



The Alton School Newsletter

7th September 2018

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.

Welcome to our new students and families, as well as our new members of staff. Ms. Smith is our new Y4 teacher, Mr. Sarker is our new Y6 teacher and Ms. Hallows 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 have our Rights Respecting Assessment this half term and we want to achieve this award. We shall 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 very successful 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 on Friday for the next week or 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 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.

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 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.



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 14th 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.

Clubs

After school clubs will begin in the week beginning Monday 17th September and finish in the week beginning 10th 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.

We also have an external provider of Karate every Wednesday after school. If you wish your child to join, please speak to Mrs. Gibbs.

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 came to school wearing their own clothes. At 2.55pm on Friday, we held 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. Your child's teacher will write to you on Monday 10th next week about the topics for this term and when this meeting will be held. They will begin at 3pm and finish by 3.15pm, 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 11th, the **clubs letter** will go out. Please complete this and return it by Thursday 13th 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 3pm, 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 Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. Hudson.

On Friday 14th, 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.

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:

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

7th Sept 2.55pm 100% Attendance
Parents' Tea Party

10th Sept Class newsletters go out

11th Sept Clubs letters go out

14th Sept 3.30pm Y5 PGL meeting

15th Sept 2.50pm Pupil Leadership
Elections

21st Sept 2.50pm Y5 Class Assembly

28th Sept 2.50pm Y6 Class Assembly

5th Oct 2.50pm Y4 Class Assembly

12th Oct 2.50pm Y3 Class Assembly

19th Oct 3.15pm School closes for half
term.

**22nd to 26th October school is closed to
pupils – half term holiday**

29th Oct 7.45am Breakfast club. 8.30am
classes open.

2nd Nov 2.50pm Y2 Assembly

9th Nov 2.50pm Y1 Assembly

16th Nov Children In Need

23rd Nov 2.50pm EYrs Assembly

18th Dec 2pm School Christmas Play

21th Dec 3.15pm School closes for
Christmas

**24th December 2018 to 7th January 2019
School is closed to pupils**

7th Jan School closed to pupils but open
for staff training and buying uniform. (INSET)

8th Jan 7.45am Breakfast club. 8.30am
classes open.

18th Jan 2.50pm Y6 Class Assembly

25th Jan 2.50pm Y5 Class Assembly

1st Feb 2.50pm Y4 Class Assembly

8th Feb 2.50pm Y3 Class Assembly

15th Feb 3.15pm School closes for half
term

**18th to 22nd February School closed to
pupils – half term holiday**

25th Feb 7.45am Breakfast club. 8.30am
classes open.

8th Mar 2.50pm Y2 Class Assembly

15th Mar 2.50pm Y1 Class Assembly

22nd Mar 2.50pm EYrs Class Assembly

5th April 3.15pm School closes for Easter

**8th April to 22nd April School is closed to
pupils – Easter Holidays**

23rd Apr 7.45am Breakfast club. 8.30am
classes open.

6th May School closed for Bank Holiday

27th May 3.15pm School closes for half
term

**27th May to 31st May School is closed to
pupils – half term holiday**

3rd June School closed to pupils but open
for staff training and buying
uniform. (INSET)

4th June 7.45am Breakfast club. 8.30am
classes open.