

# Aldryngton Primary School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

A reminder that there is a Y6 meeting for families with children attending the Little Canada residential today at 3:30pm. There is also an Upper School Cake Sale taking place on Thursday after school. Proceeds will go towards the cost of the production.

## Welcome to Foundation Stage Cohort 24/25

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all children and families offered a place at Aldryngton a warm welcome. A reminder that places need to be accepted by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Last week, all 45 places were once again offered to families that chose Aldryngton as their first choice. However, as we were informed by Wokingham, the number of children in the area has dropped considerably and the furthest child offered a place lived over one mile away. There is also a much-reduced waiting list in comparison to other years. A number of our neighbouring schools have been impacted considerably by this with a large amount of empty spaces for next year.

Schools are funded by the number of children that they have on roll in the October census day. Therefore, we need your support in continuing to promote the school to your friends and neighbours to ensure that we remain full in a time of surplus school places in the area.

## Financial Update

The budget for the current financial year has been the most challenging budget for the school to set in recent times. Aldryngton receives the minimum amount of funding that the school can receive from the government. In the 2022-23 financial year, we spent more than £50K extra than we received in income from the government and since then we have had to reduce the amount of staff further to balance the budget. In order to balance the budget for this financial year, we have been forced to significantly reduce the amount of funding in our curriculum resources budget to a minimal level.

Curriculum subject leaders have been asked to put together wish lists of any items that they would like for the school, but are unable to get because of the financial situation. I appreciate that these are challenging economic times for many people, however if anyone is able to support in anyway, then we will look to publicise some of these wish lists in the coming weeks. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Sports Day

Please note that the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Sports Day will now take place at **2pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**, rather than the morning time originally advertised.

## Key Stage 2 Sports Day at Palmer Park- We Need You!

We are looking to finalise details for the Key Stage 2 Sports Day at Palmer Park shortly. As it currently stands, we would have an insufficient amount of staff to walk the children there and back like what we did last year. Therefore, the provisional plan this year, is to ask for as many children as possible to be dropped off and accompanied by a family member in the stand until they are registered by school staff



at Palmer Park at approximately 9:15am. We will also offer an option for some children to walk with a group of school staff that will leave at 8:30am. We will then look to run the event at an earlier start time if all of this is possible.

At the end of the event, the provisional plan is that we would be signing the children out who are able to be transported back out and then they are signed back in by the school office on their return back to school.

We also require a number of volunteers to support with the running of events e.g. scoring, getting children into lanes. The volunteers would be overseen by school staff. As there is likely to be a significant increase in vehicles, we would also require volunteers to support with parking cars on the overflow car park at Palmer Park.

To support with forward planning, I am attaching a brief survey to indicate if you could support in anyway. Please could this form be completed by all families with children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3- Year 6) by **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**. We will then be able to finalise plans and risk assessments accordingly. Please note that if we do have an insufficient number of volunteers, then we will need to consider running the event at school rather than at Palmer Park. Thank you in advance for your support.

Please complete the form by clicking this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/5sa5Bxy6Y2> The deadline to complete is 9am Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Wellbeing Update from Mrs Boba**

Hopefully all your children are settled back into school after the Easter break.

I will be making some changes to my days and hours, so will now be in the playground on Thursday mornings not Monday mornings, as I will not be working Mondays for a while.

I will be starting a Wednesday lunchtime drop in for the Year 6's in the Alder room from this week. This is to support them with their final term at Aldryngton and the feelings that may bring, and to develop independence in seeking support as they move onto their new secondary schools.

If you have any questions on the above, or want to get in touch with me for anything else, I please email me at [wellbeing@aldryngton.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:wellbeing@aldryngton.wokingham.sch.uk) or catch me in the playground on a Thursday morning.

### **Events Update**

Updates made this week are highlighted in yellow.

### **Events List: Summer**

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

Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs
Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Multiplication Championship
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	PTA Disco
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Cultural Diversity Day/ Art Exhibition
Week beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET Day
Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y6 at Little Canada
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Times Table Check Window
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Retakes Window
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	New EYFS Parent Meeting
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June (9:45am)	Middle and Upper School Sports Day at Palmer Park
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Try a Tri
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	New EYFS 24/25 Transition Visit
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	FS Summer Trip
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshops (Y2, Y5 and Y6)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	New EYFS 24/25 Transition Visit
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Middle School Eid Assembly
Week beginning 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sports Week
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July (AM)	Middle School Cross Country
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July (1:45pm)	Upper School Swimming Gala
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	District Sports (selected children)
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (2pm) NEW TIME</b>	<b>Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (11am)	Upper School Cross Country
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (1:45pm)	Middle School Swimming Gala
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July (11am)	Middle School Cross Country

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

Yours Sincerely,



Mark Wieder  
Headteacher