



The Alton School Newsletter

Friday 5th June

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

Coronavirus

Thank you as always for your positive words of encouragement and support, which have been much appreciated during this time. We are working very hard to ensure you all have the information you need regarding school openings, coronavirus and home learning in a timely manner.

This week the school opened for a few select children, who, for example are children of key workers. This has been a success and it has been lovely hearing the children's voices and excitement coming from their various classrooms and outdoor spaces as they complete their learning.

Our phased return to school continues with **Year 6** returning on **Monday 8th June** and **Year 1** returning on the **11th June**. The class teachers have been in school working to ensure that the children are coming back to a safe environment.

This will continue the following week with **Reception Class** returning on **Monday 15th June**.

We thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we continue to progress through our phased return.

Q1E Website – Home Learning

The Q1E website <https://q1e.co.uk/home/> is continually evolving and developing, as a result of the incredible teachers and other staff across the Q1E Trust. Some features to look out for:

- English, Maths and Curriculum: As always- 5 days of English and Maths, and a broad and balanced Curriculum document each week.
- Teacher Talk: teachers talk through the home learning for each day so that children can develop a sense of independence.
- Teacher Hello Videos: teachers posting videos saying hello to your children to cheer them up.
- Lesson video links: [blue hyperlinks](#) are included in each English, Maths and Curriculum plan so that children can develop a better understanding of their learning. Click on these to see the lesson.
- Assemblies: Achievement assemblies are now on the Alton and Q1E website, showcasing children's work from Seesaw as well as from phone calls. Other assemblies are also available which cover PSHE and Citizenship issues.

Maths Workbooks

This week the maths workbooks and photocopied textbook materials were collected from the school for Years 2-5. These will be used at home and in the home learning from next week.

If you did not collect your child's workbook, please contact the school to arrange a socially distanced pick up slot.

Artspace

One of the most exciting things about teaching art is seeing the amazing artworks that our pupils create. We have missed seeing what your children have been creating over the past few weeks, so we are excited to launch **Artspace**, an online gallery for us all to share our creativity on the Q1E website.

Please send a photo of your artwork to artspace@q1e.org.uk including in the email your first name, class and school and a title if appropriate. Thank you!

Sports Day!

Unfortunately, it isn't possible to hold a traditional school sports day this year.

However, we are delighted to announce that we will have the Quality First Education Virtual Sports Day taking place in June. Your children will have the opportunity to take part in five different traditional sports day events. These events can be done in a living room, garden or local park. Click [here](#) to watch our fantastic PE team demonstrating how each event works.

Once your child has completed their events, you can their submit results on this [google form](#). Your child does not have to complete all five events, so whichever ones they choose to do can be recorded and sent. Please submit this form by no later than **Friday 12th June**.

We would love to see our children joining in with some of these activities and so we have set up an email address for families to send in videos and photographs of children competing. Please email us on sportsday@q1e.org.uk to

share videos and photographs. The title of the email should be as follows:

School name, Year group

Please note that we intend to use some of these images and videos on the home learning website, so please only share with us if you don't mind it being used for this purpose.

Phone Calls

Teachers and support staff are all reporting that they enjoy talking to the children in their classes so much, and the feedback we are receiving from parents is equally positive. As always, we are ringing your child on Tuesdays, so it will help us if you can answer the phone to withheld numbers. Please remember children can talk to their teacher about anything: questions about home learning, a catch-up about what they have been up to, or any worries they may have.

See Saw

See Saw (<https://web.seesaw.me/>) continues to be a great way for teachers to see the children's learning. Teachers and LSAs have been expressing how impressed they are with the pupils' home learning and the quality of their work.

If you have not yet signed up to See Saw, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be able to help you access login details.

Job Vacancy

We will be advertising for two classroom support assistants from September. Keep looking at the job vacancies on the website to see when the details appear.

Rights Respecting

Next week we are focusing on Article 26: You have the right to help from the government if you are in need.

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

Excellent Learners

Our Excellent Learner quality next week is “don’t give up”. We understand that it can be hard to learn something new, but if we continue to try and practice in the end we will succeed.

Assemblies:

This week, our virtual celebration assembly continues. Class teachers have chosen two children to celebrate, from work they have posted or from conversations on the phone.

In this week’s assembly the following pupils were awarded certificates:

Nursery: Abiya and Ameera

Reception: Ellie 7 Alecia

Year 1: Samreen and Samad

Year 2: Saim and Rizwan

Year 3: Imran and Cameron

Year 4: Nadira and Nikolay

Year 5: Hamza and Federico

Year 6: Markas and Ibrahim

Resource Base: Mark and Amir

Well done to all our excellent learners!

With best wishes,

Ruth Hudson