

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term (1) 2022 No.1



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to a new academic year. As always, it has been a pleasure welcoming back our children after their summer break and getting to know some new faces. A particular welcome to our new Wrens children who I have the pleasure of teaching on Tuesdays. They are settling in so well.

Values and learning behaviours

We are starting our termly values this year with 'Friendship'. This is one of the children's favourite areas to explore and discuss. So far in our collective worships, we have thought about how friends behave towards each other, how Jesus chose his special friends, the disciples, and how we have the freedom to be friends with everyone. We are encouraging the children to start the new school year with the view that everyone could be a new great friend and reminding them that friendship often takes some time to develop.

Our learning hero is '**The Investigator**'. This dog is curious, asks lots of questions to support his learning and perseveres with enthusiasm.



Our British value focus is on individual liberty and our right to make our own choices. We will also be linking this to the fact that we are responsible for the consequences of those choices.

We used our first collective worship to remind the children about our behaviour expectations in school. Everyone in our school has the right to feel happy and safe. Everyone in our school has the right to learn without disruptions. We revisited our therapeutic thinking approach to remind the children that not all disabilities or things which stop people being able to learn can be seen from the outside. For this reason, we do not treat every child in the school exactly the same but offer the support they need to help them succeed. In our collective worship, we used the example of a child who was finding their learning difficult because they needed glasses and another child with ADHD who used regular movement breaks to help them to focus and engage in their learning.

School Council

This week, we have encouraged children in Robins, Owls, Kingfishers and Starlings Class to think about whether they would like to be a class representative on the school council. A place on the school council allows children to share the views and opinions of their peers and to make changes to our school which reflect the things that the children feel are important. Previous school councils have created a friendship bench, written the playground charter, revised our school learning heroes as part of their work on embedding British values and completed work on anti-bullying and mental health and wellbeing. Children will have the opportunity to make a speech to their class about why they should be chosen before a class vote is held to allow for democratic selection. Please do encourage your children to put themselves forward if they show an interest.



Remembering Queen Elizabeth II



As a community, we have been very sad about the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We held a special collective worship celebrating her life of service and thinking about all the important things that she did for our country. All children have had the opportunity to contribute to our school's Book of Remembrance and to spend time in class considering their own memories about Queen Elizabeth II. Unsurprisingly, many of these are linked to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and especially the video that she made with

Paddington Bear. Today, we were able to talk about how lovely it has been to hear other people on the news and in the media also sharing their favourite memories, just like we have, and celebrating a remarkable life.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. For the avoidance of any doubt, Monday 19th September is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed to allow people to pay their respects to Her Majesty and commemorate Her reign on the day of Her funeral.

Mrs M Higgs
Headteacher

NO NUTS STATEMENT

We have a responsibility to provide a safe learning environment for everyone in our school and we take the management of allergies very seriously.

As our school currently has one or more pupils on roll who suffer from a serious nut allergy, we request that parents and carers **DO NOT** send food to school that contains nuts. This includes:-

- All types of nuts
- Spreads and sandwich fillings containing nuts like peanut butter and Nutella
- Cereal and chocolate bars which contain nuts
- Cakes or biscuits which contain nuts

Please check food labels if you are unsure about ingredients.

PLEASE SEE OUR FULL NO NUTS STATEMENT ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

<https://aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk/parents/school-dinners/no-nuts-statement>



**No nuts in
this area due
to allergies**



School News

REMINDERS



NO Smoking on School Grounds

Our school site is a no smoking zone and we therefore ask all parents to NOT smoke within the school grounds. Thank you.

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.

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

After School

Every Tuesday after school—Reading Café (Larks Room)

Music Lessons during school time

Every Monday—Guitar
Every Tuesday—Violin/Piano
Every Thursday—Woodwind/Piano
Every Friday—Percussion/Drums

EVENTS THIS TERM



Monday 19th September—SCHOOL CLOSED

ALL DAY..... Bank Holiday for Queen's Funeral

Tuesday 20th September

After School Reading Café (Larks Room)

Friday 30th September

9 to 10.30am..... Family Learning Morning

Tuesday 4th October

9.30 to 10.30am..... Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church

Tuesday 12th October

5 to 7pm Parents Evening

Wednesday 13th October

3.30 to 5.30pm Parents Evening

Thursday 20th October

3.25pm..... END OF PUPIL HALF TERM

Tuesday 1st November

8.45am..... ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Thursday 24th November

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Friday 25th November

All day Whole School Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 7th December

1.30 to 5.30pm Whole School Pantomime Trip to the Watermill Theatre "Rapunzel" - **NB LATE RETURN**

Monday 12th December

1.30 to 3pm FS/KS1 Nativity Performance

Tuesday 13th December

9.30 to 10.30am..... Advent Service at St Mary's Church

Wednesday 14th December

1.30 to 3pm FS/KS1 Nativity Performance

Thursday 15th December

12 to 2pm Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 20th December

3.25pm..... END OF PUPIL TERM

TERM DATES 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

BANK HOLIDAY

Last day of Term 1

School Closed to pupils

First day of Term 2

Last day of Term 2

Monday 19th Sept—SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 20th October

Friday 21st Oct to Monday 31st October

Tuesday 1st November

Tuesday 20th December

Spring Term 2023

First day of Term 3

Last day of Term 3

School Closed to pupils

First day of Term 4

Last day of Term 4

Wednesday 4th January

Friday 10th February

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February

Monday 20th February

Thursday 30th March

CONTACT DETAILS

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Text: 0118 324 0216

E-mail: enquiries@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk

Website: www.aldermaston.org.uk

SERVICE DATES

Sunday 18th September

10.45am Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Aldermaston

School News continued...

READING CAFÉ IS BACK NEXT WEEK—NOW ON A TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL

We are delighted to announce the return of our much-loved Reading Cafe.

This year, we will be having Reading Cafe immediately after school on Tuesdays.



ALL children, parents, grandparents, carers and siblings of all ages are warmly invited to come along to the Larks room at 3:30 for a story, a cup of tea or squash, and a biscuit, followed by lots of lovely reading activities until 4:00. We'll even stamp your reading record! New families particularly warmly welcome - no need to book, just turn up and give us a go!



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PICK YOUR OWN PUMPKINS

Wasing Lane, Aldermaston, RG7 4LY

21st - 29th October 2022

Pumpkin Patch
Woodland Trail
Children's Entertainment
Seasonal Snacks

Book tickets at wasing.co.uk/pumpkins

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PANTOMIME—WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER—“RAPUNZEL” - ALL YEAR GROUPS

We have organised a trip to see “Rapunzel” at the Watermill Theatre in Newbury.

NB—The children will leave school at 1.30pm and will have a late return to school for collection between 5 and 5.30pm.

For the Panto, we would like all children to attend and would therefore advise that unless we receive an email in enquiries@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk to advise that you do not wish your child to attend, we will assume that permission is granted for ALL CHILDREN to attend. Thank you.



For this trip, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £12.50 towards the cost of the theatre ticket.

Cheques should be made payable to “Aldermaston School Fund”. We have the facility for parents to pay by BACS. If you would prefer to use this option, please make sure you quote your child’s name and “Panto” in the reference. Our account details are as follows:-

Account Name: Aldermaston C E School Fund
Account Number: 00164740
Sort Code: 30-18-45

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.

Aldermaston School Judo Club



W e l c o m e

back to a new school year. I hope you feel refreshed and are ready to enjoy a new exciting year of Judo.

My name is Martin Rance, I represent ProCoach Judo and deliver judo tuition within your school. I am a Judo Black Belt and full-time professional school Judo teacher able to motivate pupils to learn about judo in a fun and exciting way, gaining enjoyment from the sport.

Judo is an exciting and dynamic Olympic and Commonwealth Games sport demanding both physical strength and mental discipline. Judo was invented to improve balance, co-ordination and self-belief; qualities that are transferable to many life and sporting situations. Judo is a popular activity open exclusively to pupils at your school.

To experience Judo you need to have a go, so why not come and join school friends and be assured of a very warm welcome!

Martin Rance
Judo Teacher
BJA Black Belt, 5th Dan
E: procoachjudo@yahoo.co.uk

Lesson Times:

Thursday's
8:00 - 8:45am

Starting 15th September

Fees:

Tuition only £ 66.00

Tuition with kit Hire £ 72.00
per pupil per term

*Fees are due at the
start of each term
(3 terms per year)*

Sign-up for Judo & pay electronically

To sign-up for Judo please email your pupil name & school form/class to ProCoach at: procoachjudo@yahoo.co.uk

ePayment may be made to ProCoach with the following bank details:

Account Name: **ProCoach Judo**
Sort Code: **401846**
Account Number: **81413856**

Please include the payment reference:
ALD <pupil name>



Club Joining Form

Pupils should email a copy of this slip to ProCoach (procoachjudo@yahoo.co.uk) prior to their first lesson, it confirms the pupil wishes to join the judo club. Fees are due at the start of each term, fees for newcomers are due following their trial lesson should they choose to join the club.

Please make online payment to ProCoach as detailed above. Prompt payment is very much appreciated.

Child's Name:

Parent/
Guardian signature:

A Judo kit must be worn for each lesson, pupils may either hire one from ProCoach or provide their own. Pupils must provide a half-terms notice in writing to withdraw from the Judo Club or pay half-term fees.

[] Tick this box if your child has any medical condition that your teacher should be made aware of, please provide details by email

ProCoach Judo
Tel: 01344 771 846
Email: procoachjudo@yahoo.co.uk





The Oaks Childcare
Community Interest Company

We are hiring

Playworkers

to join our fantastic teams at our
Afterschool Clubs
Working with children aged 4 – 11 years

The key hours are
3.00pm – 6.00pm

The role involves working closely within the team to provide a safe and fun environment for the children in our care

For more information and to get an application form,
please email Abbie at [**office@theoakschildcare.co.uk**](mailto:office@theoakschildcare.co.uk)

The Oaks is a local, non-profit making childcare organisation. We provide excellent term time wraparound childcare for the children of Mortimer St John's Infant School, Mortimer St Mary's Junior School, Silchester Primary School, Aldermaston CofE Primary School, The Priory Primary School, and Mini Oaks Preschool.

Please see our website for more information

[**www.theoakschildcare.co.uk**](http://www.theoakschildcare.co.uk)

If you need to see a copy of our Job Applicant Privacy Notice this is available on request.