

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter



Spring Term (1) 2023 No. 1

Dear Parents and Carers

Healthy Living Week

Our January has started in a very positive way with the children and staff fully embracing our healthy living week.

We've welcomed coaches in street dance, mini-fencing and judo alongside our daily 'walk a mile' to ensure the children have had an active week. The walking has been lots of fun and rather muddy – apologies for the extra washing I'm sure this has caused. The children responded really well to mini-fencing, which was completely new to them. There was lots of positive feedback so we've organised a mini-fencing club (details to follow). We're very grateful to Natalie and Martin (who both run morning clubs) for sharing their skills with our whole school for workshops this week.

There has been an impressive array of foods available in the different classes too. The preparation of healthy snacks has led to so many valuable learning conversations. Children have thought about what makes something healthy, where food comes from, food as colourful art and the economics of home cooking versus shop bought equivalents.

We've seen lots of links to our science and PSHE as children become more confident in understanding how their bodies work and in thinking about how we can look after them and how this helps us to feel well. Getting enough sleep was definitely one of the topics that children found relevant to their lives. Children under 6 years old are recommended to have more than 10 hours of sleep each night. For children aged between 6 and 12 years old, the NHS recommends 9 to 12 hours of sleep.

Each class shared their learning in our Friday assembly today and were very proud of their achievements. Please see our photo gallery from this week and flyers for all active breakfast clubs taking place in school, later in this newsletter.

Speak out. Stay safe.

As you will have seen from our letter last week, children have been taking part in some special class based NSPCC assemblies and linked learning. In KS1 and KS2, children have been meeting Buddy and understanding that all children have important rights:-

- The right to be safe
- The right to speak out and be heard
- The right to get help when they need it

They have talked about how sometimes others behave in a way which is 'not OK' (abusive and unsafe) and how they can speak out for themselves and for others if something is worrying or concerning them. These assemblies have revisited the idea of sharing worries with a trusted adult and we have talked about the work of Childline and how to contact them.

Attendance review

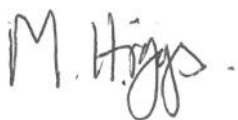
Our whole school attendance for the Autumn Terms is 93%, which is below our target of 96%. Children who miss a lot of school will have gaps in their learning, it can affect their relationships with their peers and cause them anxiety. If your child's attendance for Autumn Term is below 90%, you will be receiving a letter to alert you to the fact they are considered to be in the Persistent Absence category. Regardless of the reasons for absence, we are required to let you know that your child's attendance is below 90%. There are often very good reasons for a child to have a temporary low absence rate including periods of genuine illness and authorised leave. If this is the case, your child's attendance figures will improve over the course of the whole year and there are unlikely to be any long term effects.

However, if you are finding it difficult to improve your child's attendance, we're here to help so please do let us know how we can offer support.

Family learning morning

Just a reminder about our next Family Learning Morning which is scheduled for 25th January. The focus for this morning will be writing and you will have the chance to join your children in their classroom and to take part in a writing lesson with them. If you will be joining us, please enter through the hall so we can get you signed in and offer you a hot drink before you start your lessons.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.



Mrs M Higgs
Headteacher



The Oaks Childcare
Community Interest Company

Our 2023 holiday club planning at The Oaks is well underway and with February half term fast approaching we are looking forward to our first holiday club of the year.

Our February half term holiday club will be running between Monday February 13th and Friday February 17th. The club will run from 8am-6pm, from Aldermaston C of E Primary where we will have access to the school hall and outside areas.

The club is open to all children already attending primary school (aged 4-11y). The cost will be £38.50 per day. A 10% discount is available for Oaks children, for siblings and for full week bookings (one discount will apply per child).

A huge variety of activities will be available every day including organised games, craft activities and messy play. You and your children will recognise many of the Oaks staff if they come to our clubs, and will make new friends if they don't.

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 2023

Spring Term 2023

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

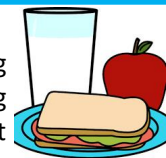
Summer Term 2023

First day of Term 5	Monday 17 th April
May Day Holiday	Monday 1st May—SCHOOL CLOSED
Coronation Holiday	Monday 8th May—SCHOOL CLOSED
Last day of Term 5	Friday 26 th May
School Closed to pupils	Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June
First day of Term 6	Monday 5 th June
End of Pupil Term	Thursday 20 th July

ADVANCE NOTICE

School Lunch Price Increase

We have been informed by our catering company, Dolce, that they will be increasing individual meal prices for children from 1st April 2023 to £2.60 per day.



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—started on Thursday 12th January 2023—**last session Thursday 23rd March**)

Every Thursday after school—Netball

(Years 4 to 6 only—Playground—started on Thursday 12th January 2023—**last session Thursday 23rd March**)

Music Lessons during school time

Every Monday—Guitar

Every Tuesday—Violin/Piano

Every Thursday—Woodwind/Piano

Every Friday—Percussion/Drums

EVENTS THIS TERM

Tuesday 17th January

7.30pm..... PTA Meeting at The Butt Inn

Wednesday 25th January

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

Wednesday 1st February

All day Whole School Trip to the Story Museum, Oxford

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

Tuesday 21st to Monday 27th March 2023

3.30 to 4pm Travelling Book Fair

Tuesday 28th March

9.30 to 10.30am..... Easter Service at St Mary's Church, Aldermaston

Thursday 30th March

3.25pm..... END OF PUPIL TERM

Friday 31st March to Sunday 16th April

EASTER HOLIDAYS—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

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

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Healthy Living Week Photo Gallery





Oaks Holiday Clubs

plenty of indoor and outdoor fun!

Feb Half Term

13th - 17th Feb
(Mon-Fri) 1 week
Aldermaston CE
Primary School

Easter

11th - 14th Apr
(Tues-Fri) 1 week
Mortimer
St Mary's School

May Half Term

30th May - 2nd Jun
(Tues-Fri) 1 week
Aldermaston CE
Primary School

Summer

7th - 11th Aug
14th - 18th Aug
21st - 25th Aug
(Mon-Fri) 3 weeks
Mortimer
St Mary's School

Oct Half Term

23rd - 27th Oct
(Mon-Fri) 1 week
Aldermaston CE
Primary School

8am-6pm - For all children aged 4-11 - Ofsted Registered

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Welcome back to a new academic year of Judo! I hope you and your family have had a lovely Christmas break and you are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

My name is Martin Rance, I represent ProCoach Judo, delivering judo tuition within your school. I am a full-time professional school Judo teacher with over 19 years of experience and a strong reputation for motivating pupils to learn all about judo in a fun and exciting way, gaining enjoyment from the sport

If you are new to Judo this term I can not wait to share your Judo experience with you and you can be rest assured of a very warm welcome!

Martin Rance
British Judo Association 5th Dan
British Judo Level 3 Coach

What is judo? It is many things to different people. It is a fun sport, an art, a discipline, a recreational or social activity, a fitness program, a means of self-defence or combat, and a way of life. It is all of these and more.



Professor Jigoro Kano founded Judo in 1882 as a structure for mental and physical education, deriving from the ancient forms of Japanese martial arts, Kano created a safe, yet effective form of self-defence.

It was introduced into the Olympic Games in 1964 and is practised by 40 million people in over 200 countries. People practice to excel

in competition, to stay in shape, to develop self-confidence, and for many other reasons. But most of all, people do Judo just for the fun of it.

Judo has the power to help educate, shape, and teach people.



By including Judo as part of your educational development, it will help instil values such as honesty, respect, and friendship as well as:

- Building physical fitness, flexibility, and co-ordination,
- Improving focus and concentration,
- Developing positive attitudes about sports in general,
- Increasing self-esteem, self-discipline, self-respect, and courtesy toward others,
- Building character, and developing social and problem-solving skills.

Judo is a popular activity open exclusively to pupils at your school.

Lesson Times: Thursday's 8:00 – 8:45am

Years 1-6 - School Hall



SIGN UP

To experience Judo, you need to have a go, so why not come along to your school Judo club for a no-obligation trial lesson and join in with your school friends

To sign up either enter the following url code: shorturl.at/auEKZ or please email procoachjudo@yahoo.co.uk to book your place.

Term Fee's

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)



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

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

Please include the payment reference: ALD <Pupil name>

Pupils must provide half-terms notice in writing to withdraw from the Judo Club or pay half-term fees.

A Judo kit must be worn for each lesson, pupils may either hire kit from ProCoach or provide their own



Join in the Fun at our Xtra Curricular Club...



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GYMNASTICS

Come have lots of fun at the Sports Xtra Gymnastics Club. Our family qualified coaches will introduce you to the fundamentals of Gymnastics in a fun, safe and inclusive environment. So if you would like to try out this Olympic sport, why don't you join the Sports Xtra Gymnastics Club!

Book online www.sports-xtra.com

School/Location

Aldermaston Primary

Duration

10 x sessions 45 Mins

Weds AM

Dates

11/01/23

To

22/03/23

Exc 15/02/23

Start Time

08:00

Pick Up Time

08:45 to school

Age Range

Years 1-6

Cost (£)

*£70

Other Info

Places Limited to 16 - book early to avoid disappointment!

*6% transaction fee applies - Early Offer £63 if booked by 23/12/22

Terms and conditions apply.

Sports Xtra accepts no liability for any loss of or damage to items belonging to your child whilst on this course. Your contact details will be held on a database, we may use by Sports Xtra to help keep you informed of future activities. If you do not wish to receive future news and information, please contact us.

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Book early to secure your place. Places limited to 16!

NEW MINI FENCING CLUB!

Coming soon to Aldermaston Primary School.
Starting Tuesday 24th January 8-8:40am and running
for 9 weeks (excluding half term)

Suitable for school years 1-6. Places are limited to 20
max so book fast to avoid disappointment.

Cost for 9 weeks= £63 total.

Following a successful Mini Fencing Taster session at the school this week, I am delighted to be starting a breakfast club. All sessions will be with me and are suitable for all abilities.

To book your child's place email: bookings@philwestcricket.co.uk

I will reply to your email with bank details for payment or pay by cheque / cash into the school office by Friday 20th January (Cheques made payable to PWCC LTD) along with your child's name.

Any questions please feel free to email bookings@philwestcricket.co.uk
or call 07585 553127

Kind Regards- Phil West www.philwestcricket.co.uk



Aldermaston
School

Book
online

Friday
08:00-08:45

Street Dance
All ages



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company.class4kids.co.uk](https://breaking-barriers-theatre-company.class4kids.co.uk)