



The Alton School Newsletter

6th September 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome back to you all and I hope that you had a lovely summer and a really good holiday so that you are feeling refreshed and invigorated – ready to be back to school.

Welcome to our new students and families, as well as our new members of staff. We are delighted that you have joined us and look forward to getting to know you all.

I know that all of you will make them feel welcome so please go over and introduce yourselves if you see any new faces in the playground.

Rights Respecting School

We continue to promote different articles each week. All the students will be discussing and learning more about their rights and responsibilities throughout this year.

Next week we are focusing on Article 2: All children have all of the rights in the convention. The students will learn that with this right comes the responsibility to respect others rights as well.

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

School Dinners

We continue to have delicious meals this year with a fabulous menu and enjoyable lunches.

The price of a school meal remains at £2.20 each day, which is £11 a week and must be paid for weekly on Monday for that week. If you are not eligible for a Free School Meal **please ensure you pay for all meals in advance.** If your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2, they are entitled to a government funded school meal.

However if you qualify for certain benefits you may also be entitled to free school meals and it is vital that you still let us know as this is how we are funded by the government.

If you wish your child to have a packed lunch, they must stick to this option for the **whole of the half term, Monday to Friday.** The kitchen cannot cater for daily or weekly changes.

If you wish to change from school meals to packed lunches, or from packed lunches to school meals, please see Mrs. Gibbs in the office, where you must complete a form.



Times of the school day

7.45am Breakfast club

8.30am Classroom doors open

8.45am Register and doors close

2.55pm Assemblies

3.15pm School closes

4.15pm Clubs finish

School uniform

Please ensure that all of your children come to school in full uniform.



Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo. White polo shirt with school logo/white collared shirt. Grey or navy trousers or skirt. Black plain school shoes – **no trainers, logos or plimsolls**. Black, grey or white socks or tights.

If you wish your child to wear a shirt or leggings underneath their uniform, it must be plain white and not be able to be seen.

PE - House colour (red, green, blue or yellow) t-shirt and blue shorts or track bottoms for PE.

We also have book bags, rucksacks, fleeces, polo shirts and hats available from the school office.

Contact and Permission Forms

Please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details by checking with Mrs. Gibbs in the office by Friday 13th September.

We allow students just in Y5 and Y6 to go home on their own, but only with your permission, otherwise they need to be collected by you. If you wish your child to go home independently, you need to complete a permission form. Please come and get a form from the office and return it completed to Mrs. Gibbs.

Clubs

After school clubs will begin in the week beginning Monday 16th September and finish in the week beginning 9th December. The clubs letter will go out next week, please make sure you sign and return it as soon as possible to give your child the best chance of getting a place at the club they want.

This week at The Alton

Today, all the children who had a certificate in the 100% Attendance Assembly at the end of the summer term came to our Parents' Tea Party. The party is to thank them and their parents for working hard to ensure they had 100% attendance for the whole year, the whole of the summer term and the whole of the last summer half term.

Next week at The Alton

This week is Election week at The Alton. All the classes will elect their School Council representatives to help me decide how to improve areas of the school. On Friday 13th, at 2.50pm, we shall be holding our **elections** for the roles of Head Boy; Head Girl; Deputy Head Boy; Deputy Head Girl; Assistant Head Boy and Assistant Head Girl. The children who are standing for election will be expected to give a

short presentation on why they think they are a good candidate and what their aspirations are for The Alton School. Everyone will be able to vote, including all the parents who attend this assembly, so please come and cast your vote. As the children will need time to return to class to vote before they go home, this assembly will begin on time and **we will not be able to admit any latecomers** because this is too disturbing to the children who are giving their speeches. I look forward to hearing their ideas and seeing many of you there.

Over the next three weeks, all the class teachers will be holding their first, and very important, **class meeting** of the year. Your child's teacher will write to you on Monday 9th next week about the topics for this term and when this meeting will be held. They will begin at 3.15pm and finish by 3pm, so please make sure you attend. This is your opportunity to find out about the class expectations and work that your child will be producing this year. The teacher will also be able to discuss homework with you and answer any questions you may have.

On Tuesday 10th, the **clubs letter** will go out. Please complete this and return it by Thursday 12th September to Ms. Gibbs in the school office. There are limited places available in some clubs, so the earlier you return the letter, the more chance you have of being successful.

On Friday, as well as the Pupil Leadership Election, we also have the Book Bus visiting us. Your children will be able to visit it during the day and buy a book, please send their money in to school and give it to Mrs Gibbs in the school office.



The Bus will also be available after school for you to look at the books and buy some for your younger children or just to buy more books. It will be on the school field, ready and waiting!

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

admin@thealton.wandsworth.sch.uk

Or you could write to me or hand in your suggestion to 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

9 th Sept	Class letters go out
10 th Sept	Clubs letters go out
13 th Sept	Book Bus
	2.50pm Pupil Leadership Elections
20 th Sept	2.50pm Y4 Class Assembly
27 th Sept	2.50pm Y5 Class Assembly
4 th Oct	2.50pm Y6 Class Assembly
11 th Oct	2.50pm Y3 Class Assembly
18 th Oct	3.15pm School closes for half term.

21st to 25th October school is closed to pupils – half term holiday

28 th Oct	School closed to pupils but open for staff training and buying uniform. (INSET)
29 th Oct	7.45am Breakfast club. 8.30am classes open.
1 st Nov	2.50pm Y2 Assembly
8 th Nov	2.50pm Y1 Assembly
22 nd Nov	2.50pm EYrs Assembly
17 th Dec	2pm School Christmas Play
19 th Dec	3.15pm School closes for Christmas

**20th December 2019 to 7th January 2020
School is closed to pupils**

6 th Jan	School closed to pupils but open for staff training
7 th Jan	7.45am Breakfast club. 8.30am classes open.
15 th Feb	3.15pm School closes for half term
17th to 21st February School closed to pupils – half term holiday	
25 th Feb	7.45am Breakfast club. 8.30am classes open.
5 th Mar	World Book Day
3 rd April	3.15pm School closes for Easter
6th April to 21st April School is closed to pupils – Easter Holidays	
20 th Apr	School closed to pupils but open for staff training
21 st Apr	7.45am Breakfast club. 8.30am classes open.
4 th May	School closed for Bank Holiday
22 nd May	3.15pm School closes for half term
25th May to 29th May School is closed to pupils – half term holiday	
17th July 2020 Last day of school before school closes for the summer	