



Weekly What's On

w/c 11th November 2024

Whole School Messages

Armistice Day

On Monday 11th November 2024, to mark Armistice Day, we will be holding a 2 minutes silence.

Odd Socks Day

Next week is Anti-bullying week. To celebrate what makes us all unique, we will be holding our annual Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th November 2024. Adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks.

Skipping Ninja

On Wednesday 13th November 2024, World Record Holder Pete Thompson aka The Skipping Ninja will be visiting us. He will be working with all classes throughout the day so please can all children wear their school PE kit. There will be merchandise available at the end of the day on the KS2 playground should you wish to purchase, such as Ninja skipping ropes, headbands, Ninja Suits and water bottles.

Opal Play

On Wednesday 13 November, Opal are holding a [short webinar for parents](#) to talk about the power of play and help them make play part of every day for their child.

At the event, OPAL Director Michael Follett will explore some of the key benefits of play, look at how playwork theory can support parents, and share his top tips for play at home.

This event is part of OPAL's commitment to making play part of every child's life and is fundraising to support [Project Play](#), a wonderful organisation that provides safe spaces to play for displaced children in Northern France.

This webinar is free to attend, but we encourage participants to [make a suggested donation of £10 to Project Play's fundraiser](#), which is being match funded by OPAL CIC.

If any of our parents are interested in learning more about the power of play and want to get top tips for play at home, @OPAL_CIC is running a short webinar next week. Book your free place 🖱

<https://bit.ly/4fgpQKK>

#PlayForEveryChild



Children in Need

This year we will not be taking part in Children in Need. The reason for this difficult decision, is that we have Odd Socks Day on 12/11/2024 and Crazy Hair Day on 22/11/2024 and we hope this will alleviate pressure on our families.

Assembly

This week's Dream Big, Shine Bright assembly on Friday 15th November 2024 is for KS2.

Crazy Hair Day – advanced noticed

On Friday 22nd November 2024, we will be facilitating a Crazy Hair Day. Children are to come to school in school uniform but they have the option of having crazy hair, in exchange for chocolate (no nut) which will be used on our stand at St Nicholas Night.

Year Reception Targeted Messages

On Tuesday 12th November 2024, we are holding a Stay and Play session. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come and spend time with your child in our learning environment, exploring all the activities and resources together. The session will run from 9.05 am until 10.00 am. Please drop your child off as usual, then make your way to the school office, where you'll be let in once all the children have been registered. To help us manage space and ensure a smooth experience for everyone, we kindly request that only one adult attends per child. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this special time with you and your child!

Year One Targeted Messages

On Tuesday 12th November 2024, we are holding a Phonics Workshop between 9.00 am – 10.00 am in the school hall. We will be explaining our phonics scheme (Rocket Phonics), how this links with your children's reading books, the phonics screening assessment, and how you can support at home. After our input, the children will join us for 30 minutes where you will have the opportunity to part take in some phonics activities.

Reminders

Labelling belongings

A polite request to name ALL of your child's belongings including bags, lunchboxes, water bottles, shoes, wellies, coats, towel and swimming costumes.



Drop-off

The gates for both playgrounds open early with entrance to school starting at 8.40 am. The drop-off window is between 8.40 am and 8.50 am. The gates will close promptly at 8.50 am. Students arriving after 8.50 am will need to report to the school office, where they will need to be signed in by their grown up.

Ensuring your child arrives on time is important for their learning and the smooth running of the school day. Arriving on time ensures that children do not miss the start of lessons, including interventions in place for additional support, and can fully participate in morning activities.

If you experience any issues that may affect your ability to drop off your child on time, please speak to your class teacher to see how we can support you.

Links

Our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/AlcesterStNics/?locale=en_GB

Our calendar <https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/11/>

News <https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/topic/news-and-events>