

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term (2) 2023 No. 5



Dear Parents and Carers

Our value for this term is 'Hope' and we will be sharing lots of bible stories on this theme and thinking about why hope is important when we look at what is happening in the world around us. In class, the children are following the example of our Thinker Firefly learning hero who is full of ideas and uses a creative and imaginative approach to solve problems. The Firefly hero also promotes the British value of respecting different cultures and religions. Children will be thinking about how we celebrate diversity and welcome the chance to learn about ideas and beliefs that are different from our own.



Remembrance

This week all classes have been thinking about acts of remembrance as we approach Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. Each child has helped to create a poppy wreath for their class. This morning, our Year 6 class made the annual visit to the Aldermaston War Memorial where we held a short open air service to remember those who lost their lives while fighting from our local area. We laid the five class wreaths at the lychgate.

The Starlings Class have worked very hard at break times to support the Poppy Appeal and help our younger children to choose remembrance items. I know a number of our children will be proudly taking part in Remembrance parades and services this Sunday and we are looking forward to hearing about their experiences next week.

Conflict in the news

Unfortunately, there is a lot of conflict around the world at this time. There are lots of upsetting news stories and it's impossible not to be affected by them. Sometimes, our children are picking up reports which can leave them confused or worried about what's happening. We have spoken in collective worship about when to talk to an adult if you are worried about news stories. You may find the links below useful in this respect.

Talking to children about war:-

<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/how-talk-your-children-about-conflict-and-war>

Advice for children if they feel upset about the news:-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

Harvest appeal update

We had a lovely message of thanks from the West Berkshire Foodbank this week. Our donations weighed a total of 57.8kgs which is the equivalent of 121 meals for local residents in crisis. Well done everyone!

Health and Wellbeing

It's great to see so many more resources and services becoming available to help parents with any concerns they have about their children's health and wellbeing.

The school nursing service operates a ChatHealth text messaging service which means you can directly contact a member of the health visiting or school nursing teams for advice and information. You will receive confidential advice and information straight to your phone concerning any health concerns you have about your child. They aim to respond to all messages in 24 hours. Possible concerns could include sleep, behaviour, healthy eating, bedwetting and emotional health and wellbeing.

Parents and carers of children (0 – 5 years old)
Parents and carers of children (5 – 19 years old)

Text 07312 263283
Text 07312 263194

Reading Well for children have created a reading list of books which can support children's mental health and wellbeing. Books have been chosen and recommended by leading health professionals and co-produced with children and families.

The booklist is targeted at children in Key Stage 2 (aged 7-11), but includes titles aimed at a wide range of reading levels to support less confident readers, and to encourage children to read together with their families.

<https://reading-well.org.uk/books/books-on-prescription/children>

Children in Need

We will be collecting coins to cover a giant Pudsey bear to raise money for Children in Need next Friday (17th). If you would like to donate, please send your child in with their coins on the day. The children may also wear a spotty accessory e.g. Pudsey ears but it is not a non-uniform day and so should come in their normal school uniform.



PE Kit Required

We would be grateful if you could donate any unwanted school PE kit to school to use when children are without their kits in school. Please bring this to the school office. Thank you.

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

NOTICES

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.



DOGS ON SCHOOL SITE

Please do not bring dogs onto the school site. Many thanks

TERM DATES 2023/2024

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	Fri 20th to Mon 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 3	Monday 8th January 2024
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 9th February 2024
Half Term—no school	Mon 12th to Fri 16th February 2024
First Day of Term 4	Monday 19th February 2024
Last Day of Term 4	Wednesday 27th March 2024

Summer Term 2024

First Day of Term 5	Monday 15th April 2024
Last Day of Term 5	Friday 24th May 2024
Bank Holiday—no school	Monday 6th May 2024
Half Term—no school	Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024
First Day of Term 6	Monday 3rd June 2024
Last Day of Term 6	Wednesday 24th July 2024

EVENTS THIS YEAR

Tuesday 14th November

8.45amFS Maths Coffee Morning
2 to 3pmYear 4 Swimming Lesson
Extra from cancelled session on Thursday 5th October

Wednesday 15th November

7pmPTA Meeting at The Butt Inn

Thursday 16th November

AMSchool Individual Photographs

Friday 17th November

All dayCHILDREN IN NEED DAY

Tuesday 5th December

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

2pmYear 6 Douai Abbey Carol Service

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

Thursday, 21st December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS—SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 8th January

8.55amALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Monday 8th January to Friday 12th January

HEALTHY LIVING WEEK

Wednesday 24th January

9 to 10.30amFamily Learning Morning

Friday 9th February

3.25pmEND OF PUPIL HALF TERM

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS—SCHOOL CLOSED

Please see our online diary for more dates at:-



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ALDERMASTON SCHOOL

HALL FOR HIRE

Our school hall is available for hire evenings, weekends and during some holiday periods, for any activities you may need a venue for. With secure grounds, easy access and ample off road parking our site is ideal for:

**Family/Birthday Parties • Social Events • Dance Clubs • Amateur Dramatics
Health & Wellbeing Sessions • Art/Photography Clubs
or any other event.**

Our school hall leads on to a decking area with sun awnings and outside lighting. The large playing field which can be used for all parties hiring the hall, is included in the hire cost. At a small additional cost, we can also offer the use of our kitchen space to provide room for making drinks and offering food which you have prepared offsite.

If you would like to hire the school hall or for further information, please visit our website:

<https://aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk/community/hire-of-hall>

or contact us at: **enquiries@aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk**.



Tadley Rugby Club

Players Wanted



New Players from 5-17
from no experience to
budding internationals
are welcome

BE PART OF A FANTASTIC TEAM

No better time than now to join our community club

Contact us at: www.tadleyrffc.co.uk
juniorchair@tadleyrffc.co.uk

