

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term (1) 2023 No. 2



Dear Parents and Carers

A compassionate start to the year - Harvest Foodbank Appeal

Our school value for this term is 'Compassion' and the children are keen to show compassion for their neighbours in need through our annual Harvest collection for the West Berkshire Foodbank. There are more families than ever before who are using and depending on the Foodbank and I know that any contributions will be greatly appreciated. You can also use the link below to find out what items are urgently required for donation.

<https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



From Monday, the collection box will be just inside the entrance lobby and children can also bring in donations to their classrooms. Thank you.

Attendance and illness

We all know that having good attendance at school is extremely important for our children. Consistent attendance supports their social development and ensures they make the best possible academic progress. However, we also recognise that it can be difficult to know when to keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell. The link below provides some useful guidance about common children's health conditions and whether they are still able to attend school. It also identifies the situations where children should be kept at home so they can recover and to prevent them from passing on their illness to others. I hope you find it useful.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

School Council

A huge thank you to all of the children who put themselves forward as a candidate for our school council. It takes real courage to stand up in front of your peers to ask for their votes. There were an impressive number of candidates and each one wrote and delivered a speech and took part in the voting process. We're so happy that so many children want to play an active part in making decisions which will affect our school community.

Many congratulations to our new School Council.

Robins Class	Hannah and Oscar
Owls Class	Devon and Sapphire-May
Kingfishers Class	Zoe W and Tia
Starlings Class	Josh and Verity

Year 6 positions of responsibility

This morning we had the pleasure of announcing our new Year 6 leadership team. The children's application forms were superb this year and included a real focus on the skills they had to offer in each role. We're very excited to see the impact they will make during their final year at Aldermaston.

House	Achard	Forster	Congreve	Keyser
Captain	Felicity	Holly	Josie	Ella

Position	Children appointed
Collective Worship Leaders	Verity, Josephine and Evelyn
Sports Ambassadors and Play Leaders	Lucy and Isabelle
Technical Team	Joshua and Freddie
School Photographer	Alicia Bell

Well done Year 6!

Athlete visit

We know how much the children got out of the visit by Paralympian, Aaron Phipps. This term, we have arranged for a sponsored sporting event which includes an assembly led by Nerys Pearce, a GB athlete who, since being involved in an accident which left her paralysed, has competed in powerlifting, swimming, athletics, rowing and wheelchair basketball! She will be supporting and encouraging the children through some sporting circuits on Friday 6th October and will then lead a whole school assembly. We will be sending through more details shortly.

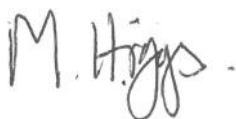
Family learning morning

We're looking forward to seeing you next week for our family learning morning on Friday 29th September. For those of you who are new to our school, we aim to hold three family learning mornings a year (see school website calendar).

We open our doors so you can join your children to find out more about what they are learning and to get a better understanding of their day to day lives in the classroom. You are expected to join in with the lessons alongside the children but we promise there will be no formal assessment of your work! Following on from a parent feedback suggestion, the theme for this next event will be Art and D&T. We hope you enjoy a fun and creative time in the classroom with your children.

You can drop your children off as usual through the school playground and we will then ensure there is tea and coffee available for you in the hall where you can sign in and receive a visitor label. The event finishes at 10.30am so the children can go out for their break and you are welcome to stay for all or part of the morning, whatever you can manage.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.



Mrs M Higgs
Headteacher



ADVANCE NOTICE

- West Berkshire Council will be undertaking major refurbishment works on Aldermaston Wharf Lifting Bridge
- Work on the refurbishment will be starting 8 January 2024 until 15 March 2024, to ensure the bridge continues to function reliably and effectively for many years to come.
- The removal of the bascule section of the bridge will cause the closure of the A340 from 8 January 2024 until it is reinstalled and made operational again on the 15 March 2024.

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

ACCESS TO SCHOOL BUILDING

Please note that at all times there should be **NO PARENTS** in the school building without having first signed in through the office and obtained a visitor badge. Thank you.



WALKING ON SCHOOL WALL AT FRONT OF SCHOOL

Please could we remind you **NOT TO ALLOW** your children to walk on the small wall at the front of the school. This has loose coping stones and could cause injuries.



NO Smoking (or Vaping) on School Grounds

Our school site is a no smoking zone and we therefore ask all parents to NOT smoke or vape 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.

TERM DATES 2023

Autumn Term 2023

First Day of Term 1	Tuesday 5th September 2023
Last Day of Term 1	Thursday 19th October 2023
Half Term—no school	Friday 20th to Monday 30th October 2023
First Day of Term 2	Tuesday 31st October 2023
Last Day of Term 2	Wednesday 20th December 2023

Spring Term 2024

First Day of Term 1	Monday 8th January 2024
Last Day of Term 1	Friday 9th February 2024
Half Term—no school	Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2024
First Day of Term 2	Monday 19th February 2024
Last Day of Term 2	Wednesday 27th March 2024

EVENTS THIS YEAR

Thursday 28th September

All day.....Years 3 to 6 trip to Winchester Science Centre
NO YEAR 4 SWIMMING TODAY

Friday 29th September

9am to 10.30amFamily Learning Morning

Tuesday 3rd October

9 to 10.30amHarvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church

Thursday 5th October

PMYear 4 Swimming at Tadley Swimming Pool
every Thursday up to and including Thursday, 7th December.

Friday 6th October

PMOlympic Athlete Event

Monday 9th October

All day.....Whole School Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 11th October

4 to 7pmParents Evening

Thursday 12th October

9.30 to 10.30amOpen Day for Prospective Parents
3.30 to 6pmParents Evening

Thursday 19th October

3.25pmEND OF PUPIL HALF TERM

Friday 20th October to Monday 30th October

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS—SCHOOL CLOSED

Sunday 29th October

5pmPTA Fireworks at Padworth Lane

Tuesday 7th November

9.30 to 10.30amOpen Day for Prospective Parents

Wednesday 8th November

9amPTA Bag Collection

Friday 10th November

Armistice Day—Year 6 laying wreath at Memorial

Wednesday 15th November

7pmPTA Meeting at The Butt Inn

Thursday 16th November

AMSchool Individual Photographs

Tuesday 5th December

AMWhole School Pantomime Trip "The Wizard of Oz" at The Watermill Theatre

Thursday 7th December

PMYear 4 Swimming—FINAL SESSION

Monday 11th December

PMFS/KS1 Nativity Performance

Tuesday 12th December

9 to 10.30amAdvent Service at St Mary's Church

Wednesday 13th December

PMFS/KS1 Nativity Performance

Thursday 14th December

12pmSCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday 20th December

3.25pmEND OF PUPIL TERM

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

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ALDERMASTON CE PRIMARY PTA FIREWORKS 2023

SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER
PADWORTH LANE, RG7 4HY
GATES OPEN AT 5 PM

**LICENSED BAR | HOT FOOD
STALLS | DISPLAY BY ILLUSION
FIREWORKS**

This Event is Sponsored and Supported by

RM Reading Money
Simple Smart Advice & **A&S CARPENTRY**

Tickets are available to purchase in
advance until Friday 27th October.

Purchase online by scanning the
QR code below or from:

Aldermaston Stores | The Hinds Head
The Butt Inn | PTA Committee

ADVANCE PRICE:

Adult - £8
Child - £3
Family (of 5) - £20

ON THE GATE PRICE:

Adult - £10
Child - £5
Family (of 5) - £25

(Free for under 2's)



**WE POLITELY ASK THAT
YOU DO NOT BRING
ANY SPARKLERS ONSITE**

For more information please visit
Facebook.com/AldermastonPTA or
email: pta@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk

