

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter



Autumn Term (2) 2022 No.5

Dear Parents and Carers

Armistice Day

Our collective worship on Friday 11th of November was focused on acts of remembrance around the world, the meaning of Armistice Day and why we observe the two minutes silence at 11:00am. Across the school, there was absolute silence at 11.00am as everyone took time to remember and reflect.

Our Year 6 children made a trip to the Aldermaston War Memorial to lay poppy wreaths on behalf of each class in our school. We held a short service of remembrance which included remembering the fallen from our local area and listening to the Last Post (played beautifully by Katherine). We were extremely proud of the mature and respectful approach that the Starlings Class took towards this important responsibility.



Anti-Bullying Week 2022

This week, we have taken part in national Anti-Bullying Week 2022. Aldermaston CE Primary School takes part in this event every year. We believe it is important that children recognise, challenge and report bullying behaviour. Everyone who is affected by bullying must be able to access help so that they feel safe and happy.



Our school definition of bullying is 'a type of anti-social behaviour involving the repetitive, intentional harming of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.'

We have reflected on how we can stop bullying during our whole school collective worships, in class and through the work of our school council.

The school council met earlier this week to plan their Friday assembly. Today, they did a fantastic job of leading the anti-bullying assembly. They went through the definition of bullying, using child friendly language and examples, and ensured that everyone was clear on how to get help if they had any worries about bullying.

In class, children have also completed work linked to anti-bullying week. These lessons are always delivered in an age appropriate way. For example, the Wrens, who are our youngest class, spent time focusing on how being kind, speaking kindly and having kind hands prevents bullying and how important it is to share any worries with a trusted adult.

If you have any concerns about bullying, please do talk to your child's class teacher.

Supporting learning at home

We have noticed an increase since the start of term in the number of children achieving their five reads a week. Thank you for your support in this. The children are always very proud when they reach this milestone. We're hoping for even better figures next week!

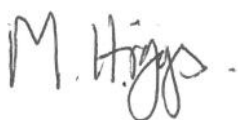
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It was brilliant to welcome our Wrens' parents into school this week to find out more about how we teach mathematics in EYFS. We're really keen for you to have the tools and information you need to support your children's learning. We hope that platforms, like MyMaths, help you to see what children are learning in school. We've had some great parent feedback about the MyMaths homework, but we can also see that some families are not completing this work. We'd like to help. If you're having trouble logging in, or if you need any other support, please let your class teacher know. We can still source some laptops for home loan if this would help.

As always, if you have any suggestions for future family learning mornings, or other information events we could run as a school, please let us know.

Thank you for your contributions to Children in Need 2022. The children enjoyed filling in our Pudsey with coins and feeling as if they were helping other children at the same time.

Wishing you all a wonderful 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 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

CONTACT DETAILS

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

Website: www.aldermaston.org.uk

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—**FINISHES NEXT**

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

(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

EVENTS THIS TERM

Thursday 24th November

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3.30 to 4.30pm Final Netball Session this term

Monday 28th November

All day Year 34 Trip to Ufton Court—Romans

Wednesday 7th December

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

Saturday 10th December

2 to 5pm PTA Christmas Fayre

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

7.30pm PTA Meeting at The Butt Inn

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

Tuesday 17th January

7.30pm PTA Meeting at The Butt Inn

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 11th December

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



PTA NEWS



Christmas Events;

Christmas Fete;

This year's Christmas Fete will be held on Saturday the 10th December in the School Hall between 2pm and 5pm. There will be an 'Elfridges' Store to enable children to choose small gifts for loved ones, various small businesses selling handmade items, a bar, food and of course the opportunity to meet the big man himself.

If you are able to volunteer some of your time (~1hour) to help with this event please email us on the address above.

Christmas Wreath and Decoration workshop;

We will be holding a wreath making and decoration workshop on Wednesday 14th December between 6.30 and 9.30pm in the school hall. It will be £10 for the decoration making and £25 for the wreath making.

Wreaths will be moss based and we will supply the foliage, if however, you would like to bring extras please do so.

You will need to bring your own secateurs or scissors.

Tickets for this event will be limited so please book in early to avoid disappointment.

Spaces can be secured by emailing pta@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk a deposit of £10per person will be required with full payment to be received by 7th December 2022.



Fundraising successes.

The PTA raised ~£3000 from the Fireworks event that was held on Sunday 6th November 2022.

We also raised £130 from this weeks clothing collection.

Thankyou to everyone that helped donate their time, belongings, and energy to make both of these events such a success.

Future PTA meeting dates;

Tuesday 22nd November at 7.30pm at The Butt Inn, Aldermaston.

Tuesday 17th January @ 7.30pm at The Butt Inn, Aldermaston.

Please do come along, our meetings are always informal and are a great way of meeting some other parents of children. Don't panic we won't ask you to sign away all your free time 😊

Please remember there is a new way that you can raise funds for the PTA whilst doing your Christmas shopping online.....

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.



pta@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk

Facebook - Aldermaston P.T.A



**CHRISTMAS
CLASSES**

**MONDAY 19TH
&
TUESDAY 20TH
DECEMBER**

**ARTS & CRAFTS,
CHRISTMAS
MOVIE,
SINGING,
DANCING
DRAMA**

**£30
EACH DAY**

**10% OFF FOR
SIBLINGS**

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE
[HTTPS://BREAKING-BARRIERS-THEATRE-COMPANY.CLASS4KIDS.CO.UK/](https://breaking-barriers-theatre-company.class4kids.co.uk/)**

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