

# Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2021 No. 2



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for some of the lovely feedback provided on our new school website. We are keen to continue developing this as a useful resource for families so do let us know what you think.

## **Mental Health Awareness Week**

This week is mental health awareness week and we are all being urged to take time to connect to nature by experiencing, sharing and connecting with our natural environment nature.

In school (despite the variable weather) we are looking for opportunities for the children to enjoy time outside in our lovely grounds and to talk about nature. For more information about this year's Mental Health Awareness Week visit [mentalhealth.org.uk/mhaw](http://mentalhealth.org.uk/mhaw) or join the conversation on social media using #ConnectWithNature and #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek.



## **Wraparound Care**

Those of you who use Playzone will be aware that they have been trying to recruit a chairperson this year. Unfortunately, the Playzone committee have had to take the difficult decision not to continue with Playzone and we will need to arrange a new provider from this September. The committee, which is made up of volunteers and includes parents from both the Cedars and Aldermaston School, considered their decision very carefully. We are hugely indebted to Angie Garland and her team along with all the parents and volunteers who have generously served on the committee over the years it has been in operation. We know that many of our children have enjoyed their time at Playzone and will have lots of happy Playzone memories.

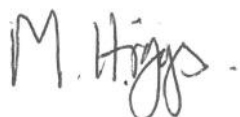
As a school, we are committed to ensuring access to high quality wraparound care. We understand how important this is – that's why we stepped in to provide Larks Club when Playzone were unable to continue their breakfast club during recent times. We are working hard behind the scenes to get things in place for September. We are not yet in a position to confirm new arrangements but hope to do so as soon as possible.

## **Catch Up Premium**

I am sure you are aware that the government has allocated some extra money to schools this year to help support children to recover from the effects of the pandemic. We are using this money in a range of different ways to benefit all of our children and to target more specific groups and individuals with tailored support in particular areas. Examples of extra provision to date include small group and one to one mathematics tuition and extra phonics teaching. We also recognise that how children are feeling day to day and their wellbeing may have been affected by this difficult time. We are able to use our qualified ELSA (emotional literacy support assistant) and external services to offer support as required. If you have any concerns about your child, please do discuss these with their class teacher.

If you would like to find out more about our plans for spending Catch Up Premium money, have a look at the full planning document available on our website.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.



**Mrs M Higgs**  
**Headteacher**



### **Reminders**

Please do not socialise on the school site and ensure your children are supervised at collection times.

Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly named.

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