



The Alton School Newsletter

Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school!

Rights Respecting School

This week we focused on Article 3: Every child has the right that all adults should do what is best for you. The pupils will learn that with this right comes the responsibility to respect adults who are protecting them and to respect other people's right to have these things.

Next week we shall focus on Article 4: The government has a responsibility to make sure your rights are protected.

Our Excellent Learner quality was: Ask for help.

Next week our Excellent Learner quality will be: Like a challenge.

Please support us by using the language of Excellent Learners as well as rights and responsibilities with your children, asking them what they have been learning about.

Clubs

The letter inviting you to sign your children up for an after-school club went out this week. As clubs begin next week it is important that you return your completed form to the office this week or your child may miss out on a place in their club of choice.

Volunteers

We are very lucky to have some parents who support us by volunteering in school and we thank them very much. If you would like to offer your support too, please come and speak to Mrs. Gibbs in the office, or let Mrs. Thomson or me know. We are a very welcoming place to be in!

Reminders from the Office



We now have a safe and sturdy back pack, with fluorescent details to keep your children visible and safe. They are only £10 each. What a bargain!

Please remember to pay your dinner money at least a week in advance.

Please make sure you return all your forms for trips and other events quickly to the office.

If any of these request are difficult for you, please come and speak to Mrs. Gibbs.

Place to Play is back next week!

Every Friday, from 3.15 to 5pm, you are all invited to stay in school and play with your children with a trained play specialist. This is very popular and a great chance to have some quality time with your child. Please come along and see how it works. Sessions are free and start on 18th January.

This week at The Alton

All this week the classes have paired up and had some Excellent Learner lessons. This is a great way to start every term, focusing on our learning skills and attitudes. Ask your child what they did in their lesson.

On Thursday, we held our 100% Attendance Assembly for last half term and the whole of the autumn term. Thank you to all the parents who have supported their child to get to school every day, because every day counts. These pupils were able to wear non-uniform on Friday as their reward. They will also have their picture taken and go on display in the office lobby so look out for them.

Parent and Carer suggestions

We have an area in the front of the school office for you to leave a suggestion or question. You can call us on 020 8876 8482, email admin@thealton.wandsworth.sch.uk or download a suggestion form from our website. These will also be addressed in our newsletters if it is helpful to many parents.

A parent asked about whether we could give more notice about when the 100% Attendance Assemblies take place. Yes of course we can and I will put the dates in the diary at the end of this newsletter. We try to keep them as regular as possible so they are normally at

2.30pm on the first Thursday of every half term. I hope we see many of you there.

With best wishes,

Ruth Hudson

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

14 th Jan	Clubs start
18 th Jan	2.50pm Y6 Class Assembly
	3.15pm Place to Play starts
21 st Jan	Yr3 Tate Photo Project
25 th Jan	2.50pm Y5 Class Assembly
1 st Feb	2.50pm Y4 Class Assembly
5 th Feb	9.30am Early Years Open Morning
8 th Feb	2.50pm Y3 Class Assembly
15 th Feb	3.15pm School closes for half term

18th to 22nd February School closed to pupils – half term holiday

25 th Feb	7.45am Breakfast club. 8.30am classes open.
26 th Feb	Parents' Evening
28 th Feb	2.30pm 100% Attendance Assembly
4 th Mar	Open Lessons week
5 th Mar	9.30am Early Years Open Morning
8 th Mar	2.50pm Y2 Class Assembly
22 nd Mar	2.50pm Y1 Class Assembly
29 th Mar	2.50pm EYrs Class Assembly
1 st to 5 th April	Yr5 PGL trip to the Isle of Wight
5 th April	3.15pm School closes for Easter

8th April to 22nd April School is closed to pupils – Easter Holidays

23 rd Apr	7.45am Breakfast club. 8.30am classes open.
25 th Apr	2.30pm 100% Attendance Assembly
3 rd May	2.50pm Y5 Class Assembly
6 th May	School closed for Bank Holiday
7 th May	9.30am Early Years Open Morning
10 th May	2.50pm Y4 Class Assembly
17 th May	2.50pm Y3 Class Assembly
24 th May	3.15pm School closes for half term

27th May to 31st May School is closed to pupils – half term holiday

3 rd June	School closed to pupils but open for staff training and buying uniform. (INSET)
4 th June	7.45am Breakfast club. 8.30am classes open.
	9.30am Early Years Open Morning
6 th June	2.30pm 100% Attendance Assembly
14 th June	2.50pm Y2 Class Assembly
21 st June	2.50pm Y1 Class Assembly
28 th June	2.50pm EYrs Class Assembly
2 nd July	9.30am Early Years Open Morning
18 th July	2.30pm 100% Attendance Assembly
19 th July	12pm School closes for the summer.