

# Aldryngton Primary School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Happy Chinese/Lunar New Year to our families! Thank you for all of the efforts put into the PTA 'Dress a Decade' non-uniform day last Friday. The costumes were amazing!

Sadly, I have been informed of inconsiderate and unsafe dropping off arrangements by cars again. On Monday morning, a number of cars were spotted attempting to drop children off in the Maiden Erlegh car park, by the entrance to the front gate of Maiden Erlegh and behind the back of shops. Whilst the weather conditions were extreme, dropping off and manoeuvring cars in these areas were causing a considerable hazard for pedestrians entering the school site. One parent has also noted another parent using their phone illegally at the same time! Please could the people doing this, refrain from doing so in the future. I have also alerted the police and requested that they make visits to the area to monitor and act against any illegal practice. It is also worth pointing out that the car parking spaces that appear to be in between the two schools are actually part of Maiden Erlegh's staff car park.

This week, Lower School are off to Brooklands Museum on a school trip. Thank you to all of you that are supporting with this. I hope that the children have a great time!

## **School Meals Catering Contract Update**

There was a further development with this last week when Wokingham informed us that they were no longer running a supplier event in early February. This was due to a lack of interest as most schools had become involved in a joint procurement process. As a result, we have decided to join this joint procurement process also.

Thank you to all of you that provided feedback so far. This has been helpful in gauging what people would like from a new catering provider. I am also using the school council to gain further viewpoints from the children. As of Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, we had 32 responses. The form below will remain open until the 31<sup>st</sup> January if anyone wishes to add any further comments.

<https://forms.office.com/e/0nAV75Bdq7>

## **Wellbeing Update from Mrs Boba**

### **Children's Mental Health Week - 3 -9 February 2025**

Below is a breakdown of all the exciting things planned for our school community across the week:

- Mr Wieder will be starting off the week with an assembly to introduce the week to the whole school on Monday
- Throughout Monday Middle school will be taking part in an interactive Sport in Mind workshop in the hall. Sport in Mind aim to improve the lives of people experiencing mental health problems through sport and physical activity, and this workshop will be linked to Children's Mental Health Week.
- We will be hosting our usual Children's Mental Health Week coffee morning in the hall on Tuesday morning. This is open to all parents and will be hosted by myself and Mrs Blakely. We will also be sharing a presentation as normal. The hall will be open to parents from 8.50 - 10am and we'd love you to join us. Entry will be via the front office as normal for these events.



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- On Tuesday and Wednesday FIRST Wokingham will be delivering their interactive “Engage the Rage” workshop to Upper School children over the course of the two days. This classroom-based workshop covers different emotions, how they make you feel, emotional regulation and why it is important, activities which help you feel calm and how to make a calm box.
- Across the school, classes will also be participating in activities where timings allow.

We hope you can join us for the coffee morning!

### **Events List**

Please find the latest version of events for the year below.

<b>Date (Time)</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Lower School Trip to Brooklands Museum
Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February (8:50am-10am)	Mental Health Week Parent Coffee Morning
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
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Middle School trip to Marwell Zoo
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 1st 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