

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term (2) 2022 No.5



Dear Parents and Carers

The sound of music

Last Wednesday evening, the Berkshire Maestros Junior Music Festival was held at the Anvil Theatre in Basingstoke. We had 36 children from Owls, Kingfishers and Starlings taking part in the festival, which was a superb performance of music by the combined choirs of several West Berkshire schools. It was quite a proud and emotional event for everyone involved as it felt like such a long time since so many children had been able to sing together. Our school choir sounded lovely and played their junk instruments brilliantly.

It was a long day for our children who set off from school for an afternoon rehearsal at 12.30pm and then began their evening performance at 7.00pm. Thank you Mrs Ebrey for organising all the rehearsals, arranging our trip to the performance and organising a tasty evening meal. Thank you also to Mrs Makepeace for accompanying and supporting the choir during the performance. We're already looking forward to performing again next year!

End of term service

On Tuesday morning, we were able to take our children to St Mary's Church for their end of term service which revisited the events of Holy Week.

The readers from Owls Class were fantastic and, as always, the children really enjoyed the opportunity to join in with the hymns alongside their school orchestra. Reverend Jane concluded the service with a moving blessing.



Staff news

Today, we say goodbye to Miss Hawes. We're very grateful for all that she has contributed over her 9 years at our school and wish her all the best in her new adventures. The children have had fun creating a leaving book for her and have been sharing memories of her time here. This week, Owls Class have had fun getting to know Miss Jenkins who will be teaching them after the holidays.

Parents' evening appointments

Staff have really appreciated the opportunity to talk with you at the recent parents' evening appointments. It's great to work with you in partnership to celebrate your children's achievements and discuss their next steps. If you didn't manage to make an appointment this week, please do get in touch to arrange a catch up with your child's teacher on an alternative day. These meetings are such an important chance to find out about how children are getting on and what you can do to help them at home.

Learning Heroes

Our super heroes of learning for Spring Term (2) have shown all the skills of our Reflector Owl. It was lovely to award them their certificates in collective worship this morning. Many of our heroes looked so surprised and delighted to have been selected.

Wrens	Mason	Owls	Caison
Robins	Saphire-May	Kingfishers	Evelyn
		Starlings	William



Thank you for your support this term. Covid-19 has continued to present challenges and I'm very grateful for the flexibility and care for our children shown by all staff and volunteers. We have updated our website under Covid arrangements with the latest advice on isolation and we'll update you further if anything changes over Easter.

Wishing you a peaceful and joyful Easter.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Higgs
Headteacher

Some recent photos of children's work below:-



Kingfisher's Greek Pots



Wren's Easter Garden



Wren's Easter Card

TERM DATES 2022

Summer Term 2022

Start of Pupil Term	Monday 25th April
End of Pupil Half Term	Thursday 26th May
Summer Break Half Term	Fri 27th May to Fri 3rd June
Start of Pupil Term	Monday 6th June
End of Pupil Term	Thursday 21st July



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PTA NEWS



Easter Bonnets, Craft and Photos!

Why not have some fun over the Easter holidays with some Easter bonnets, craft or photos. You could make an Easter bonnet, draw or make an Easter picture – maybe even a collage. Perhaps you could take a photo of something with an Easter theme or an Easter activity – whatever you want to celebrate a bit of Easter fun!

If you would like to share what you have created, **and you are happy for it to go on the public PTA Facebook page**, then please email a photo of your masterpiece to the PTA address (pta@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk) or via Facebook Messenger (Aldermaston P.T.A) and we will share the pictures. We will add the picture and your name unless you ask for them to be anonymous. Look out for photos in future newsletters too!

Watch this space for lots more activities and fundraising coming up soon from our brilliant new committee members!



Amazon Smile - a free way to raise money

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the PTA every time you shop, at no cost to you! AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.co.uk on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping App for iOS and Android phones. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as amazon.co.uk, with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the purchase price to the PTA (which is a registered charity).



Follow the simple instructions on the link below to set it up on your web browser or phone, select **Aldermaston Parent Teacher Association (Pta)** as the charity, and remember to always use the smile.amazon link, rather than the standard Amazon one. <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/charity/smile/about>

Pre-loved uniform sale

We regularly collect and sell on pre-loved uniform at great low prices, with the money raised going into the PTA funds to spend on the children. If you have any good quality clean uniform which you no longer need, please send them into school. We'll be announcing the date of the sale as soon as we can.



Next meeting

Why not pop along and meet the team, we'd love to hear some new ideas or you can just have a listen. We're a mix of parents, staff and friends of the school and we'd love to meet you and let you know what we do. Our next meeting will be on the evening of **Tuesday 3rd May** so please drop us an email at pta@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk.

We'd love to have more members of the PTA; however, we understand that many people are busy or worried about committing. If you're unable to come to meetings but are interested in helping out and giving your views, then why not share your email address with the committee and we can include you on communications about how we look to spend money and what activities we support.





Aldermaston Celebrations

Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June 2022

Thursday 9.45pm Lighting of Beacon preceded by the Piper at 9.30pm

Beacon to be lit by the Lord of the Manor in the field opposite St Mary's Church

8.30pm -10.30pm The Hinds Head will be providing a pay bar and BBQ

**Thursday – Saturday 10am – 5pm Flower Festival in St Mary's Church
with Songs of Praise and Blessing of the Flowers at 11am on Thursday**

Saturday 10am-5pm Exhibition and Refreshments

In Aldermaston Parish Hall

A celebration of community with interactive displays & craft exhibits

Sunday 10.30am Benefice Songs of Praise at Douai Pavilion

Sunday 12noon – 4pm Aldermaston's Big Jubilee Picnic Lunch

On the playing field of Aldermaston CE Primary School, Wasing Lane

All are welcome, please bring your own picnic and drink, rugs, tables and chairs

2pm The Cutting of the Celebration Cake

Commemorative Aldermaston Jubilee mugs are on sale for £5 each

**Come and join in to make this a most successful
celebration of the Queen's 70 years on the throne**



Good Friday, 15th April
10am – 12noon
at St Matthew's, Midgham

Fun, food and craft for families
Come and join us
(children must be accompanied by an adult)

**To help with preparations please do let us know if you are
coming**

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