



# The Alton School Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> October  
2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

## Rights Respecting School

Next week we are focusing on article 28: You have the right to a good quality education and you should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level that you can. The pupils will learn that with this right comes the action of making sure they come to school every day and that they are on time and ready to learn.

Our Excellent Learner quality is: Excellent Learners are not afraid to make mistakes.

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.

## Beginning of the day after half term

I want to clarify our new starting time after half term as some parents have been asking some very good questions.

**We are going to open the classroom doors at 8.45am every day** so you are welcome to bring your children into school at that time. I shall still **ring the bell at 9am, but that is when the classroom doors and the gate by the classrooms will close.** Anyone arriving after 9am will be late and have to go through the office to come into school.

This change is to give the pupils a calmer start to their day so rather than thirty pupils rushing through the door all at once, they can enter as they arrive. The teachers will be in the classrooms and your children will have activities organised by the staff for them to complete.

Children who attend Breakfast Club will be taken to their classrooms as normal at 8.45am.

## Your Place2Be Team at the Alton

### Meriel Abraham School Project Manager



There is a special place2Be counselling room in school where children can go to express themselves and think about their worries through creative work and play. The School Project Manager, Meriel Abraham who is trained therapeutically, supports this process and helps children find new ways of coping with difficulties so that they don't get in the way of learning and friendships.

If you would like to talk to Meriel about your child please see her in school, call 02088784628 or email [meriel.abraham@place2be.org.uk](mailto:meriel.abraham@place2be.org.uk)

### Lily Stevanovic Parent Counsellor



Lily Stevanovic is our Place2Be parent counsellor who offers a **free**, confidential counselling service for mums, dads and carers. At Place2Be for parents you can:

Talk over your concerns and worries;

Receive practical advice on a range of parenting issues;

Deal with past and current experiences in your own life that sometimes stand in the way of getting on with life;

Learn new ways to manage life and make family relationships stronger.

### Interested?

Please speak to Meriel Abraham (Place2Be School Project Manager) or your child's class teacher for more information. Meriel can be contacted on the details above.

### Achievement Assembly

On Monday, in our Achievement Assembly, the following students were awarded their certificates:

**Big Writers:** Ayub(R); Idris(Y1); Kaihan(Y2); Christene(Y3); Merlina(Y4); Isabella(Y5) and Haroon(Y6).

**Excellent Learners:** Lexy(R); Ayaana(Y1); Myla(Y2); Bilal(Y3); Kareem(RB3); Ikraan(Y4); Abdul(Y5) and Yusrah(Y6).

**Rights Respecting School Champion:** Ayeza(Y1)

**Reader of the Week:** Abdi(Y3)

### This week at The Alton

On Wednesday, Y3 had a non-uniform day to celebrate that they had had 100% attendance for enough days to spell 'The Alton School'.

On Thursday, Place2Be had a coffee and cake afternoon which was open to everyone. I hope everyone enjoyed the cakes!

Today, Y3 held their assembly. I really enjoyed seeing their performance and the work that they have completed is very impressive. Well done Y3!

### Next week at The Alton

Next week is our last week of school before the half term holiday. We finish at 3.30pm on Friday.

On Monday, the school nurse will be in playground at the end of the day, if you wish to talk to her.

On Tuesday, Reception are going to the Natural History museum for their trip.

Also on Tuesday, we have our first Sporting Tournament of the year, basketball.

On Thursday, we are asking everyone to bring in a can, packet or tin to donate towards the Wandsworth Food Bank. Those who donate the most will travel to the Food Bank to take all the donations.

Friday is the last day of this half term. We will finish as normal at 3.30pm.

Also on Friday, the Friends of The Alton are having a Bake Sale at 3.30pm. Please bring in your donations to the school office by 1pm on Friday. Thank you for supporting this event.

### Parent suggestion or question

Parents make many helpful suggestions and ask very good questions so I would like to use the newsletter to take one of these and answer it each week.

There is an email address for you to send them to me. Please email:

[gill.adams@thealton.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:gill.adams@thealton.wandsworth.sch.uk)

Or you could write to me. There is a suggestion box by the school office. I am sure your suggestions and questions will be useful to other parents as well.

With best wishes,

*Ruth Hudson*

Headteacher

**Dates for your diary**

16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3-4pm School Nurse on the playground
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reception Trip to The Natural History Museum
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Bring a tin, packet or can to School Day
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30pm School closes for half term.  3.30pm Friends of The Alton Bake Sale

**23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October school is closed to pupils**

30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8am Breakfast club. <b>8.45am Class doors open – this will be happening every day.</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	3pm Y2 Assembly
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3pm Y1 Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3pm EYrs Assembly
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm School Christmas Play
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.30pm School closes for Christmas

**21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 School is closed to pupils**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	School closed to pupils but open for staff training and buying uniform. (INSET)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	8am Breakfast club. 8.45am Class doors open.
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3pm Y6 Class Assembly
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3pm Y5 Class Assembly

26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3pm Y4 Class Assembly
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	3pm Y3 Class Assembly
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.30pm School closes for half term

**12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February School closed to pupils**

19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8am Breakfast club. 8.45am class doors open.
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	3pm Y2 Class Assembly
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	3pm Y1 Class Assembly
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3pm EYrs Class Assembly
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3.30pm School closes for Easter

**30<sup>th</sup> March to 17<sup>th</sup> April School is closed to pupils**

16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School closed to pupils but open for staff training and buying uniform. (INSET)
17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	8am Breakfast club. 8.45am class doors open.
7 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed for Bank Holiday
25 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30pm School closes for half term

**28<sup>th</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June School is closed to pupils**

4 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed to pupils but open for staff training and buying uniform. (INSET)
5 <sup>th</sup> June	8am Breakfast club. 8.45am class doors open.
20 <sup>th</sup> July	12.15pm School closes for the summer holidays