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21st October

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Happy Diwali to families celebrating this. The PTA Diwali Fayre was an excellent event last Friday and thank you to all of the families that supported with this. I also enjoyed the Lower School Diwali assembly and I was impressed with how well the children had learnt their lines.

Thank you for all of your support over the last week with your donations for Harvest Festival as well as those of you that were able to support at the Grounds Working Party. I was amazed with how much work the team was able to complete on the day.

This week, Lower School are out on their trip to Windsor Castle on Thursday and Upper School are out in the morning to RE Inspired. We also have the first PTA disco of the year that evening.

We find ourselves in the final week of this half-term and I am sure the children are looking forward to a week off after a busy first half-term of the school year. A reminder that the first day back is an INSET day, so children will return back to school on Tuesday 4th November

Read, Write, Inc Parent Presentation

This afternoon, we will be releasing a video presentation that details the approach about how we teach phonics at Aldryngton. 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/>

PTA Disco: Thursday 23rd October

The first disco of the year will be taking place this 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.

Cut Your Carbon - November

This year, Eco-Council have again signed up for November's **Cut Your Carbon** month. Throughout November, we're challenging everyone to complete six small carbon cutting activities at home with friends and family. These actions will reduce your everyday carbon emissions and benefit our planet. At the end of the month, we'll count how many of you joined in, add up the estimated carbon saved, and celebrate your amazing efforts! Below are the carbon cutting activities to complete. Good luck and enjoy cutting your carbon this November!



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- Make three evening meals plant-based across the month. Meat production is responsible for around 14% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, so make three evening meals plant-based and discover how delicious cutting carbon can be!
- Make any three journeys 'active' across the month. Transport creates nearly a quarter of the UK's carbon emissions. Active travel - such as walking, scooting, wheeling, or cycling - doesn't emit anything! So, get active and ditch the drive!
- Have a device-free day. Electricity makes up about 25% of your home's carbon footprint. Power down non-essential devices for one day – no gaming, no streaming – and rediscover the joy of offline fun!
- Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week. Research suggests that the average person wastes 95kg of food per year! At each stage of the life-cycle of wasted food, from production to rotting at landfill, carbon is produced. Plan your meals, shop smart, and waste less – it's good for the planet and your wallet!
- Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month. Washing machines are energy-hungry! Drop the temperature to 30°C for three washes this month and cut carbon without sacrificing clean clothes. Cool it to care!
- Turn down the heating by 1°C for a week. Heating is the top source of home carbon emissions in the UK. Turn it down by just 1°C for a week, layer up, and show your love for the planet – one cosy jumper at a time!

Thank you for your support!

Aldryngton Eco-Council

Parent Evenings: Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th November

We have reviewed our arrangements for parent evenings and the opportunities to view your child's work. As a result, we have decided to trial going back to face to face appointments in the school hall. We will also use this opportunity to view your child's work instead of the topic celebration.

We will be sending out details about how you can book your appointment on Wednesday 5th November.

Events List

Date (Time)	Event
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,



Mark Wieder
Headteacher