

Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

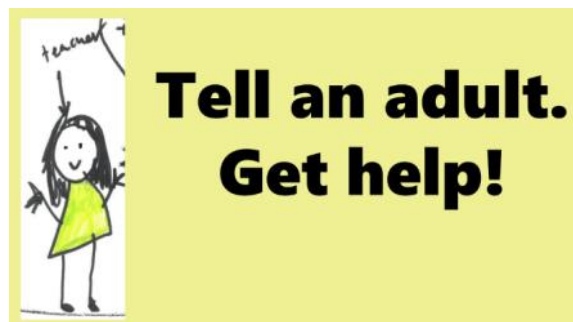
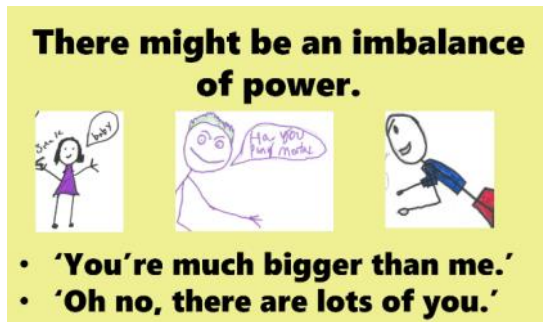
Autumn Term (2) 2023 No. 6



Dear Parents and Carers

Make a noise about bullying

Last week, we took part in the annual national anti-bullying week. The theme this year was for children to 'Make a noise' about bullying. Every class presented their learning from this week in our whole school assembly. The assembly started with a fantastic presentation from our School Council who wanted to make sure that every child understood the key messages about bullying.



Our aim behind the focus for the week is to ensure that children know how to recognise bullying and how to get help. It's important to us that the children feel that they are listened to and helped if there is anything at school which is causing them worry.

This year, there was a clear focus on children knowing that 'just a joke' or 'banter' is not an excuse for bullying behaviour. We talked a lot about taking pride in our differences and celebrating the fact that we are all unique and individual.

At the sharing assembly, class presentations ranged between our Wrens sharing their kind hands and kind words work to Starlings' 'Bantometer' and some wonderful poster work, poetry and rapping in between.



Alternative Olympics

Many congratulations to our Alternative Olympics team of Rowan, Zoe, Evelyn, Ana, Verity and Stanley who returned from this event at Theale Green School with wonderful bronze medals. Our children competed against other schools in a range of fun and inclusive sporting challenges which included boccia, kurling, seated volleyball and archery.

Thank you to Mrs Redding and Miss Jenkins for supporting our team and to our parent supporters.

Winter readiness and uniform

Despite some wet and windy (and soon to be cold) seasonal weather, we still like the children to enjoy as much time outside as possible. Please do ensure your child comes to school with a warm and waterproof coat so they can make the most of break and lunchtimes. Please also remember that children can bring in navy jogging bottoms to stay warmer for outside PE sessions.

It's worth taking the time to review uniform requirements, particularly in relation to footwear. We completely understand that children sometimes unexpectedly grow out of or wear out shoes and trainers might be a necessary short term measure before you can get to the shops. If this happens, please do speak with your child's class teacher to explain. In general, children should be wearing school shoes, not trainers or boots.

Play leaders at work

Our Year 6 play leaders, Lucy and Isabella, have been hard at work in the KS1 playground, leading some active and fun play sessions for our younger children. I know the girls have spent a lot of their own time planning for these sessions and it's clear they are being greatly enjoyed!



Poppy Appeal 2023

Thank you everyone. We raised £186.32 for the Poppy Appeal this year.

Children in Need

Thank you again to everyone who contributed. This year we have raised £84.



Looking forward, Nativity rehearsals are going well and I'm looking forward to seeing our children in their favourite disco outfits next Friday.

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



EVENTS THIS YEAR

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:-
<https://aldermaston.w-berks.sch.uk/calendar>

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



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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**.

