

# Aldrynton Primary School

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22<sup>nd</sup> October

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you to all of you that supported with the PTA Diwali Fayre on Friday. This went really well and it was great to see some of the special performances. This week we have the first PTA disco of the year taking place on Thursday. I am also looking forward to seeing the Middle School Diwali assembly on Wednesday also.

A reminder that next week is half-term and that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November is an INSET day, so children will return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. I hope that all families have an enjoyable break and I would also like to wish Happy Diwali to all of our families celebrating this over half-term.

## Trips/ Visits Voluntary Contributions Update

Thank you to families for your response to this message last week. As of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, we have noticed an improvement. There are now 5 outstanding voluntary contributions for the recent Middle School trips and 21 outstanding voluntary contributions for the Lower School Florence Nightingale workshops that took place today.

Thank you also to those of you that provided feedback about how we could incorporate further reminders to pay. The government is very clear in its guidance to schools that they should not make parents/ carers feel pressurised into paying or sending colour-coded letters (or equivalent) to parents as a reminder to pay. The government guidance is that the trip/ visit should be cancelled instead if insufficient funds are collected. I also appreciate that we all live busy lives and it can be easy to forget to make a payment, so I will continue to alert through the weekly update on an intermittent basis. I would also suggest that families remind each other through other mediums that they use such as Whats App groups. I would also highly recommend installing and using the Arbor app on your mobile device as this is one way of consolidating all of the communications that have been sent out.

I would also like to make it clear that if any family is ever struggling to pay a voluntary contribution for a trip/visit, then to make it known to the school, so that we can plan to support you.

Thank you in advance for ensuring that we can continue to offer a wide range of trips and visits for the children at Aldrynton.

## Read, Write, Inc Phonics Presentation: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Mrs Palmer will be sending out a presentation on the scheme that we use to teach phonics on Tuesday. We use this scheme with the children from Foundation Stage to Year 2, although children do finish the scheme at different points.

Further information about the scheme can be found by accessing the link below:

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/programmes/phonics/about-read-write-inc-phonics/>

## Middle School Diwali Assembly: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (9am)

This will be taking place Wednesday morning in the hall.

## PTA Disco: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

This will be taking place after school between 6 and 8pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.



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## Events List

Please find a couple of updates highlighted in yellow below. This week the updates are mainly PTA based.

Date (Time)	Event
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October (3:30pm)	Accelerated Reader Parent Presentation
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tour
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Diwali Fayre
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Lower School Florence Nightingale Workshop
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October (3:30pm)	Read,Write, Inc Parent Presentation
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October (9am)	Middle School Diwali Assembly
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October (6-8pm)	PTA Disco
Week beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day (No pupils in school)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	US Paleoquest
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	R.E. Inspired Lower School
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week (wear odd socks on the 11 <sup>th</sup> ). Assembly on Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> .
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Evidence Me Parent Workshop
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Week beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety Week
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tours
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	RE Inspired Upper School
Week beginning 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Evenings Week
Week beginning 25 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Wrap a Present
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December (2pm)	School Council
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tour
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	R.E. Inspired Middle School
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fayre
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Loddon Valley Carol Concert (choir only)



Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December (9:15am and 2:30pm)	Lower School Christmas Assemblies
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	R.E. Inspired Foundation Stage
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (2pm)	Carol Concert
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (evening)	PTA Carol Concert
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December (3:30pm-4pm)	Topic Visits to Classes
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December (2pm)	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December (2pm)	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term  Progress reports to parents
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tour
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Spelling Bee word lists out
Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Team Newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Non-Uniform Day: Dress a Decade
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year Assembly
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Lower School Trip to Brooklands Museum
Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day (dress as a number in return for £1 donation to NSPCC)
Week beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Spelling Bee Finals
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Upper School trips to Kew Gardens
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Disco
Week beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Bike-ability week
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (Children can come in dressed as a book character)
Week beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Neuro-Diversity Celebration Week



Week beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Parents' Evenings Week
Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening Y1-6 Week
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Junior Music Festival
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Topic Celebrations
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Foundation Stage Easter Performance
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (2:30pm)	Lower School Eid Assembly
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	PTA Cake Sale
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term  Progress reports to parents
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Children Return to School
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Team newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	R.E. Inspired Lower School
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May (6-8pm)	PTA Disco
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Middle School Maypole Dancing
Weeks beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 at Little Canada
Week beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Multiplication Championship
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Cultural Diversity Day
Week beginning 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y4 Times Table Check Window
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Retakes Window
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June (4pm)	New EYFS Parent Meeting
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Try-a-Tri



Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Lower School trip to Hawk Conservancy
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June (PM)	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prom and Picnic
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS trip to Wooley Firs
Week beginning 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Week
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June (AM)	Inter-House Cross Country- Middle School
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June (1:30pm)	Upper School Swimming Gala
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	District Sports (To be confirmed)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July (1:30pm)	Middle School Swimming Gala
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Upper School Cross Country
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (2pm)	Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Non-Uniform Make the Rules Day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower - dress rehearsal
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Morning
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Middle School - technical performance
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower - dress rehearsal
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (3:30pm)	Topic Celebrations
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July (AM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Children
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July (PM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last Day of Term

Yours Sincerely,



Mark Wieder  
Headteacher

