

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter



Autumn Term (2) 2022 No.6

Dear Parents and Carers

A trip back in time

Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic day at Ufton Court finding out more about life in Roman Britain.

They took part in some tough training as Roman army legionaries to develop their skills in using shields and spears. They learnt about the expectations of discipline and the importance of protecting their standard bearer.

Over in the Celtic village, we found out more about how to survive the wet and cold winters in wattle and daub buildings. We spun wool, spent time wattle weaving and created sparks to build a fire.

When all our work was done, we enjoyed some Roman games. The children were able to see clear links between how Roman's spent their leisure time and sports, board games and playground games which we still enjoy today.

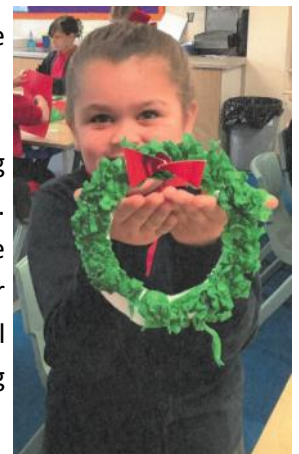
Thank you to Miss Jenkins for organising this trip and to all the staff and volunteers who helped our children learn through experience as part of their current history topic.



House Group Learning Morning

On Wednesday morning, our brilliant House and Deputy House Captains led their first House Group Learning Morning.

The theme was Advent and the children started the session with a collective worship focusing on the symbols of Advent and how these were linked to scripture and the story of Christmas. Along with the other Year 6 children, they then led the younger children in making House Group decorations for our tree. It was lovely to see the older children supporting our younger pupils and building those lovely relationships. We were particularly impressed with how well organised the House and Deputy House Captains were in delivering the morning and taking care of their House Groups.



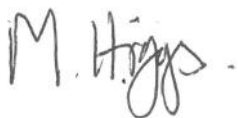
Many thanks to the Wasing Estate for their generous donation of a Christmas tree which arrived yesterday and looks beautiful with all of the children's decorations on display.

Nurture alert

We are currently on the lookout for donations of well looked after second hand bean bags, big pillows and fluffy blankets. These are key items in our Rainbow Room which is used to nurture children. If you are able to help, please let us know.

I hope you are all enjoying the football. It does seem to be the main topic of conversation for many of our children at the moment. Fingers crossed for Sunday!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.



Mrs M Higgs
Headteacher

CHILDREN IN NEED

As a school, we managed to raise £78.67 in support of Children in Need.

Thank you all so very much for your generosity for this worthy cause.



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.



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

PLEASE SEE OUR FULL NO NUTS STATEMENT ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

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



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

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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—Football

(Years 3 to 6 only—Field—**FINAL SESSION NEXT THURSDAY, 8th DECEMBER**)

Music Lessons during school time

Every Monday—Guitar

Every Tuesday—Violin/Piano

Every Thursday—Woodwind/Piano

Every Friday—Percussion/Drums

EVENTS THIS TERM

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 and Jumper Day

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

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS—SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd February

All day Level 2 Bikeability Training for Year 6

Monday 6th to Friday 10th March

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO ABERNANT, MANOR ADVENTURE

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

Aldermaston C of E Primary School

Christmas Fair

Meet
Santa

Stalls

Cards

Bar

Elfridges
Kids
Store

Raffle



**10TH
DEC**

ALDERMASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Wasing Lane, Berkshire, RG7 4LX

**2 PM –
5 PM**



JOIN US FOR A

Make your own Christmas
Wreath and/or Decoration
evening.

DEC | 14 | 18:30 -
21:30

ALDERMASTON SCHOOL HALL

Christmas Music / Hot Drinks / Cookies & Mince Pies
(alcoholic drinks permitted)

Prices:

Christmas Wreath £25
Christmas Decoration £10

Please bring your own secateurs / scissors - all other supplies are included.
Feel free to bring along any specific materials you'd like to use.

St Mary the Virgin, Aldermaston

We invite you to our Crib Service

at 5pm on Christmas Eve

Come and join in the story of the birth of Jesus



**Come dressed as angels, shepherds, kings, donkeys,
or whatever you want**

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