



The Alton School Newsletter

15th
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2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

Rights Respecting School

This week we focused on article 16: You have the right to privacy. The pupils will learn that with this right comes the action of respecting the right of others to keep information to themselves and not to question others, making them uncomfortable. We shall continue this right into next week as there are only three days of school.

Our Excellent Learner quality was: Excellent Learners can learn by themselves. Next week it will be: Excellent Leaders are creative.

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.

Winter Fair



Thank you for all the hard work that many parents and carers put in to make the Fair a success. Particular thanks go to Abi Cutmore, Qadro Abdulle, Rachel Beeney and Kelly Brown for all the time they took to meet and organise

such a wonderful event. My thanks also go to all of you who came and spent your money to raise funds for the school. I hope you all had great fun and we raised a stunning £758!



Film Night

Last night was a great success and all the pupils who attended enjoyed themselves. A huge thanks to all of the parents who came to help and to The Friends of The Alton for organising this treat. Thanks also to all the parents who came for a cup of tea and the chance to have a chat, which was hosted in the Compugym. Please let us know if you would like this to be a regular event in the school diary.

Winter Performance

The winter play 'Hey Ewe!' was a wonderful performance and all the pupils worked hard to show you how good they are. It was really well



attended and I am so pleased that so many of you took the time to come and support your children. Special thanks go to Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Downey, Ms. Wilding and Ms. Morris, as well as to all the staff who worked so hard to make it a great achievement.

To make these plays and assemblies even better in the future, please make sure that you come to school before the play or assembly begins. We do not want you to miss anything, but it is very unsettling for the pupils when you come in half way through. Please check the time that events begin and make sure you are here before the start.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all of you who came to Parents' Evening to meet your child's teacher, find out how well your child is doing and to learn what you can do to support your child.

If you were not able to attend on this day and have not made an appointment with your child's teacher, please make sure you do before the end of the term. You play a very important part in your child's education and it is essential that you meet to discuss your child.

Goodbye

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Ms. Lyons this term. I am sure you will make time to say goodbye yourselves over the next few days. We all wish her well and will miss her.

Messages from the Office

Nursery parents: The deadline for applications for Reception places is **15th January 2018**. If you need any help completing the form, please speak to Mrs. Downey, who will be happy to help.

Lunches: If you are changing your child's lunches in January, e.g. currently having a packed lunch but you want school meals, please speak to Mrs. Gibbs by Tuesday to let her know.

Rain Ponchos: We are having a sale of our Micro Scooter Rain Ponchos and they are now only £3. We have them in 2-4yrs old size and they are available from the office now.

Next week at The Alton

Next week is the last school week of the term, and of 2017.

On Monday at 1.15pm, we are holding our Whole School PE tournament.

On Tuesday at 2.30pm, it is our End of Term Achievement Assembly. Everyone is welcome to come and hear how wonderful your children are.

On Wednesday it is the last day of term. The times of the day are the same as normal:

8.45am the doors open and close at 9am.

3.30pm the school closes for the holiday.

I hope you all have a peaceful and enjoyable holiday and I am looking forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

With best wishes,

Ruth Hudson

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

20th Dec 3.30pm School closes for Christmas

**21st December 2017 to 2nd January 2018
School is closed to pupils**

2nd Jan School closed to pupils but open for staff training and buying uniform. (INSET)

3rd Jan 8am Breakfast club. 8.45am Class doors open.

12th Jan 3pm Y6 Class Assembly

19th Jan 3pm Y5 Class Assembly

26th Jan 3pm Y4 Class Assembly

2nd Feb 3pm Y3 Class Assembly

9th Feb 3.30pm School closes for half term

12th to 16th February School closed to pupils

19th Feb 8am Breakfast club. 8.45am class doors open.

23rd Feb 3pm Y2 Class Assembly

2nd Mar 3pm Y1 Class Assembly

9th Mar 3pm EYrs Class Assembly

29th Mar 3.30pm School closes for Easter

30th March to 17th April School is closed to pupils

16th Apr School closed to pupils but open for staff training and buying uniform. (INSET)

17th Apr 8am Breakfast club. 8.45am class doors open.

7th May School closed for Bank Holiday

25th May 3.30pm School closes for half term

28th May to 4th June School is closed to pupils

4th June School closed to pupils but open for staff training and buying uniform. (INSET)

5th June 8am Breakfast club. 8.45am class doors open.

20th July 12.15pm School closes for the summer holidays