

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

Summer Term (2) 2022 No.3



Dear Parents and Carers

We're all appreciating the lovely sunshine! Thank you for applying sun protection lotion and providing hats and water bottles during this hot spell of weather. We will ensure children have plenty of time outside but also have the option to enjoy the shady corners of our school grounds during break and lunchtimes.

Family Learning Morning

Thank you so much for joining in with our family learning morning. The children and staff loved having so many visitors in the classroom (fifty six in total). Everyone was impressed by the skills you brought to the lessons too!

There really is nothing to compare to sitting alongside your children in lessons, meeting the staff who work with them and getting a better understanding of the classroom routines and their learning environment. We hope that these events also show you how we are addressing key areas of school improvement and policy.

The feedback you provided was lovely and also really useful, thank you. It has been shared with all staff in the school. One suggestion made, which we think is great, was to invite parents and family members to talk to our older children about possible future careers. We're looking at the school diary to find a good slot for this. If you could spare a little time to talk to our children about your job and perhaps inspire them to follow in your footsteps, please drop the office an e-mail.



Mental Health Support Team

Last week, the mental health support team led our parent drop in session on Tuesday and also two assemblies - for Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 - on Friday. All were very well received.

To be clear, the work of this team and of the school in this area is not targeted just at children and adults who have had difficulties with their mental health. In fact, their work is for everyone. It's aimed at ensuring we all know how to protect our wellbeing. We want our children to leave here with a good understanding of the things they can control which help them to feel happy and well.

The mental health support team is officially launching in September. We are hoping that they will be able to hold some parent and carer workshops about areas of wellbeing and mental health which are important to you. Current suggestions include supporting children with worries and anxiety, how to help low mood and top tips for wellbeing. If you have any other suggestions, please drop us an e-mail or catch me on the playground so I can pass them on to the team. I cannot emphasise enough how lucky we are to have access to this team of professionals and how useful it is to work with children before concerns about their wellbeing become embedded difficulties.

Uniform and PE Kits

We have a uniform to ensure children feel a sense of belonging in our school community, are smart and ready to learn and don't find themselves competing or comparing with others over clothes or fashion sense. Please support children in wearing the correct uniform and ensure they are not bringing in items of jewellery or accessories which they may also risk losing at school. Our uniform expectations can be found on our website at <https://aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform>.

We have noticed an increasing number of children who are also forgetting to bring in their PE kits. PE kits should be in school on Monday morning, even if they have been taken home for a wash on Friday. PE is a statutory entitlement and children definitely need the correct footwear to take part safely in outdoor PE lessons.

We are able to help families who find it difficult to meet the financial costs of uniform. Please don't feel worried about talking to me, your child's teacher or letting office staff know if you need any help. Finances are tricky for many families at the moment and we want all our children to feel comfortable at school.

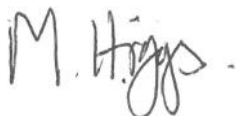
New entrants

Mrs Makepeace and I enjoyed spending time with the families of our new entrants, who will be joining us in September, when they attended the parent information event this week. Our (soon to be) new Wrens are a lovely group of children who will be visiting their classroom for a stay and play session next week.

This is a brilliantly busy term so please do keep an eye on the diary dates and ask if you have any queries as we would not want you to miss out on any events.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mrs M Higgs
Headteacher

EVENTS THIS TERM

Thursday 23rd June

3.30 to 4.30pm—New Entrants Stay and Play (parents and children)

Friday 24th June

AM—Creative Klick—Class Group Photographs—Informal

Monday 27th June

All day—FS/KS1 Trip to Bournemouth Oceanarium

Thursday 30th June and Friday 1st July

All day—Willink Transition Days

Friday 1st July

9.30 to 10.30am—New Entrants Stay and Play (children only)

Friday 1st July

All day—Theale Green Transition Day

Friday 8th July

9am to 1pm —Sports Day and Family Picnic—see separate information sheet on next page.

Friday 8th July

6 to 8pm—PTA Summer Fete

Wednesday 13th July

Robins trip to Aldermaston Canal

Friday 15th July

9.30am—Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 19th July

9.30am—Leavers Service at St Mary's Church, Aldermaston

Wednesday 20th July

3.20pm—School Closes for the Summer Holidays

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 Club

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

Music Lessons during school time

Every Monday—Guitar

Every Tuesday—Violin/Piano

Every Wednesday—Percussion/Drums

Every Thursday—Woodwind/Piano

For more information about events happening in school please check out our website calendar here:-

<https://aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk/calendar>



Contact Us:-

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Text: 0118 324 0216

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Website: www.aldermaston.org.uk

School News

School Sports Day Picnic – Friday, 8th July

This year we are again inviting parents to stay for lunch with the children after all the races have taken place for sports day. The kitchen is offering to provide picnic bags for all children and parents for that lunchtime. **THERE WILL BE NO HOT LUNCH SERVED ON THIS DAY.** If you would like to come along and join in the children for a picnic lunch and order from the school kitchen they will offer a **ham, cheese or tuna roll with vegetable sticks, sausage roll, shortbread and fresh fruit to finish.** Please note that this does not include a drink so you will need to bring your own. If you are interested, please complete the reply slip below and return to the school office by no later than Friday, 1st July. The kitchen will need to place their order for this at that time, so any replies received after the 28th June cannot be accepted. The picnic bags will be at a cost of £2.40 per child and £2.88 per adult. Please remember that all children in Years R, 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal.



School Sports Day Picnic

Please return to school office no later than Friday, 1st July with your payment



I would like to join the children for the Sports Day Picnic on Friday, 8th July and would like to order a picnic bag as follows:-

Child's Name	Ham	Cheese	Tuna* (*please circle your choice)
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Parent's Name	Ham	Cheese	Tuna* (*please circle your choice)
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I enclose payment of £2.40 per child (Years 3 to 6 only) and £2.88 per adult.

All meals for children in Years R, 1 and 2 are free—therefore no payment is required if your child is in any of these year groups.

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2022 TO 2023

Summer Term 2022

First day of Term 5 Monday 25th April

Last day of Term 5 Thursday 26th May

School Closed to pupils Friday 27th May to Friday 3rd June

First day of Term 6 Monday 6th June

Last day of term 6 Wednesday 20th July*

School Closed to pupils Thursday 21st July to Sunday 4th September

Autumn Term 2022

First day of Term 1 Monday 5th September

Last day of Term 1 Thursday 20th October

School Closed to pupils Friday 21st October to Monday 31st October

First day of Term 2 Tuesday 1st November

Last day of Term 2 Tuesday 20th December

Spring Term 2023

First day of Term 3 Wednesday 4th January

Last day of Term 3 Friday 10th February

School Closed to pupils Monday 13th to Friday 17th February

First day of Term 4 Monday 20th February

Last day of Term 4 Thursday 30th March

Summer Term 2023

First day of Term 5 Monday 17th April

Last day of Term 5 Friday 26th May

School Closed to pupils Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

First day of Term 6 Monday 5th June

Last day of Term 6 Thursday 20th July

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



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CALLING ANY VOLUNTEERS – ALDERMASTON SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!



We are in need of some more Volunteers to help with individual reading/times tables at school. It only has to be for an hour a week, or more if you are able.

Please contact the School Office in person, or email:
enquiries@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk

Mrs Miller (Volunteers Coordinator) will be available every day after school in the playground for a chat.

Your help will really be invaluable and we will see our children flourish.

Please note: All Volunteers will have to go through some checks first, including DBS, Volunteers agreement, Safeguarding and references.



Oaks Holiday Clubs

At Mortimer St Mary's School

Ofsted Registered

plenty of indoor
and outdoor fun!

Monday 8th August to Friday 19th August
8am-6pm

For all children aged 4-11

REGISTER ONLINE

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