



The Alton School Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2020.

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

Coronavirus

It has been a difficult and strange time for all of our families. We are thinking of you and hope you are all staying happy and healthy.

At the moment, we are unsure when school will be restarting, but we will keep you up to date with any news or developments.

Q1E Website – Home Learning

The Quality First Education Trust, which The Alton School is part of, has been working hard to ensure your home learning is as accessible as possible. Most of you will have become familiar with the home learning on the Q1E website: <https://q1e.co.uk/home/>, where you will find English, Maths and Curriculum home learning for every year group. Additionally, teachers are reading stories and uploading positive video messages for your children to view. If you have not had the chance already, please do have a look.

Phone Calls

Your child's class teacher will continue to ring twice weekly (Tuesdays and Fridays) to check in, see how the children are doing, and help with any home learning questions. These phone calls are being made from withheld numbers, so be aware if you receive a call from a withheld number on those days, it is likely to be your teacher phoning.

See Saw

The children at the Alton are all going to be using a digital learning platform called See Saw to share their home learning (<https://web.seesaw.me/>). EYFS and KS1 should already have received their login information. KS2 are going through a transition from using Google Classrooms to using SeeSaw, which is much more user-friendly. The children in KS2 will be starting this next week.

This home-learning platform is very easy to use, and we hope that it will motivate, enthuse and encourage everyone. Children will still go onto the Q1E website to access their home learning but will use SeeSaw to upload the incredible things they have done and to share with their teachers.

Rights Respecting

Next week we are focusing on Article 24: You have the right to safe water to drink. We are incredibly lucky in the UK that we have safe, clean water that comes from our taps. But sadly, not all children world-wide have this.

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 "listen well". There are lots of ways we can show good listening, including: facing the speaker, turning our voices off, keeping our bodies still, thinking about what is being said, and responding to what has been said. See if you can practice these skills at home.

Ramadan

Many of the families in our community are celebrating Ramadan. All the staff at the Alton would like to wish those families Ramadan Mubarak.

Assemblies:

During these times, we will be moving towards a virtual model of celebration assemblies. Class teachers will choose a piece of work, or content from phone calls to celebrate each week. There will be a video on the Q1E website celebrating the work, which will commence from next week.

Sharing your work

Please do send us pictures of all the amazing home learning that you are doing. We would love to add them to our website and social media platforms. You can send them to your teacher or email them to:

admin@thealton.wandsworth.sch.uk

School Meal Vouchers

If you are entitled to benefits related free school meals the government is currently funding school meal vouchers for your child at £15 per week. You should be receiving emails from Edenred which contain your voucher codes, if you have not seen them please do check your junk or spam emails and add Edenred and free school meals to your safe senders. Once you have your voucher code you need to redeem it at

www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk (evenings are best) and choose your supermarket. If you are having difficulties, please let us know

Book Trust

Book Trust are having a Pyjamarama party today why not have a look at their website and

join in the fun?

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/pyjamarama/how-to-get-involved/>

With best wishes,

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