



The Alton School Newsletter

7th September
2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome back to you all and I hope that you had a lovely summer and a good holiday.

Welcome to our new students and families, as well as our new members of staff. Ms. LeFevre is our new PE and PPA cover teacher, Mr. Saunders is the new Y4 teacher and Ms. Abraham is our new Place2Be Project Manager. 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 want to achieve our level two award this year so we will be promoting different articles each week. All the students will be discussing and learning more about their rights and responsibilities throughout this year. This week we are focusing on the fact that everyone under the age of 18 has 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

Harrisons Catering are our new school meal provider this year. The menu is fabulous and the students really enjoyed their lunch

yesterday. They have new plates and bowls as well as a huge range of salads that they can help themselves to. The staff were very impressed too! The price of a school meal is £2.20, which is £11 a week and must be paid in advance please. 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 free school meal, but it is vital that you still let us know whether you qualify for free school meals as this is how we are funded by the government. If you do not give us this information, we shall get no money.

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.

School uniform

We also have new uniform providers, Gooddies, Superstitch 86 and Fire Label. Last term we gave some samples to parents to test for us and they really liked the change. The parent said they held their colour better, they fitted well, washed well and did not lose their shape in the tumble drier. High praise indeed.

Contact and Permission Forms

Please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details by checking with Mrs. Gibbs in the office. If we have sent you a new contact and permission form please complete it and return it to the office by Friday 15th September.

We will 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.

Conversion to an Academy School

I am very pleased to tell you that we converted to academy status on 1st August as planned. We are now part of the Quality First Education Trust or q1e, as it will be called less formally. Very little will change in the day to day running of the school but we will have more freedoms and I think that changing to an academy allows us to keep our uniqueness, of which I am very proud.

This week at The Alton

Today, all the students talked about their classroom rules and wrote their class charter based upon the United Nations Convention and the Rights of the Child.

By Friday, all of the students will have written their first Excellent Learner piece of work, setting the tone for the year to come.

On Friday, all the children who had a certificate in the 100% Attendance Assembly at the end of the summer term can come to school wearing their own clothes. At 3pm on Friday, we will hold our Parents' Tea and Coffee Party to thank those parents whose children had 100% attendance for the whole year, the whole of the summer term and the whole of the last summer half term.

Also this week, the students will elect their School Council representatives.

Next week at The Alton

Over the next two weeks, all the class teachers will be holding their first, and very important, class meeting of the year. They will begin at 3.30pm and finish by 4pm, 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 12th, the clubs leaders will hold an assembly about the clubs they are offering and the clubs letter will go out. Please complete this and return it by Tuesday 19th 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 Thursday 14th, at 3.30pm, we shall be holding our PGL meeting for the parents of children in Y5. The meeting will take place in the classroom and it is important that you attend to find out all about the residential trip that your children will be offered. You will be able to ask any questions that you might have and discuss any issues with Ms. Doyle and Ms. Powell.

On Friday 15th, at 3pm, 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.

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:

'Can you please put the homework for the week on the school website?'

That is brilliant and I don't know why I haven't done this before! Yes, of course we can.

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

gill.adams@thealton.wandsworth.sch.uk

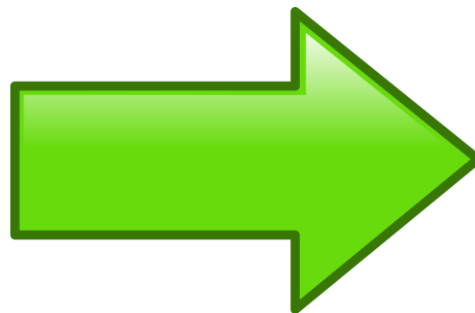
Or you could write to me. There is a suggestion box in the school office. I am sure your suggestions and questions will be useful to other parents as well.

With best wishes,

Ruth Hudson

Headteacher

Please turn
over the page



Dates for your diary

12th Sept Clubs letters go out

14th Sept 3.30pm Y5 PGL meeting

Twitter: @thealton

Instagram.com/the_alton_primary_school

Facebook: @altonprimary

15th Sept 3pm Pupil Leadership Elections

22nd Sept 3pm Y6 Class Assembly

28th Sept Scooter training for YR, Y1 & Y2

29th Sept 3pm Y5 Class Assembly

6th Oct 3pm Y4 Class Assembly

13th Oct 3pm Y3 Class Assembly

20th Oct 3.30pm School closes for half term.

23rd to 27th October school is closed to pupils

30th Oct 8am Breakfast club. 9am School day begins.

3rd Nov 3pm Y2 Assembly

10th Nov 3pm Y1 Assembly

17th Nov 3pm EYrs Assembly

12th Dec 2pm School Christmas Play

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)

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. 9am School day begins.

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. 9am School day begins.

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. 9am School day begins.

20th July 12.15pm School closes for the summer holidays