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Dear Parent/ Carer,

It is great that the weather has improved once again and we have been really pleased with how well all the children have started this academic year. I am sure that last weekend, the children would have slept well after their first full week back. At this point of term, I have a couple of reminders for as well as a few updates.

A reminder that it is National Fitness Day tomorrow, so children can come into school wearing their P.E. kits all day. Please could I also remind you to check the events update section at the end of the weekly update as there are a couple of updates to events already.

Bikes/ Scooters

First of all, it is absolutely great that there are so many bikes and scooters coming into school and long may that continue. It is however, causing a couple of storage issues for us in the interim. Longer term, we are looking at options to make better use of the existing area outside the front office. We also have a unique site in which we have children leaving/ entering in multiple locations, so there will be options presented below where you can choose what is the most convenient area for you to store the bike. Please find a summary below of where you can store your bike/ scooter at the school:

- Foundation Stage only to store their bike/ scooter behind the Foundation Stage garden area, outside Cedar Class.
- Middle School scooters only can now be stored against the fence and outside wall of Beech Class.
- All other bikes or scooters can be stored at the most convenient location, either in the fenced area outside the office or on the grassed area between the path and the fencing opposite the play equipment. This area offers the largest capacity and also usually has the most space.

Homework Policy

You may recall in the Summer term, we asked for feedback from families about homework. We also asked staff and the children about their thoughts regarding homework. We used this information to update our homework policy and that is now on the policies page on the school website. As I mentioned at the time, it would be possible to get a policy that fits everyone's personal viewpoints as there was and always will be variation in what people think the right amount of homework is.

The general consensus amongst staff, children and parents was that the amount of homework set was about right. Therefore, we made minimal changes to the existing policy. When I spoke to children, many mentioned that they would like some options to complete their homework online as well as some paper-based homework. Parents also mentioned that they would like more feedback regarding the homework provided. Therefore, we had decided to trial MyMaths for one month in year groups 1 to 4 in the first instance. The homework tasks now align with what the children have been covering in class that week for mathematics. There is also a tutorial that can be used if your child needs additional support and it also offers instant feedback, which is then sent to your child's teacher. For those of you, that would like your child to complete more homework, there is also functionality within the system to do this. As a parent, you will be able to see exactly what is covered over each National Curriculum year group. If we do decide to use this system beyond the one-month trial period, we will arrange a workshop for parents to view the full functionality that the programme offers. In the next week or so, if your child is in Y1 to Y4, then they should come home with their log in details for MyMaths.



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Leave of Absence Forms

A reminder that the timeline to process these from submission to the office is five days. Often we are able to respond quicker than this, but once submitted, they have been received and you will hear back in due course. Ideally, for planned absences, we would like notice of at least a month, but we also understand that there can be unplanned emergencies.

Birthday Celebrations in School

We will be continuing with our approach to celebrate a child's birthday by allowing them to wear clothes of their choice on that day. Where the birthday falls at a weekend or during a school holiday, then your child will be able to wear their own clothes on the day closest to their birthday.

A reminder that we will not be handing out any sweets/cake that is brought in from home.

National Fitness Day: Wednesday 18th September

Children will be completing additional physical exercises throughout the day to celebrate this event next week. Therefore, children should enter school and stay in their P.E. kit for the entire day.

60th Anniversary Welcome Picnic: Friday 20th September (3:15pm-4:15pm)

We will be keeping the grounds open for an hour after school on Friday 20th September. This will be an ideal opportunity for the school community to come together and celebrate the start of Aldryngton's 60th year.

Please bring your own snacks and drinks if you wish to do so. The playground and field will be open to all of those that wish to use it. School staff and the PTA will set up stalls near the hall, where families are welcome to come for a chat. It will also be an opportunity to find out about some of the PTA events and how you could be involved.

In the event of bad weather, we will move the staff and PTA stalls into the hall, so that people still have the opportunity to meet and chat regardless of the weather.

Grounds Working Party: Saturday 21st September (10am-1pm)

Mrs Culham will be leading a grounds working party at Aldryngton on Saturday 21st September between 10am and 1pm. The plan is to paint the playground sheds, fences around the pool, the bench and shed in Foundation Stage as well as tidy up the pond area. If anyone is able to give any time in doing any of those jobs or supporting with a general tidy up of the school grounds it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Events List

Please find a couple of updates highlighted in yellow below. We have changed the date of the Lower School Eid Assembly. We have also heard back from Palmer Park regarding the KS2 Sports Day. Palmer Park are not taking bookings as the track and velodrome area are being refurbished in Summer 2025, therefore the KS2 Sports Day will take place at Aldryngton on the date originally provided.

Date (Time)	Event
Wednesday 11 th September (3:30-4pm)	Meet the Teacher and knowledge organisers shared/ explained LS, MS and US.
Monday 16 th September	Y6 at Rushall Farm
Tuesday 17 th September	Flu Immunisations



Wednesday 18 th September	Y5 at Rushall Farm
Wednesday 18 th September	National Fitness Day (children arrive and stay in P.E. kit for the day and complete additional fitness activities)
Wednesday 18 th September	PTA AGM
Thursday 19 th September (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tours
Friday 20 th September (3:15-4:15pm)	60 th Anniversary Welcome Picnic
Saturday 21st September	Grounds Working Party (10am-1pm)
Thursday 26 th September 1pm	Cross country at Redham House KS2
Monday 7 th October (assembly) and Thursday 10 th (non-uniform)	World Homeless Day (assembly to raise awareness and non- uniform day to raise funds for local charities)
Tuesday 8 th to Thursday 10 th October	Middle School trips to Ure Museum
Tuesday 8 th October	PTA Bags 4 Schools
Friday 11 th October	Harvest Festival Collection (please bring in cans and dry food for re-distribution)
Friday 11 th October	Harvest Assembly
Tuesday 15 th October (3:30pm)	Accelerated Reader Parent Presentation
Friday 18 th October (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tour
Friday 18th October	PTA Diwali Fayre
Monday 21 st October	Lower School Florence Nightingale Workshop
Tuesday 22 nd October (3:30pm)	Read,Write, Inc Parent Presentation
Thursday 24 th October	Middle School RE Inspired
Thursday 24 th October (2:30pm)	Middle School Diwali Assembly
Thursday 24 th October (6-8pm)	PTA Disco
Week beginning 27 th October	Half Term
Monday 4 th November	INSET Day (No pupils in school)
Tuesday 5 th November	US Paleoquest
Thursday 7 th November	R.E. Inspired Lower School
Monday 11 th to Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week (wear odd socks on the 11 th). Assembly on Tuesday 12 th .



Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12 th November	Evidence Me Parent Workshop
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Week beginning 18 th November	Road Safety Week
Monday 18 th November (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tours
Thursday 21 st November	RE Inspired Upper School
Week beginning 25 th November	Parent Evenings Week
Monday 2 nd December (2pm)	School Council
Tuesday 3 rd December (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tour
Thursday 5 th December	R.E. Inspired Middle School
Saturday 7 th December	PTA Christmas Fayre
Sunday 8 th December	Loddon Valley Carol Concert (choir only)
Wednesday 11 th December (9:15am and 2:30pm)	Lower School Christmas Assemblies
Thursday 12 th December	R.E. Inspired Foundation Stage
Friday 13 th December (2pm)	Carol Concert
Monday 16 th December (3:30pm-4pm)	Topic Visits to Classes
Monday 16 th December (2pm)	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Tuesday 17 th December	Pantomime
Wednesday 18 th December (2pm)	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Term Progress reports to parents
Monday 6 th January	INSET Day
Wednesday 8 th January (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tour
Friday 10 th January	Spelling Bee word lists out
Week beginning 13 th January	Team Newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Monday 27 th January	Chinese New Year Assembly
Wednesday 29 th January	Lower School Trip to Brooklands Museum
Week beginning 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week



Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day (dress as a number in return for £1 donation to NSPCC)
Week beginning 10 th February	Spelling Bee Finals
Tuesday 11 th and Wednesday 12 th February	Upper School trips to Kew Gardens
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th February	PTA Disco
Week beginning 17 th February	Half Term
Week beginning 24 th February	Bike-ability week
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (Children can come in dressed as a book character)
Week beginning 17 th March	Neuro-Diversity Celebration Week
Week beginning 17 th March	EYFS Parents' Evenings Week
Week beginning 24 th March	Parents' Evening Y1-6 Week
Friday 28 th March	Junior Music Festival
Monday 31 st March	Topic Celebrations
Wednesday 2 nd April	Foundation Stage Easter Performance
Thursday 3rd April (2:30pm)	Lower School Eid Assembly
Friday 4 th April	Last Day of Term Progress reports to parents
Tuesday 22 nd April	Children Return to School
Thursday 24 th April	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Week beginning 28 th April	Team newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Week beginning 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 15 th May	R.E. Inspired Lower School
Thursday 15 th May (6-8pm)	PTA Disco
Friday 16 th May	Middle School Maypole Dancing
Weeks beginning 19 th May	Y6 at Little Canada
Week beginning 19 th May	Multiplication Championship



Friday 23 rd May	Cultural Diversity Day
Week beginning 26 th May	Half Term
Monday 2 nd June	INSET Day
Monday 2 nd to Friday 3 rd June	Y4 Times Table Check Window
Monday 9 th to Friday 13 th June	Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Retakes Window
Wednesday 11 th June (4pm)	New EYFS Parent Meeting
Friday 13th June	KS2 Sports Day
Saturday 14 th June	PTA Try-a-Tri
Thursday 19 th June	Lower School trip to Hawk Conservancy
Thursday 19 th June	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Friday 20 th June (PM)	60 th Anniversary Prom and Picnic
Wednesday 25 th June	EYFS trip to Wooley Firs
Week beginning 30 th June	Sports Week
Monday 30 th June (AM)	Inter-House Cross Country- Middle School
Monday 30 th June (1:45pm)	Upper School Swimming Gala
Tuesday 1 st July	District Sports (To be confirmed)
Wednesday 2 nd July (1:45pm)	Middle School Swimming Gala
Wednesday 2 nd July	Upper School Cross Country
Thursday 3 rd July (2pm)	Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day
Tuesday 8 th July	Transition Morning
Monday 14 th July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower - dress rehearsal
Monday 14 th July (3:30pm)	Topic Celebrations
Tuesday 15 th July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Middle School - technical performance
Wednesday 16 th July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Thursday 17 th July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Wednesday 23 rd July (AM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Children
Wednesday 23 rd July (PM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last Day of Term



Yours Sincerely,



Mark Wieder
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