

# Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter



## Summer Term (2) 2024 No. 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

This our final newsletter for the school year and it's packed!

### Sports Day

Hurray for the lovely sunshine we enjoyed on our Sports Day. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for a wonderful morning of races and a lovely picnic lunch.

Well done Keyser House! Worthy victors in a very closely fought competition.



### Panto Pandemonium

If we ever wanted a reminder about the need for a little fairy dust in our lives, the KS2 production provided it in spades. Whilst the 'Baddies' were very persuasive about why we should be cheering for them, the intrepid pupils of Aldermaston CE Primary School managed to restore order to pantomimes everywhere. Thank you for helping the children to learn their lines and to take part in evening performances. Our children are so very talented and we must be very proud about the quality of their performances.



### School Dinners

We're very happy with the service and the quality of food being provided by PS Catering. Unfortunately, due to rising food costs and staffing expenses, the company is struggling to break even in their contract with us. In the current financial climate, catering for small schools is just not profitable for companies.

We recently met with PS Catering and representatives of Brimpton, our partner school in this contract, to explore options for managing costs and supporting the continuation of this service through the next academic year. As a result, we will be reducing menu options to two choices. We've looked at which dishes are most popular with the children and have revamped the school dinner menu from September. This will be a change from the published menu which was originally due to change in October. We are also increasing the cost of school dinners to £3.00 per meal from the beginning of the Autumn Term. Even with these changes, we ideally need a few more children to regularly buy school dinners.

We believe it is important to be able to offer a delicious and nutritious hot lunch option for all children in the school.

### End of term service

Yesterday, our end of term service was beautifully led by Kingfishers Class at St Mary's Church. The theme was change and moving on to new classes, or for Year 6, new schools. The music and readings were lovely and we were so impressed with the maturity and oracy skills of the children who gave the readings. Thanks to the Church for the gift of a bible each for every child moving to secondary school in September.



Thank you also to Miss Jenkins and all who helped the children prepare.

### Ultimate Learning Heroes

Congratulations to our Ultimate Learning Heroes for 2024. These children have exemplary learning behaviours and should be proud of being role models for everyone around them.

<b>Wrens Class</b>	Ralph	<b>Robins Class</b>	Poppy
<b>Owls Class</b>	Daryna	<b>Kingfishers Class</b>	Ana
<b>Starlings Class</b>	Holly		

Well done Children!

### Multiskills

Last week, an athletic group of Robins represented our school at the KS1 Multiskills Festival held at Theale. There were twelve schools taking part in the competition and we were delighted when our team came third. Well done to Poppy, Mia, Robin, Avery, Hannah, Olly and Mason.

It was a delight to present them with their bronze medals in our assembly on Monday.

Thank you to Mrs. Makepeace and Miss Renfrew for accompanying and supporting our team.



### Medication

ALL medication will be return to you at the end of today. When we return, on Wednesday 4th September, please an you make sure ANY medication is given to the office and a new form for you to fill in will be issued.

## **Farewells**

As we reach the end of another school year, it's time to say some fond farewells.

We have enjoyed celebrating everything our Year 6 Starlings have contributed to Aldermaston in their time here. They led a lovely Leavers Assembly to share their memories and some advice for the younger children. They are ready to move on to their new schools and we wish them lots of luck for September.

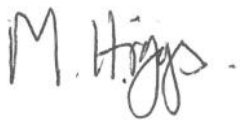
We also say goodbye Mrs Jackson at the end of this term. Mrs Jackson has worked at Aldermaston for nearly twelve years. We're sure you will join us in thanking Mrs Jackson and wishing her all the best for the future.

We have been so blessed with the kind words, cards and gifts received over the last few days. Thank you for your kindness and for taking the time to let staff know how appreciated they are. It means a lot.

At the end of another successful school year, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to making the school such a great place. Thank you to the wonderful staff who work so hard for our children and keep them at the centre of everything we do. Thank you to all of the volunteers who support our school in so many different ways, this includes the governing body, those who support children with their learning and our fantastic PTA. We also have the support of lots of local businesses and friends in the village. We feel very lucky to be part of Aldermaston community.

Wishing you all a lovely summer. We look forward to welcoming back the children on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**Mrs M Higgs**



**Headteacher**

## **Parish Updates**

### **The Benefice of Aldermaston and Woolhampton**



***Are you looking for part-time flexible work? Would you like to support and strengthen the local community? Would you like to help couples start on their journey towards marriage?***

If so, we need someone to provide a professional secretarial and administrator service to the benefice and our Rector (and support a busy wedding ministry of about 40 weddings a year. ) Bookkeeping experience needed.

You will need to from home with flexible hours of 15 per week, ideally across 3-4 days,

Remuneration £12 per hour

If you would like further details , please contact the Rev'd Jane Manley

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**Closing date 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024**

Job share could be considered