

# Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

## Spring Term (2) 2022 No.3



Dear Parents and Carers

We had an unexpectedly stormy end to our last term. I hope you didn't suffer too much property damage or disruption to your half term plans. Thank you for supporting the children to access their learning from home

### **Aldermaston Book Week 2022**

Our annual Book Week is always a bestseller with the children. This year has been no exception.

Thank you for helping the children to dress up in a huge range of costumes to represent different book characters. We loved guessing which books they were representing. The children also really enjoyed seeing the adults in their different costumes! Throughout the week, reading has been a top priority both in and out of school. Paired reading between classes has been a huge hit. We saw the house groups learning together and sharing book activities for a morning. Story sharing went online through our website blog and resulted in lots of children chasing Mrs Ebrey around the school with mysterious code words. **And** our community stepped in to support, as they always do. Where else other than Aldermaston can children share their books with local businesses and then be rewarded for their love of reading? Thank you for sharing your pictures of our children enjoying the perks of being great readers in this brilliant village.

Book week is a celebration of our love of reading – all types of reading. We hope the events we include help to inspire and challenge our children to recommend books to others, try new authors and enjoy unexpectedly different types of writing. Please see the book week gallery at the end of this newsletter.

This special week would not be possible without all of the exceptional work of planning and preparing and creating wonderful links with our local community. Thank you very much Mrs Ebrey!

We'd love to capture some of your feedback about book week. If you have a moment, please could you complete the following feedback form. It's short and shouldn't take you too long. Thank you.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0-quckpoFBUZQxQgJgxXR5qc-TswEoXmaN863k1TERqppQQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0-quckpoFBUZQxQgJgxXR5qc-TswEoXmaN863k1TERqppQQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **Year 6 adventuring in Abernant**

It's possible that school is just a little quieter than usual this week as the majority of our Year 6 children are on their residential trip to the Manor Adventure Activity Centre in Wales.

We set off from school on Monday morning and have been extremely active ever since our arrival at the centre. Activities so far have included climbing, abseiling, stand up paddle boarding, zip wire and kayaking. You can find out more by looking at our blog on the school website. As well as giving children lots of exciting and challenging experiences, the trip is also designed to build on certain aspects of our curriculum. For example, finding out more about the sustainability of local timber production and using oracy skills to present and explain group designs for raft building. We have been extremely proud of all of the children and the special way in which they are supporting each other through each new experience. Many thanks to Mrs Redding and Mr Ebrey for making the trip possible by volunteering their time to accompany Year 6. The children are really looking forward to telling their families and friends in person about everything they've done.

**Our Learning Heroes for Spring Term 1**— Team Worker were as follows:-

<b>Wrens</b>	Poppy	<b>Owls</b>	Ana
<b>Robins</b>	Abigail	<b>Kingfishers</b>	George S
		<b>Starlings</b>	Kalisia



### This term

This term, our focus is on the value of trust. Children will be thinking who we trust and how and why we learn to trust different people. We will look at bible stories that show how Christians trust in God and how this affects the choices they make. Year 6 have been talking about trust a lot on their residential trip already this term. They are trusting their instructors to keep them safe and trusting their friends to support them through challenging activities.

Our learning hero for this term is the Reflector Owl who helps children to reflect on their learning and make improvements. The Reflector Owl is a champion of democracy. We like to help the children explore the meaning of democracy through the way we run our school. They know that their ideas and opinions are important to us. This can be seen in many different ways, like the feedback form they were given on book week to help us collect their ideas (just like we did last year) or the School Council ensuring we ordered new football goals and playtime equipment.



Have a wonderful weekend when you get there.

Yours sincerely

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



### **Lunchtime Clubs—Spring Term (2) 2022**

Child's Name ..... Year Group .....

**Please tick the correct choice(s) for your child:-**

#### **KS1 Clubs—Year 1 and 2**

- ☐ My child would like to take part in the **KS1 Football Club** on Monday lunchtimes from Monday 7th March to Monday 4th April 2022.

#### **KS2 Clubs—Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**

- ☐ My child would like to take part in the **KS2 Tag Rugby Club** on Tuesday lunchtimes from Tuesday 1st March to Tuesday 5th April 2022.
- ☐ My child would like to take part in the **KS2 Football Club** on Wednesday lunchtimes from Wednesday 2nd March to Wednesday 6th April 2022.



#### **Contact Us:-**

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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.

## LUNCHTIME CLUBS

**SPACES STILL AVAILABLE—PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD UP IF THEY WISH TO JOIN IN—THANK YOU**

### KS1 and KS2 Lunchtime Clubs

We have arranged for a coach from Sports Xtra to come into school two lunchtimes a week to provide Football coaching to children in Years 1 and 2 (KS1) and Years 3 to 6 (KS2).



We also have available one of our PE coaches on a Tuesday lunchtime who will provide Tag Rugby for KS2.

### The clubs on offer are as follows:-

Monday—lunchtime **Football** from 12.30 to 1pm—from Monday 7th March for Years 1 and 2 ONLY.

Tuesday—lunchtime **Tag Rugby** from 12.45 to 1.15pm—from Tuesday 1st March for Years 3 to 6.

Wednesday—lunchtime **Football** from 12.45 to 1.15pm—from Wednesday 2nd March for Years 3 to 6.

**THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE TO PARENTS FOR THESE CLUBS. HOWEVER, NUMBERS ARE LIMITED TO 15 PER CLUB SO PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD UP EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**

## TERM DATES 2022/2023

### Spring Term 2022

End of Pupil Term

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### Autumn Term 2022

Start of Pupil Term

End of Pupil Half Term

Summer Break Half Term

Start of Pupil Term

End of Pupil Term

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> to Mon 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### Spring Term 2023

Start of Pupil Term

End of Pupil Half Term

Spring Break Half Term

Start of Pupil Term

End of Pupil Term

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> to Fri 17<sup>th</sup> February

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

### Summer Term 2023

Start of Pupil Term

End of Pupil Half Term

Summer Break Half Term

Start of Pupil Term

End of Pupil Term

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

For more information about events happening in school please check out our website calendar here:-  
<https://aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk/calendar>

## 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**

### LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Every Monday from 7th March—Football Club  
Years 1 and 2

Every Tuesday from 1st March—Tag Rugby—Years 3 to 6

Every Wednesday from 2nd March—Football Club

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

(See further information and sign up slip later in newsletter)

### After School Clubs

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

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

**(last session 30th March)**

### Music Lessons during school time

Every Monday—Guitar

Every Tuesday—Violin/Piano

Every Wednesday—Percussion/Drums

Every Thursday—Woodwind/Piano



# Book Week Gallery

