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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope that all families had an enjoyable break. It was a busy final week of the Spring term with the topic celebrations and the Foundation Stage Easter performance taking place.

Tomorrow, we have a parent presentation on the forthcoming Y6 SATS that are due to take place on the week beginning 13th May. During next week, you should receive a copy of the team newsletter and details about what your child will be learning this term.

Attendance Update

Towards the end of last term, we noticed a downward trend in attendance, mainly down to illness. However, there was also a significant increase in the amount of leave of absence requests received in the final few weeks of last term. The attendance yesterday was also down at 90% and today, it is 92%. It is appreciated that the costs of flights are significantly more expensive in the holiday period, but please could attendance at school be prioritised. The overall school attendance is now close to the national average and places us at the 51st percentile of schools. There is also considerable variation between year groups. For example, attendance in Y2 is within the top 15% of schools, whilst attendance in Y6 is in the bottom 30%. Please see a table below for each year group with the average for the year so far compared to the percentile rank nationally for that particular year group:

Year Group	Average for the Year	Percentile Rank Nationally
Foundation Stage	93.5%	44
Year 1	94%	40
Year 2	96.4%	85
Year 3	95.8%	70
Year 4	93.7%	25
Year 5	95.2%	62
Year 6	93.6%	30

A special mention to the children and families in Beech Class, who have the overall highest attendance (96.3%) so far this year. Well done also to the children and families in both Ash and Sycamore, who have the joint second highest levels of attendance (95.8%).

To further understand what levels of attendance look like at Aldryngton, I am including the table below from our Attendance Policy:



Attendance	Description	Approx. days lost per year	Approx. weeks lost per year
99-100%	Excellent	0-4	Less than 1
97-98%	Good	5-9	1-2
96%	Satisfactory	10-13	2-3
90-95%	Unsatisfactory	14-18	3-4
Below 90%	Persistent Absence	More than 19	More than 4
Below 50%	Severe Absence	More than 97	More than 19

For comparison, your child's attendance level up until the end of last term can be found on the Spring term report that was sent out on the last day of term.

Our overall target for attendance is 97%, which factors in time that children may be ill. Your child should be kept at home if they have a high temperature (until it goes away) and sickness/ diarrhoea symptoms (minimum of 48 hours). The NHS has produced a useful guide to support with decision making. A link to this can be found below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Thank you in advance for your support in increasing attendance levels at Aldryngton.

Pupil Survey Feedback

Last term we were able to finish surveying all of the children in Key Stage 2 about their thoughts of school. The survey consisted of some statements about school that the children had to respond to, alongside some open-ended questions to gather feedback. Children were also asked about the subjects they enjoyed and didn't enjoy. They were also asked about their thoughts on the competitions that take place at the school. This was the first time that the children had completed this survey and the purpose of the survey was to ensure that we have the pupil's voice in both our self-evaluation and improvement priorities moving forward.

The response to the statements was very positive with almost all areas above 90%. For example: 94% of children surveyed enjoyed school, with 97% enjoying learning. 98% felt that school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally and 96% felt that they could take part in activities outside of lessons, like clubs, sport, music and art.

Some children felt that the work could be more challenging at times. As a response to this, the school is currently investigating the possibility of partnering with Nace for next academic year.

Top responses for what the children enjoyed best about school were playing with friends, teachers and learning. Children would most like to improve school dinners and have longer playtimes.

Practical subjects e.g. Design and Technology, Art and Physical Education were the most popular. These were closely followed by English and Mathematics. Religious Education was the least popular subject, so we will be looking at options about how this could be improved further for the children in the future.

Children were asked their thoughts about whether the competitions that the school currently offers should continue as yearly competitions, made every other year or scrapped. The large majority of children wanted all of the competitions currently offered to be kept as yearly competitions.

The leadership team found the pupil survey very useful to gather feedback directly from the children and also useful to follow up with particular children where required.

Arbor App Introduction

We are excited to announce that we are now ready to start rolling out the new Arbor Parent Portal/App. Adopting Arbor has allowed us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system.

Before we launch the new Parental portal we would like to invite all our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below. [Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of! These can all be found [here](#).

We will send further communication on the parental app and how to register in the next couple of week. Please look out for this information and register your child when prompted.

Maiden Erlegh Drive Update

On Monday, you may have noticed police presence down Maiden Erlegh Drive. This is in response to the incidents that took place before the holidays. I have been informed that the police will make visits to this area to monitor the situation on an intermittent basis.

Issues Between Children at School

A reminder that if something has happened at school between children, then you should contact the school, rather than approach the parent directly yourselves. If the school was already aware of the incident then it will be in a position to tell you what has happened and how it was dealt with.

Events Update

We have added some events to the event list and the date for Foundation Stage R.E. Inspired has been changed. Updates made this week are highlighted in yellow.

Events List: Summer

Date (Time)	Event
Monday 15 th April	Children Return to School
Wednesday 17th April (3:30pm)	Y6 SATs Parent Meeting
Week beginning 22 nd April	Team newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Tuesday 23rd April (3:30pm)	Y6 Little Canada Parent Meeting
Thursday 25 th April	Upper School Cake Sale 3:15pm
Monday 29th April	Recycling Assembly
Thursday 2 nd May	R.E. Inspired Foundation Stage
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 10 th May	Middle School Maypole Dancing
Week beginning 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS Week

Monday 20 th May	Class Photographs
Week beginning 20 th May	Multiplication Championship
Thursday 23 rd May	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Thursday 23 rd May	PTA Disco
Friday 24 th May	Cultural Diversity Day/ Art Exhibition
Week beginning 27 th May	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	INSET Day
Week beginning 3 rd June	Y6 at Little Canada
Monday 3 rd to Friday 14 th	Y4 Times Table Check Window
Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th June	Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Retakes Window
Wednesday 12 th June	New EYFS Parent Meeting
Friday 14 th June (9:45am)	Middle and Upper School Sports Day at Palmer Park
Saturday 15 th June	PTA Try a Tri
Tuesday 18 th June	New EYFS 24/25 Transition Visit
Wednesday 19 th June	FS Summer Trip
Thursday 20 th June	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Tuesday 25 th June	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshops (Y2, Y5 and Y6)
Thursday 27 th June	New EYFS 24/25 Transition Visit
Friday 28 th June	Middle School Eid Assembly
Week beginning 1 st July	Sports Week
Monday 1 st July (AM)	Middle School Cross Country
Monday 1 st July (1:45pm)	Upper School Swimming Gala
Tuesday 2 nd July	District Sports (selected children)
Wednesday 3 rd July (9:15am)	Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day
Wednesday 3 rd July (11am)	Upper School Cross Country
Wednesday 3 rd July (1:45pm)	Middle School Swimming Gala
Thursday 4 th July (11am)	Middle School Cross Country
Monday 8 th July	Transition Morning (whole morning)

Monday 8 th July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower School- dress rehearsal
Tuesday 9 th July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Middle School - technical performance
Wednesday 10 th July	Middle School trip to Wisley
Wednesday 10 th July (3:30-4pm)	Y1-Y6 Topic Celebrations
Wednesday 10 th July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Thursday 11 th July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Friday 12 th July	PTA Happy Circus
Monday 15 th July	Reports Out to Parents
Monday 22 nd July	Y6 Leavers Celebration-Pool Party
Tuesday 23 rd July (AM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Children
Tuesday 23 rd July (PM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last Day of Term

Yours Sincerely,



Mark Wieder
Headteacher