

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter



Autumn Term (1) 2022 No.3

Dear Parents and Carers

Harvest festival

Last week we made our first visit of the school year to St Mary's Church to celebrate Harvest Festival.

Thank you to our Kingfishers Class for all of your hard work and preparation to lead this service for the rest of the school. You did a wonderful job in sharing readings and leading prayer and reflection. The school choir and orchestra also ensured this was a special occasion with a particularly moving performance of 'Heal the world'.

Reverend Jane started the service by commissioning our Worship Leaders - Henry, Neveah and Katherine - who will assist in services in church and collective worship in school. She also held a special session for Wrens Class after the service to show them around the church and teach them a little bit about the history of this important building. They loved spotting some of the more unusual features - including the painting of the cat and the knight's helmet attached to the ceiling.



As part of our friendship value for this term, we have looked at how we can help our friends in the local area. Thank you so much for your generous contributions to our Harvest Foodbank appeal. We will continue to accept donations right up to the end of term so don't worry if you have yet to drop in your offering.

Generous donation

Speaking of our trip up to church, we were lucky enough to be wearing brand new high visibility vests to ensure that everyone stayed safe on the journey. We're so grateful to Burdens Group and our PTA for arranging for these to be provided for our children and staff.



Parents' Evenings

I know our teachers enjoyed seeing you at our parents' evening appointments this week. If you weren't able to attend for any reason, please do try to make an appointment at another time. It's a really good opportunity to hear about how your child's school year has started, how you can support their learning at home and for you to provide us with any feedback.

Open Mornings

We showed around a lovely group of prospective parents and children for our September 2023 class this week. We are always proud to welcome visitors into the school and to show off our excellent facilities and let people see how engaged the children are in their learning. Our next open morning is Tuesday 8th November. Please do spread the word.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



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.

TERM DATES 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

Last day of Term 1	Thursday 20 th October
School Closed to pupils	Friday 21st Oct to Monday 31st October
First day of Term 2	Tuesday 1 st November
Last day of Term 2	Tuesday 20 th December

Spring Term 2023

First day of Term 3	Wednesday 4 th January
Last day of Term 3	Friday 10 th February
School Closed to pupils	Monday 13th to Friday 17th February
First day of Term 4	Monday 20 th February
Last day of Term 4	Thursday 30 th March

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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)
Every Thursday after school—Netball
(Years 4 to 6 only—Playground)
Every Thursday after school—Football
(Years 3 to 6 only—Field)

Music Lessons during school time

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

EVENTS THIS TERM

3.25pm..... END OF PUPIL HALF TERM
Tuesday 1st November
8.45am..... ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
Friday 4th November—NB CHANGE OF DATE
All day..... Whole School Flu Immunisations
Thursday 24th November
AM..... Creative Klick Individual Photos
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
Wednesday 4th January
8.45am..... ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
Monday 9th to Friday 13th January
All Week..... HEALTHY LIVING WEEK ACTIVITIES
Wednesday 25th January
9 to 10.30am..... Family Learning Morning
Monday 6th February
All day..... Level 1 Bikeability Training for Year 5

Please see our online diary for more dates at:-
<https://aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk/calendar>

SERVICE DATES

Sunday 16th October
10.45am Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church, Aldermaston
Sunday 13th November
10.50am Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church, Aldermaston



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October 2022

Teaching Assistant – Full time and part time hours available

(Required asap – initially fixed term until Summer 2023)

We have a vacancy for teaching assistants to work as part of our fantastic team providing both classroom and 1:1 support.

The ideal candidate will:-

- Have experience and enjoy working with children
- Support children in accessing learning, enjoying their lessons and making good progress across the curriculum
- Develop great professional relationships with children and colleagues
- Have a calm and consistent approach to helping children develop effective learning behaviours
- Have a flexible and proactive approach to supporting children
- Be committed to personal development and willing to engage in CPD – particularly in relation to school development priorities

There may be further opportunities to develop ELSA provision for the right candidate.

Pay Grade B Point 1-3 within the range of £18,333* to £18,887* per annum (pro rata) or £9.50* to £9.79* per hour.

If you are interested in this role, please contact the school on enquiries@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk for further information.

Closing Date: 3pm, Friday 4th November

Interviews: w/c Monday 7th November

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. *The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.*

* currently under local government pay review



PTA NEWS

Fireworks Event - Sunday 6th November 5pm till 7pm

We are incredibly pleased to announce that the PTA have organised another Fireworks event at Padworth Village Hall. These have previously been an enormous success with our friends and families and a terrific way of bringing families and the community together.

This event raises a large amount for the PTA which enables us to contribute to the school and help enrich the children's school experience. Please see poster attached for more details.

Christmas Fete

Discussions are already underway with ideas for this year's Christmas Fete. So far, we have ear marked Saturday 10th December so please mark it in your calendars. If you have ideas or would like to volunteer with any aspect of this event please email us at the email address above, or drop us a message via Facebook. New members are always welcomed and a great way of keeping this exciting.

New way to raise funds for the PTA...

The PTA are now using a great website called www.easyfundraising.org.uk to help raise money for Aldermaston Parent Teacher Association (PTA) - simply by shopping online.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk turns your everyday online shopping into FREE donations when you use them to shop with over 6,000 retailers such as eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS and Booking.com.

Retailers then make a small donation to say 'thank you' and easyfundraising gives those free funds to the PTA.

Please register using this link – just click sign up -

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=284560&invite=b3xedg&referral-campaign=c2s>

They also have an app if you would prefer to use that, just search for easyfundraising.

Plus, once you have signed up and raised £5 in donations, easyfundraising will give us an extra £5 donation.

There is no catch or hidden charges and Aldermaston Parent Teacher Association (PTA) will be grateful for your donations.



Aldermaston C of E Primary School PTA presents

FIREWORKS DISPLAY!

BY

Double British Firework Champions -

Illusion Fireworks!

Sunday 6th November at

Padworth Village Hall

Advanced Tickets - CASH ONLY

(until 4/11/22):

Adult - £8

Children - £3

Family 2A & 3C - £20

On the Gate:

Adult - £10

Child - £5

Family 2A & 3C - £25

Age 0-3 - FOC

- Licensed bar
- Hot Food
- Stalls
- Card payment available

**GATES OPEN
5PM**



No Sparklers please

Tickets available from:

The Hinds Head

The Butt Inn

Aldermaston Stores

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Wasing Lane, Aldermaston, Berks, RG7 4LX.

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