

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term (1) 2021 No.1



Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! I'm sure that the Christmas break seems like a long time ago now. It's amazing how much can happen in a couple of weeks.

Heroes and values for Spring Term (1)

We are starting our term looking at the value of forgiveness. Children will develop their understanding of what it means to forgive and how forgiveness can be important to our wellbeing. Our learning hero for this term is the Team Worker Ant. In class, we will be looking for children to show that they can listen, participate and share their ideas, and collaborate and support others in their groups. The British value associated with the Team Worker is mutual respect – something which really helps teams to get the most out of any activity.



Healthy living week

Our annual healthy living week has come at just the right time! Children have enjoyed plenty of fresh air with the daily mile and instructor led activities have included caving, hockey and parkour. We have also been talking about how children can make healthy choices in other areas of their lives. Healthy eating has featured strongly (there were some fantastic fruit faces in our Wrens Class and a lovely aroma of pizza has been escaping from Kingfishers today). We have also been encouraging children to look after their wellbeing through getting plenty of sleep and recognising and talking about their feelings.

[Please see gallery later in the newsletter]

Learning heroes from Autumn Term (2)

Congratulations to our learning heroes from last term who received their certificates in our last assembly of 2021.

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| Wrens | Marni | Owls | Ben A |
| Robins | Saphire-May | Kingfishers | George E |
| | | Starlings | Ryan |

Covid update

We continue to monitor levels of Covid-19 within the school community as well as attending regular local authority updates. Thank you for your support and proactive communication when your children have been affected. Please note the changes to guidance in relation to testing and isolation periods which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

We are experiencing some staff absences as a result of Covid-19 and we anticipate that this is likely to continue in the short term. This means that staffing levels may be lower than we would like or children may find that different adults are working in their classes. We will do everything we can to minimise disruption to the children's learning. The government has been clear that the priority is to keep children in school experiencing face to face learning and all steps should be taken to avoid whole classes or schools moving back to remote learning where possible.

If your child is isolating, we will provide them with work to complete at home. Of course, if they feel unwell then there is no expectation of completing work and they should focus on resting and feeling better. If you need any other help or support, please do let us know.

Understanding online risks

Online safety is a recurring feature of our computing and our PSHE curriculum and the whole school will be taking part in Safer Internet Day again at the start of February.

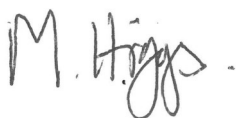
If you need any support or are interested in materials about keeping children safe online, please do look at the links on our website under the computing curriculum page.

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has recently been looking at how to help parents support children with staying safe when online. In particular, she has been looking at the risks of peer on peer abuse or sexual harassment - subjects which can seem a bit scary to discuss with our children. However, we know from a series of reviews and research that it's important to have an attitude of it could happen here. We also know that children really benefit from being able to have open conversations with their families about subjects we might find a little embarrassing. Our RSE Policy and curriculum specifically provides opportunities for children to talk about growing up and relationships with others. These are the stepping stones to supporting them in developing a healthy attitude towards their bodies and respectful interactions with others and these things can prevent the development of harmful behaviours and attitudes. The Children's Commissioner has published a really useful guide on talking to your children about the risks of online sexual harassment and she promotes 'creating the culture before the crisis'. It's a useful read and helps us to understand the challenges our young children will face as they grow up. You can find the guide here: https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/cco_talking_to_your_child_about_online_sexual_harassment_a-guide_for_parents_2021.pdf

It's all going swimmingly in lower KS2

Well done to all our Year 3 and Year 4 children who have started an intensive few weeks of swimming lessons at Tadley Swimming Pool. We are catching up with Year 4 provision which was missed last year and ensuring that our Year 3 children get an opportunity to develop their skills in the water too. Thank you to Miss Hawes for organising and leading these lessons which are so important in developing water confidence and helping to keep children safe near water.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.



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Headteacher



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School News

REMINDERS

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.

Use of Playground Equipment

We would ask that **NO CHILDREN** are allowed to play on the school equipment in and around the playground. These areas are for use by the children during school time only and should **NOT BE USED** by children before school or after school. Our insurance only covers the use of this equipment with supervision by staff, who are trained in the correct use of the play equipment and we would not want any harm to come to the children without the correct supervision. Thank you.

Changes to collection at end of day

If your child is being collected by a different adult at the end of the day, please make sure you email the school on enquiries@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk or phone the school office to leave a message. We cannot accept this information directly from the children. Thank you.



ADVANCE NOTICE

School Meals

£2.40 per day for Years 3 to 6 from 18th April 2022

We have been advised by our caterers, Dolce, that they will need to increase their prices for School Meals from 18th April 2022. For all children in Year 3 upwards, meals from our school kitchen will increase to £2.40 per day.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL

Morning Active Clubs before school

Every Wednesday 8am—Gymnastics Club (Hall)

Every Thursday 8am—Judo Club (Hall)

Every Friday 8am—Street Dance Club (Hall)

All of these clubs will continue indefinitely

From Monday 31st January 2022

Aldermaston Early Oaks Breakfast Club every morning from 7.30am to beginning of school day. This may be held every day in the Larks Room depending on numbers.

After School Active Clubs

Every Monday—Years 3 to 6 Lego Club (Owls Classroom)

(currently running until half term)

Every Tuesday—Years 1 to 6 Drama Club (Larks)

(until half term only)

Every Wednesday—Years 3 to 6 Basketball Club (Playground)

(until the end of March)

Every Thursday—Years 1 to 6 Tech Club

(Hall or Larks/Red Kites)

(until half term only)

From Monday 31st January 2022

Aldermaston Oaks After School Club every day from end of school day until 6pm.

Music Lessons during school time

Every Monday—Guitar

Every Tuesday—Violin/Piano

Every Wednesday—Percussion/Drums

Every Thursday—Woodwind/Piano

Swimming Lessons

Children in Years 3 and 4 are currently going swimming at Tadley Swimming Pool every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from Tuesday 5th January up to and including Thursday 10th February. Please make sure they have their swimming kit in school on these days.

TERM DATES 2022

Spring Term 2022

Start of Pupil Term

End of Pupil Half Term

Spring Break Half Term

Start of Pupil Term

End of Pupil Term

Wednesday 5th January

Friday 18th February

Monday 21st to Friday 25th February

Monday 28th February

Thursday 7th April

Summer Term 2022

Start of Pupil Term

End of Pupil Half Term

Summer Break Half Term

Start of Pupil Term

End of Pupil Term

Monday 25th April

Thursday 26th May

Friday 27th May to Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June

Thursday 21st July

Gallery - Healthy Living Week

Wrens



Robins



Owls



Kingfishers



PTA NEWS

FUNDRAISING

Our next fundraiser is on **Thursday 3rd February**. We can take good quality clean & dry items which can be reused - clothes, shoes, jewellery, accessories, belts & handbags (no pillows, duvets, curtains, books, CD's, uniform and of course nothing of poor quality such as dirty, wet or damaged items).

Please add them to any bags you may have been sent previously from school, or any other bin liner, charity bag or carrier bag (which can be tied/sealed to protect the contents). Bags can also be collected from the school office.

Please don't leave them in the bike shelter until Friday 28th January, as any damp/damaged items cannot be accepted and will be deducted from anything we raise.

NEW CHAIR & SECRETARY NEEDED

The current Chair & Secretary of the PTA will be stepping down at February half term after more than two years, so we are looking for some new people to take on these voluntary roles. They will be staying on the committee and very happy to talk things through with people (three clothing collections have already been booked in for this year!).

It's not a great deal of work and there is a fantastic group on the committee who all work together, however we do need people to take on these roles as we need to have them in place (along with the Treasurer) in order to maintain the charity status of the PTA.

Please email pta@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk or message us on our Facebook page if you are interested in becoming the new Chair or Secretary, to become a member of the committee or just to find out more.



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.

Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes



ALDERMASTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL
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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jewellery and Accessories |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paired Shoes and Footwear | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belts and Handbags |

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk



WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED
CLOTHES.

PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

Thursday 3rd February 2022

Please return the empty bag to the school if you are unable to donate this time.
Please remember - NO UNIFORM

