

# Aldrynton Primary School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Last week, the Year 1 children completed their Phonics Check and Year 4 children completed the Multiplication Tables Check. The pass mark for the Phonics Check is yet to be shared and we have not seen the results from the Multiplication Check yet, but staff are proud of all of their efforts. Children in Years 3-6 are also to be applauded for their efforts during Sports Day on Friday and thank you to Mr Vinulan for organising this.

## Financial Update

As many of you are aware that schools up and down the country are continuing to face financial challenges. The impact at Aldrynton is felt more acutely, due to receiving the lowest amount of funding possible. We benefit massively from having an experienced and stable workforce; however, this does also bring a high financial cost to the school. The school is in an agreed deficit budget with a deficit recovery plan in place. Whilst the financial situation is not at a point where a restructure of staff is necessary, we have been operating with a recruitment freeze in most positions for several years now. We have also granted a number of flexible working requests in recent years and not necessary filled all of the lost hours. We have prioritised maintaining the same number of teachers, but this does mean that we have gradually reduced the number of teaching assistants and number of office staff hours in recent years. This does make it challenging to offer everything that we would like to do or offer, but we are thankful to all that volunteer and the PTA for all of the vital funds that they raise.

If anyone is interested in longer-term volunteering, details can be found in the volunteer policy below:

<https://aldrynton.wokingham.sch.uk/school-information/policies>

I would also like to highlight all of the positive work of the PTA during this challenging period. The funds raised by the PTA have ensured that the pool remains open and that classroom resources have not been impacted by our financial position. One of the recent developments: the book lists have been particularly beneficial for the school. For anyone who may have missed this, then a direct link to where you can purchase books for the school is located below:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/aldrynton-primary-school-book-wish-list>

Thank you for your continued support.

## Use of Social Media/ Online Safety

Many of you will have seen the recent news of a forthcoming ban on certain social media sites for children. If your child is using any of these sites, then now would be a good time to start discussing that they stop. Most of the sites mentioned are already deemed unsuitable for primary school aged children.

The NSPCC have produced useful guidance on how parents can have discussions with their child regarding this as well as other aspects of online safety. Please find a link to directly access this below:



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**Sports Week: Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Families will be able to attend the following events:

- Upper School Swimming Gala
- Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day

These events will take place in the afternoons and details regarding the start times can be found in the Events List below.

**Events List**

<b>Date (Time)</b>	<b>Event</b>
Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Father's Day Gift Sales
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	FS trip to Beale Park
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Litterbug Club
Week beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Week
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June (AM)	Inter-House Cross Country- Middle School
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June (1:30pm)	Upper School Swimming Gala
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July (AM)	Upper School Cross Country
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July (2pm)	Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	US RE Inspired
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	PTA Make the Rules Non-Uniform Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower - dress rehearsal
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Morning
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Litterbug Club
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (AM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Children
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (PM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of Term

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Wieder", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Wieder  
Headteacher