

The Alderton Infant School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Happy New Year! While this term is shorter than last term, it is just as busy!

Governor News

Vacancies for members of the governing body have been filled by three parents. Celeste Richardson and Sarah Henderson both have children in reception and education backgrounds. Matthew Ayers also has a child in reception and a business background. We appreciate their time and enthusiasm and look forward to working with them. As you know, we plan to become a member of a local Multi-Academy Trust from July 2018.

Healthy School Award and School Meals

We recently received Foundation Status as an Essex Healthy School in recognition of “the hard work and impressive outcomes the school has achieved in 2017 to improve the health and well-being of pupils through a whole school approach.” We are proud of our certificate!

Menu information for the term is on the document page of our website. I would encourage everyone to sign up for a free hot meal given the weather is cold and grey! Please remember that all children are encouraged to bring in a named fresh water bottle every day. Even in the cooler weather it is important that children drink plenty of water to keep their fluid intake up and their minds wide awake!

Share-a-Lunch is back! Details will follow but the dates are:

- Year 2 Classes - Wednesday 31 January at 12.20pm
- Year 1 Classes – Wednesday 7 February at 12.20pm
- Oak Class Wednesday 7 March, Elm Class Wednesday 14 March, Ash Class Wednesday 21 March all start at noon

Year 1 Reading Meeting – Tuesday 16 January at 9.00am

Parents of children in Year 1 are invited to attend a reading information meeting in the main hall. Miss Peach will be on hand to discuss the school approach to reading, phonics and the way groups are currently organised. National phonic screening will take place for this year group in June.

Photographs

Individual photographs will be taken on Wednesday morning 17 January. As in past years, photos with siblings in the Junior School will take place from 3.15pm in the Junior School Hall. Be aware that there may be a queue and your patience is appreciated.

Reception School Places for September 2018

Applications for children starting in reception in September 2018 must be with the Local Authority by 15 January. Please pass the message on!

Gymnastics

All children in Reception will have gymnastics with Karen Wilson, specialist coach, on a Wednesday this term. The sessions are designed to improve gross motor skills and co-ordination. She will teach Year 1 in the summer term.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 9 January & Friday 12 January	Prospective parent tour. Please contact the office as places are limited.
Wednesday 10 January 9.00am	Lucky Dip Tour following the draw in assembly, which was recently postponed because of snow!
Thursday 11 January	Year 2 Empathy Project begins with Loughton Library (in school)
Monday 15 January	Safer Internet and E-Safety day with the 2 Johns Parent meeting in the Junior Hall from 6.00 to 8.00pm
Tuesday 16 January at 9.00am	Yr 1 parent information meeting about reading and phonics
Wednesday morning 17 January	Individual and sibling photos
Week commencing Mon 29 Jan to Fri 2 Feb CREATIVE ARTS WEEK	CREATIVE ARTS WEEK includes a theatre company on Monday, musical theatre dance with Elysia, Lloyd Warbey from Disney's Art Attack is in on Thursday and on Friday 2 February we welcome Olympic Athlete, Daniel Lewis (Triple Jumper) to meet the children.
Wednesday 31 January at 12.20	Year 2 Share-a-Lunch. Application form to follow.
Tuesday 6 February at 9.00am	Coffee and chats with Mrs Dalby in Sycamore Class – all welcome!
Wednesday 7 February at 12.20	Year 1 Share-a-Lunch. Application form to follow.
HALF TERM	Monday 12 to Friday 16 February – School closed
Week commencing Mon 26 Feb to Fri 2 March AROUND THE WORLD WEEK	AROUND THE WORLD WEEK Detail to follow but includes World Book Day on Thursday 1 March. Children are asked to dress as a favourite book character on the day!
Tuesday 6 March at 9.00am	Lucky Dip Tour – the draw will take place in assembly and winners notified in February.
Wednesday 7 March	Oak Class Share-a-Lunch 12-12.30. Application form to follow
Wednesday 14 March	Elm Class Share-a-Lunch 12-12.30. Application form to follow Parent Consultation Appointments from 3.15pm. Booking will be online nearer the time
Thursday 15 March	Parent Consultation Appointments from 5pm. Booking will be online nearer the time
Wednesday 21 March	Ash Class Share-a-Lunch 12-12.30. Application form to follow
Tuesday 27 March at 9.00am	Year 1 spring concert – families welcome
Thursday 29 March at 2.00pm	School closes at 2.00pm for the Easter Holiday
Monday 16 April at 8.45am	School re-opens for the summer term
Week commencing Mon 23 April to Fri 27 April	SCIENCE WEEK - Details to follow nearer the time

Yours sincerely,
S. A. Dalby