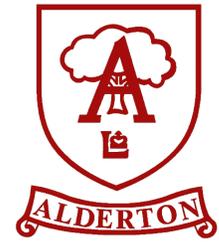


The Alderton Infant School

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Dear Parents and Governors,

Welcome back after the Easter holiday! The summer term is always a busy one so please read the information below and keep up-to-date by following us on Twitter! We say farewell and good luck to Daniel Thorpe, our assistant caretaker, as he is expanding his own fitness business. We are currently advertising the vacancy – do see Essex Jobscene for details. We welcome Miss Elif Tarlacik to Beech Class. She is completing her final teaching experience with the University of Greenwich and working alongside Miss Bristow until 22 June. As you know, Miss Melia is taking early retirement in the summer, but I am delighted to inform you that Miss Bristow has been successful in her application to become our new Deputy Headteacher from September. Congratulations!

Tests and Assessments

Year 2 children will undertake two reading comprehension and maths tests during May. These tests are marked internally and inform teacher assessment. Over the next few weeks the teachers will continue to assess each child individually against the DfE Interim assessment statements. Year 2 parents already have a copy but it is on the document page of our website. Statements within the document must be clearly evidenced for each child.

It remains essential that children are in school every day as long as they are fit and healthy. Every lesson missed is lost learning time. Please note that no leave for holiday is authorised. The Local Authority has a duty to moderate teacher assessment and testing. The deadline for schools to submit data is 29 June and parents will receive assessment outcomes as part of their child's annual report in July.

Year 1 children are required to sit a national phonic screening in mid-June. They will do this on a 1:1 basis with their class teacher. Year 2 children who did not reach the required standard last year are required to re-sit the test. Once again, the Local Authority has a duty to moderate. The deadline for schools to submit data is 28 June and parents will receive assessment outcomes with class information in July. Year 1 annual written reports will be released earlier this year, on Wednesday 20 June, so that parents have the opportunity to speak with Miss Schaad and Mrs Hambling before they begin their maternity leave.

Reception children are continually assessed against the EYFS Framework and end of year Early Learning Goals. The Local Authority has a responsibility to moderate teacher assessment and data will be submitted by 29 June. Parents will receive their child's outcomes in the annual report in July.

Health and Safety

Parents are reminded that NO DOGS are allowed on site and that includes carrying them please! Toxocariasis and roundworm parasites can affect young children in particular because they are more likely to come into contact with contaminated soil when they play and put their hands in their mouths.

As the weather improves, more children may want to cycle or scooter to school. However, the main path is hilly and congested. For this reason children should walk their scooters and cycles onto site please. Any items stored on the school grounds are at the owner's risk.

The grass bank is out of bounds because it is steep and slippery. Please remind your child about the "Keep off the Bank" signs. Families are asked to keep their children with them at all times and to supervise them carefully.

Finally, we would be grateful if those parents who smoke do NOT do so near the school gates. To be absolutely frank, for the sake of the children, it does not look good and is certainly not healthy!

Class Arrangements

Each year we review class arrangements. Children in Reception will be mixed to become Rowan, Willow or Beech Class from September 2018. Likewise children currently in Year 1 will be mixed to become Maple, Cedar or Lime Class. We will continue to have three Reception Classes. Year 1 and Year 2 parents will receive new class information on Tuesday 17 July. New parents with children entering reception will receive class information from Wednesday 4 July. Classes will be carefully put together and:

- take into consideration the view of the child and their current teacher
- include a balance of boys and girls
- reflect mixed ability groups and needs
- allow for a spread of age

Sponsored Bop - planned for Monday afternoon 21 May (weather allowing!)

Each year we support the Parent Association by organising a sponsored event. The "Sponsored Bop" is a firm favourite! Elysia, our resident dance tutor, leads the children in a 10-12 minute dance routine in the playground and families are invited to watch. The money raised goes into PA School Fund, which benefits all the children by subsidising events, trips and workshops across the year. Do come along to watch us "bop" at the following times, Reception at 1.35pm, Year 1 at 2.00pm, Year 2 at 2.30pm. If it is raining the event will take place in the hall, but I am afraid it will be for children only as there is not enough space for families.

Sports Morning – planned for Friday morning 25 May (weather allowing!)

The morning involves up to an hour of events for your child's class. Bring your own seat please! Every child needs full PE kit, including plimsolls. Earrings must be removed before school. The children need a named bottle of water in school on that day (and indeed every day) to keep their fluids up. Please remember that it must be water only. A carousel of events will be held on the Junior field and approximate start times are - Reception at 9.10am, Year 1 at 10.00am and Year 2 at 11.00am. If it is raining the event will be postponed until Monday 18 June.

Reading Diaries

Children should write in their diary at least once a week. Guidelines are in the front and back of each diary. Families are asked to hear their child read as much as possible, but at least four times a week.

Thank you

- Thank you to Joshua M mum for supporting the recent book week. Her connection with Usborne books has meant that we now have £800 of new books for the library. Excellent!
- Thank you for your donations following the Year 1 spring concert. The money enabled us to buy lots of Easter eggs for Epping Food Bank and Norway House families.
- Thank you to the three providers who interviewed to run our wrap around care facility. Energykidz were successful and information is available from the office or on their website.
- Well done to Ethan S (Yr1) for raising £75 at the recent sponsored read.
- Well done to Seval (Yr2) and Jack B's mum for donating 30 cm of their hair in aid of the charity Little Princess Trust.
- Thomas C's (Yr1) name was pulled from the good attendance hat and he takes home £20 of Tesco vouchers! Congratulations!
- Thank you to the PA who work so hard to support and raise funds for the school. We look forward to the disco this Friday and the Circus on Saturday 30 June!

Yours sincerely,
S.A. Dalby (Headteacher)

Diary Dates for Summer 2018

Mon 23 April to Fri 27 April	Science week, including experiments, hatching chicks, Lego time and the mobile zoo! Ask your child about it!
Fri 27 April from 4.00pm	PA Infant Spring Disco – details from the PA
Monday 7 May	School closed for Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 8 May	Year 1 trip to Epping Forest Field Centre, High Beech
Wednesday morning 9 May	Year 2 visit to Loughton Library
Monday 14 May	Ash Class to Lee Valley Farm
Tuesday 15 May	Oak Class to Lee Valley Farm
Wednesday 16 May	Elm Class to Lee Valley Farm
Monday afternoon 21 May	Sponsored Bop – families welcome if dry! Reception at 1.35pm, Year 1 at 2.00pm, Year 2 at 2.30pm.
Tuesday 22 May at 9.00am	Reception summer concert in the hall – families welcome
Thursday 24 May - Pop Up Theatre	Growth Mindset workshops for Year 1 with an assembly for Yr1 parents at 2.30pm
Friday morning 25 May	Sports Morning. Reception at 9.10am, Year 1 at 10.00am and Year 2 at 11.00am
Monday 28 May to Fri 1 June	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 4 June	INSET DAY
Wednesday morning 6 June	Class photographs – very smart uniform please
Fri 8 June	Messy Play dates for new reception intake begin – details of further dates from the office
Monday 11 June	Year 1 National phonic screening begins
Tuesday 12 June	Empathy Day, in association with Loughton Library
Friday morning 15 June	PA Father's Day breakfast event – details to follow
Wednesday 20 June	Year 1 reports out
Friday 22 June	Miss Schaad's last day. Miss Smith to take over Willow Class from Monday 25 June.
Monday 25 June and Tuesday 26 June	Induction sessions and HT welcome talk for new reception intake – further details from the office
Friday 29 June	Mrs Hambling's last day. Mrs Lee to take over in Rowan Class from Thursday 5 July.
Mon 2 July to Thurs 5 July	Year 2 and Year 3 transition programme with the Junior School
Thursday 5 July from 3.00pm to 5.00pm	Open Evening – families welcome to tour the school New reception intake and their families also welcome
Thursday 12 July at 9.00am	9.00am Year 2 Leavers Concert – families welcome 1.00pm to 1.30pm Leavers Share-a-Lunch, details to follow
Tuesday 17 July	Reception and Year 2 annual reports out Test, assessment & 2018-2019 class information out
Friday 20 July at 2.00pm	School closes for the summer holiday
Tuesday 4 September	STAFF ONLY for Child Protection training
Wednesday 5 September	STAFF ONLY and Reception home visits begin
Thursday 6 September	CHILDREN RETURN FOR THE AUTUMN TERM
2018 to 2019 2019 to 2020	Term dates are on the website