



The Alton School Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

Rights Respecting School

Next week we are focusing on article 3: All adults should do what is best for children and think about how their decisions will affect children. The pupils will learn that with this right comes the responsibility to respect others rights when they make decisions.

Our Excellent Learner quality is: Excellent Learners 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.

School uniform

The weather is changeable as we move into the autumn so it is important that your children come to school with their coats so they can go outside and play. Please remember that we ask you not to let your children wear hoodies to school instead of coats and jackets.

Whole School Open Day

On Friday 6th October 2017, we shall be having an Open Day for parents who would like to send their children to The Alton School. We sent home a poster for you to put in your window to advertise this and thank you for doing so. If you know of anyone who would like to come to our school, please let them know about this Open Day and tell them what a great school we are! Tours are running at 9.30am, 10.45am & 1.30pm. Please call Mrs. Gibbs on 020 8876 8482 to book one.

Beginning of the day after half term

After half term I am very pleased to tell you that we are going to change the start to our school day. **We are going to open the classroom doors at 8.45am** 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 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, but it will now be at 8.45am.

I am really excited about this new start and I hope that it will help you and your children have a good start to every school day.

Scooter training

Yesterday, the pupils in Reception, Y1 & Y2 all had scooter training in school. This training was supported by micro-scooters who sell scooters for children. If you buy one of their scooters they will donate 10% of that sale to The Alton School. Their website is www.micro-scooters.co.uk and the code to enter at the checkout is 145030 so please take a look.

Achievement Assembly

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

Big Writers: Xeran(R); Hibaa(Y1); Nadira(Y2); Sonia(Y3); Ryan(RB2); Yasaman(Y4); Dajharn(Y5) and Madia(Y6).

Excellent Learners: Kelsy(R); Ayeza(Y1); Hebron(Y2); Shayma(Y3); Muhammad(RB2); Ayman(Y4); Autumn(Y5) and Ghalib(Y6).

Rights Respecting Champion of the Week:
Sarah (Y6)

This week at The Alton

On Monday, Y2 went on their trip to the London Transport Museum. They had a great time and were excellent learners. Please come to their assembly on 3rd November to find out more.

On Thursday, all the pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 were trained to ride scooters safely.

Today, Y5 held their assembly. It was very impressive to see all the learning that has happened and it is only our 18th day back this year. Well done to everyone in Y5!

Next week at The Alton

On Friday, we shall be opening our doors for our Open Day. Please encourage people to come.

Also on Friday at 3pm, Y4 will be holding their assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

A parent wrote:

'Could you please put up a shelter for when it is raining?'

Thank you for your suggestion and we do have canopies outside every classroom for you to shelter under. Unfortunately, with our limited budget, we cannot put up more canopies.

I hope that our new start to the day after half term will help with this. The classroom doors will be open from 8.45am, so you can bring your children to school and they can go straight into the class without you having to wait outside until 9am.

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

gill.adams@thealton.wandsworth.sch.uk

Or you could write to me. There is a suggestion box in 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

6 th Oct	3pm Y4 Class Assembly	19 th Feb	8am Breakfast club. 8.45am class doors open.
13 th Oct	3pm Y3 Class Assembly	23 rd Feb	3pm Y2 Class Assembly
20 th Oct	3.30pm School closes for half term.	2 nd Mar	3pm Y1 Class Assembly
23rd to 27th October school is closed to pupils			
30 th Oct	8am Breakfast club. 8.45am Class doors open.	9 th Mar	3pm EYrs Class Assembly
3 rd Nov	3pm Y2 Assembly	29 th Mar	3.30pm School closes for Easter
10 th Nov	3pm Y1 Assembly	30th March to 17th April School is closed to pupils	
17 th Nov	3pm EYrs Assembly	16 th Apr	School closed to pupils but open for staff training and buying uniform. (INSET)
12 th Dec	2pm School Christmas Play	17 th Apr	8am Breakfast club. 8.45am class doors open.
20 th Dec	3.30pm School closes for Christmas	7 th May	School closed for Bank Holiday
21st December 2017 to 2nd January 2018 School is closed to pupils			
2 nd Jan	School closed to pupils but open for staff training and buying uniform. (INSET)	25 th May	3.30pm School closes for half term
3 rd Jan	8am Breakfast club. 8.45am Class doors open.	28th May to 4th June School is closed to pupils	
12 th Jan	3pm Y6 Class Assembly	4 th June	School closed to pupils but open for staff training and buying uniform. (INSET)
19 th Jan	3pm Y5 Class Assembly	5 th June	8am Breakfast club. 8.45am class doors open.
26 th Jan	3pm Y4 Class Assembly	20 th July	12.15pm School closes for the summer holidays
2 nd Feb	3pm Y3 Class Assembly		
9 th Feb	3.30pm School closes for half term		
12th to 16th February School closed to pupils			