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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you for all of your donations to either CIRDIC or New Beginnings last week. A reminder that we will be collecting food and toiletries as part of Harvest Festival on Wednesday 15th October.

The week ahead is looking particularly busy with flu vaccinations on Thursday. On Friday, children can come into school wearing red clothes of their choice for 'Show Racism the Red Card.' After school, we have the PTA Diwali Fayre taking place.

Today, we had the Accelerated Reader parent presentation in the hall and I would like to emphasise the importance of reading at home with your child on a daily basis (even when your child is a fluent reader). Book talk and questions to help your child comprehend what they are reading is just as important as the steps that you took at home to support your child use phonics when they first started to read. During the presentation, we shared the following information as to why you should read with your child for 20 minutes a day.

Child A	Child B	Child C
Reads 20 minutes per day	Reads 5 minutes per day	Reads 1 minute per day
Hears 1, 800, 000 words per year	Hears 282,000 words per year	Hears 8,000 words per year
Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardised tests	Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardised tests	Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardised tests

Obviously, this cannot be a one size fits all approach and each child's needs will vary. However, in the main, reading and discussing books with your child is the most effective type of homework that you can do with your child. This will help build their vocabulary and knowledge and the more frequent that you do it will lead to improved outcomes.

Accelerated Reader Parent Presentation

Alongside the weekly update this week, I am attaching a copy of the parent presentation for Accelerated Reader that took place in the hall today. Accelerated Reader is the reading scheme that is used after the Read, Write, Inc scheme. It is typically introduced for most children at varying points in Year 2 once they have completed the Read, Write, Inc scheme.

There is also a short summary of the scheme attached below:

<https://uk.renaissance.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/AR-parents-guide-updated.pdf>

Read, Write, Inc Parent Presentation



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
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Reading



Next Tuesday, we will be releasing a video presentation that details the approach about how we teach phonics at Aldrynton. I am also attaching a useful guide to parents written by Read, Write, Inc below:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Ground Working Party: Saturday 18th October (10am to 1pm)

We will be holding a grounds working party on 18th October. Any help would be greatly appreciated to help clear the pond area for a biodiverse garden. Please let the office know that you are coming as refreshments are provided.

PTA Disco: Thursday 23rd October

The first disco of the year will be taking place next Thursday and the times have been updated slightly this year:

- Foundation Stage/ Lower School will start at 5:15pm and will run until 6:15pm.
- Middle and Upper School will start at 6:30pm and will run until 7:30pm.

Entrance/ exit to the site will be via the Foundation Stage gate. There will be a parent lounge taking place in Middle School where families are welcome to stay for the duration of the disco. At the end of the disco, children are to be collected from the school hall.

Events List

This week there are two new events scheduled. These are highlighted in yellow.

Date (Time)	Event
Wednesday 15 th October	Harvest Assembly and Collection
Thursday 16 th October	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 17 th October (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tour
Friday 17 th October	Show Racism the Red Card (children wear red)
Friday 17 th October	PTA Diwali Fayre
Saturday 18 th October (10am to 1pm)	Grounds Working Party
Tuesday 21 st October	Litterbug Club
Tuesday 21 st October (3:30pm)	RWI Parent Presentation (online)
Thursday 23 rd October	LS trip to Windsor Castle
Thursday 23 rd October	US RE Inspired
Thursday 23 rd October	PTA Disco
Week beginning 27 th October	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November	INSET Day (No pupils in school)
Tuesday 4 th November	US Science Dome
Thursday 6 th November	Cross Country League

Friday 7 th November	PTA Upper School Bake Sale
Monday 10 th November	Prospective Parent Tour
Monday 10 th to Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week (wear odd socks on the 10 th).
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Week beginning 17 th November	Road Safety Week
Thursday 20 th November	Cross Country League at Lightwater
Friday 21 st November	Junior Music Festival @ Hexagon
Week beginning 24 th November	Parent Evening Week
Week beginning 24 th November	PTA Wrap-a-Present
Tuesday 25 th November	Litterbug Club
Tuesday 25 th November	US trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Tuesday 2 nd December (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tour
Thursday 4 th December	MS RE Inspired
Saturday 6 th December	PTA Christmas Fayre
Monday 8 th December	FS RE Inspired
Wednesday 10 th December (9:15am and 2:30pm)	Lower School Christmas Assemblies
Thursday 11 th December	LS RE Inspired at church
Monday 15 th December (2pm)	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Tuesday 16 th December	Litterbug Club
Tuesday 17 th December (AM)	Pantomime
Wednesday 17 th December (2pm)	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Term Progress reports to parents
Monday 5 th January	INSET Day
Friday 9 th January	Poetry Competition Launched

Wednesday 7 th January (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tour
Week beginning 12 th January	Team Newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Friday 23 rd January	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Week beginning 2 nd February	Children's Mental Health Week-
Tuesday 3 rd February and Thursday 5 th February	US trips to Reading Museum
Thursday 5 th February	Cross Country League
Friday 6 th February	NSPCC Number Day (dress as a number in return for £1 donation to NSPCC)
Week beginning 9 th February	Poetry Competition Finals
Monday 9 th February	Chinese New Year Assembly
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th February	PTA Disco
Week beginning 17 th February	Half Term
Tuesday 3 rd March and Thursday 5 th March	Middle School trips to Waltham Farm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day (Children can come in dressed as a book character)
Thursday 5 th March	US RE Inspired
Week beginning 9 th March	PTA Mother's Day Gift Sales
Week beginning 16 th March	Neuro-Diversity Celebration Week
Thursday 19 th March	Cross Country League Relays at Braywick
Week beginning 23 rd March	Parents' Evening Week
Monday 23 rd March	Foundation Stage RE Inspired
Wednesday 25 th March (2pm)	Foundation Stage Easter Performance
Thursday 26 th March	Middle School Eid Assembly
Friday 27 th March	Last Day of Term Progress reports to parents
Monday 13 th April	Children Return to School
Week beginning 20 th April	Team newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers

Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Week beginning 11 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 14 th May (6-8pm)	PTA Disco
Friday 15 th May	Middle School Maypole Dancing
Weeks beginning 18 th May	Y6 at Little Canada
Week beginning 18 th May	Multiplication Championship
Friday 22 nd May	Cultural Diversity Day
Week beginning 26 th May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	INSET Day
Monday 1 st to Friday 12 th June	Y4 Times Table Check Window
Thursday 4 th June	LS RE Inspired at church
Thursday 4 th June	MS trip to Wisley
Saturday 6 th June	PTA Try-a-Tri
Monday 8 th June	FS RE Inspired
Monday 8 th to Friday 12 th June	Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Retakes Window
Wednesday 10 th June	Class Photographs
Friday 12 th June	KS2 Sports Day
Week beginning 15 th June	PTA Father's Day Gift Sales
Wednesday 17 th June	FS trip to Wooley Firs
Week beginning 29 th June	Sports Week
Monday 29 th June (AM)	Inter-House Cross Country- Middle School
Monday 29 th June (1:30pm)	Upper School Swimming Gala
Wednesday 1 st July (1:30pm)	Middle School Swimming Gala
Wednesday 1 st July (AM)	Upper School Cross Country
Thursday 2 nd July (2pm)	Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day
Thursday 2 nd July	US RE Inspired
Friday 3 rd July	PTA Make the Rules Non-Uniform Day
Monday 6 th July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower - dress rehearsal

Tuesday 7 th July	Transition Morning
Wednesday 8 th July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Thursday 9 th July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Tuesday 21 st July (AM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Children
Tuesday 21 st July (PM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents
Tuesday 21 st July	Last Day of Term

Yours Sincerely,



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