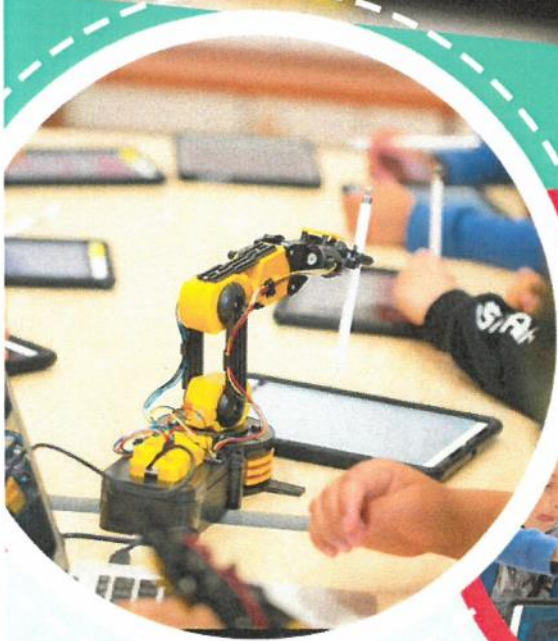
Sports Xtra accepts no liability for any loss of or damage to items belonging to your child whilst on this course. Your contact details will be held on a database, exclusively used by Sports Xtra to help keep you informed of future activities. If you do not wish to receive future news and information, please contact us.

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Book early to secure your place. Places limited to 16!



Tech Club



**TOMORROW'S SKILLS,
TODAY**

DON'T MISS OUT

spaces available for
next term

Step into STEM

At tech club children will immerse themselves in a variety of brand new activities, experiments and group challenges. The emphasis is on fun, yet we encourage learning through hands-on activities using the latest and greatest tech, so you don't have to purchase!

- ✓ Cutting-edge technology
- ✓ New activities weekly
- ✓ Specialist teachers

Location: Aldermaston CE Primary School

Time: 08:00-08:45

Day: Tuesday

Sessions: 7

Years: 1 - 6

Fee: £45.50 for term

Start Date: 02/11/21

