

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

Summer Term (1) 2022 No.1



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Summer Term (1)

This term our children are looking at the value of justice. We will be sharing bible stories which demonstrate Jesus' teachings about being fair. They will be thinking about whether we live in a fair world, how we can tackle injustice, the meaning of fair trade and people who inspire us through their fights against injustice.

Our learning hero for Summer Term (1) is the Manager Octopus whose super powers include being organised and ready, being responsible, using the right resources and welcoming challenges.



The focus British value is the rule of law which links well to our value of Justice.

Visit by Aaron Phipps

Last Thursday we enjoyed a fantastic visit from Aaron Phipps, a gold medal winning Paralympian. Children and staff were hugely inspired by Aaron's story.

"On Thursday, Aaron Phipps came into our school to tell us about his life. When he was seventeen he had a bad disease and lost his legs and some fingers. He was put in a wheelchair and it took him a long time to get used to using it. After a while, he decided to try wheelchair rugby. He practised every single day and tried really hard to get better. He was training at the same time as doing his job but he still got really good and represented our country at the Paralympic Games where he won a gold medal.

Aaron set himself a goal to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. When it didn't work out in his wheelchair, he climbed up on his knees! We thought his best quote was: 'Set a goal, get organised, ask for help and work hard'."



Owen T and Grace M

And yes, gold medals really are quite heavy!

New PE Equipment

We have been lucky to be able to take delivery of some new PE equipment recently. A set of new bikes and scooters for Foundation Stage, the addition of a table tennis table on the field and 4 new football goals—a pair for the juniors and another pair for the infants — all paid for by PE Funding. We hope the children will get many years of enjoyment out of them. Thank you to the School Council for proposing the new goals.



Attendance

The school target for attendance is 96%. We review pupils' attendance at the end of the Autumn, Summer and Spring Terms. Children who have missed 10% or more of their time in school are classed as persistent absentees and we let you know if your child falls into this category. Poor attendance can have a real impact on children's learning and well-being.

Many of our children have had unavoidable absences this year and we understand that there are lots of reasons why attendance can drop. Hopefully, going forward, things will be more settled for everyone. Please do talk to us if we can support your child to improve their attendance.

Statutory assessments

After a Covid enforced break, we're looking forward to resuming statutory assessments this year. Next week, our Year 6 children, along with their peers across the country, will be taking Key Stage 2 SATs. They should feel very proud of all their hard work this year and the progress they have made in their learning. We wish them all the best.

Jubilee celebrations

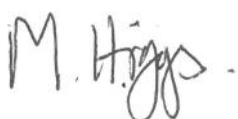
We're getting excited about celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! Teachers are making links through their current history topics to help children understand the significance of this event and we're having a house learning morning on the last day of this term along with a picnic lunch to celebrate. The children will be making the centre-piece crown for the flower festival and you will be able to see examples of the children's work as part of the Aldermaston community celebrations over the bank holiday weekend.

Please note that our last day of term has changed to reflect the additional bank holiday this year—see new term dates list later in this newsletter.

We're looking forward to returning to face to face Reading Café from next week and are in the process of planning a family learning morning for after the half term break. We have lots to look forward to over the summer.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mrs M Higgs
Headteacher



Aldermaston's Big Jubilee Picnic Lunch

Sunday 5th June 2022 12 noon – 4.00pm

on Aldermaston CE Primary School Field

2pm cutting of the Celebration Cake and Group Photograph

Please bring your own picnic, drinks, rugs, table and chairs

Come wearing red, white and blue Children's Crafts

Commemorative Aldermaston Mugs for sale £5 each, cash only.

Sorry but we cannot accommodate dogs on the field nor allow smoking



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THE RETURN OF READING CAFÉ!



On Thursday 12th March 2020, with lockdown looming, we had to close our popular afterschool Reading Cafe, and Virtual Reading Café made its first broadcast to the children and parents of Aldermaston. Since then, we've been there on the school website every single Thursday at five o'clock, with a cup of tea and a story to share.

Two and a bit years, twelve terms, three lockdowns and a whopping eighty-one stories later, we are at long last able to reopen our doors and we cannot wait!

So, whether you were a Reading Café regular, or you discovered us online, or you're only just learning about us now.... here's everything you need to know about Reading Café!

Where?

Larks classroom – we'll open the doors with access from the main playground.

When?

Immediately after school – 3:25 PM. Storytime at 3:30, taking about ten minutes, then stay for a cup of coffee. We close at 4.

What?

Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits available free of charge. Lots of lovely books, games and reading activities to enjoy. A ten-minute story read by Mrs Ebrey. And a stamp for your reading record!

Who?

Absolutely everyone! Kids, parents, grandparents, siblings and friends - you are all very welcome. The more the merrier.

Why?

We believe in stories. Taking half an hour out of your week to enjoy books, have a look at some of our gorgeous resources and listen to a story with your kids is an excellent use of anyone's time!

Our grand reopening will be on Thursday 12th May 2022

Exactly 26 months since that first online broadcast

Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

Kettle's on!

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2022 TO 2023

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

Wednesday 20th 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 5th September

Thursday 20th October

Friday 21st October to Monday 31st October

Tuesday 1st November

Tuesday 20th 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 4th January

Friday 10th February

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February

Monday 20th February

Thursday 30th 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 17th April

Friday 26th May

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Monday 5th June

Thursday 20th July

*change from Thursday 21st July due to extra Jubilee bank holiday during May half term week.



Aldermaston CE Primary School



Aldermaston Celebrations

Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June 2022

Timetable of events:

Thursday 2nd:

10am – 5pm Flower Festival in St Mary's Church including a Songs of Praise and Blessing of the Flowers at 11am

8.30pm – 10.30pm in the field opposite St Mary's Church,

Pay bar & BBQ provided by the Hinds Head

9.30pm the Piper will play

9.45pm Lighting of Beacon by the Lord of the Manor

Friday 3rd:

10am – 5pm Flower Festival in St Mary's Church

Saturday 4th:

10am - 5pm Flower Festival in St Mary's Church

10am - 5pm Exhibition and Refreshments in the Parish Hall

Sunday 5th:

10.30am Benefice Songs of Praise at Douai Pavilion

**12noon – 4pm Big Jubilee Picnic Lunch in the school playing field with
The Cutting of the Celebration Cake at 2pm & Group Photograph**

All events are free - no tickets or booking required

Come and make this a celebration to remember

PTA NEWS

Easter Bonnets, Craft and Photos!

It may seem ages away now, but hope everyone had a great Easter break. We've had some amazing photos sent in showing activities over the break:

Robyn with her bespoke bonnet and bag designs on her Easter egg hunt, Mia & Max baking and having fun in Weymouth, Frances and her Easter bonnet, Joseph and his Easter picture, Benjamin as an Easter bunny and on his egg hunt!



EASTER 2022



Next fundraising clothing collection – Tuesday 17th May

Please send your items in a sealed/knotted bin bag or charity bag. They are to be placed in the bike shed from Friday 13th May and will be collected after morning drop off on Tuesday 17th May. There are lots of things you can donate and they all help us raise money as well as helping those less fortunate.

Please see the picture to see what you can and can't donate, and remember it must be good condition to be able to sell on and must not have any uniform.

More bags are available from the school office (ignore the date on them though, they are old ones).



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.

PLEASE DO NOT ADD ANY UNIFORM TO THE FUNDRAISING CLOTHING COLLECTION.





Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

ALDERMASTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 your own bag if required.

Collection Date:

**Tuesday 17th
May**

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

