



The Alton School Newsletter

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2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

Rights Respecting School

Next week we are focusing on article 4: The government has a responsibility to make sure that your rights are respected. The pupils will learn that with this right comes the responsibility to respect others rights and to follow the laws and school rules.

Our Excellent Learner quality is: Excellent Learners don't give up.

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.

Scooters and bicycles

You are welcome to use our shed to leave your children's bicycles and scooters in during the school day, but they remain as your responsibility.

Unfortunately, one of the children has had a scooter taken and I am asking for your help to try and find it. The scooter is orange and has 'No Fear' written on the handle. If you know anything about this could you please come to the school office and speak to Mrs. Gibbs as soon as possible please?

Coats

The weather is getting colder and as I said last week, it is important that your children come to school wearing coats so they can go outside and play. Please remind them to do so. It is also

important that they do not wear hoodies instead of a coat as this not part of our uniform.

Whole School Open Day

Our Open Day today was well attended and the Deputy Head Boy, Helal, and the Head Girl, Nusaybah, did a great job showing parents around and talking about our great school. I am really proud of them.

If you know of anyone who would like to come to our school, please speak to Mrs. Gibbs and I am sure we can organize further tours.

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.

School lunches

It is our policy that you choose either a school meal or a packed lunch at the beginning of the school year. At the end of the half term, you can change your mind if you wish to. We ask you to do this half termly as the catering team have to order the food in advance and it provides clarity for the office. In exceptional circumstances, you can ask for an appointment to see me and I will happily talk to you about your requirements. Please make sure that you speak to Mrs Gibbs before you change your mind about the lunches.

Achievement Assembly

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

Big Writers: Naima(R); Casey(Y1); Nazanin(Y2); Chyna(Y3); Ruby(Y4); Shawar(Y5) and Edmunds(Y6).

Excellent Learners: Cara-Rae(R); Hibaa(Y1); Alexantros(Y2); Charlie(Y3); Samiha(RB2); Jamie-Leigh(RB3); Chanel(Y4); Aleem(Y5) and Myah(Y6).

This week at The Alton

On Thursday, the Friends of The Alton sent out a questionnaire to find out what you would like them to put on as events in school. Please complete and return this by next Friday to Mrs. Gibbs. They want to have events that everyone can attend so your comments are really useful.

Today, Y4 held their assembly. I was really impressed to see them all participate and see how hard they have been working so far this year. Well done Y4!

Next week at The Alton

On Friday at 3pm, Y3 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:

'Why can't I take my child to the dentist during school time?'

Thank you for your question. It is really important that all of your children are in school during the school day. They are entitled to 190 days of education and we think it is really important that they get that. We understand that children will be ill and then they should not be in school, but we ask you to make all of your other appointments after school, at the weekend or in the school holidays.

If there are reasons why you feel that you cannot do this, please make an appointment and come and speak to me.

There is 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 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

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