

# The Alderton Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school really buzzed with excitement last week as we celebrated Creative Arts Week. The theatre group and dance workshops were well received. It was also a pleasure to welcome Olympic athlete, Daniel Lewis to our school. His talk with the children was inspirational and complemented the work we have been doing around growth mindset. Please remember to send in your sports sponsor forms!

Following Lloyd Warbey's input, Pop Up Drama will be in school on Thursday 15 March to work with Year 2 and Thursday 24 May to work with Year 1 to further develop work on growth mindset. Parents will be invited to a special assembly at 2.15pm on these days to learn more from the children.

## **Leave of Absence**

Parents are reminded that holidays will not be authorised during term time. We have 13 weeks of school closure in an academic year and any leave should be scheduled for then please. Well done to Siena for winning the 98%+ attendance prize voucher recently. There will be another draw next term.

## **Health and Safety**

We are really concerned about the congestion on Alderton Hall Lane at the start and end of the school day. We want children and families to be able to walk with ease and cross the road safely. Local residents are also finding the situation difficult especially when parents park across driveways, on grass areas and obstruct access. Please park with consideration for others. Think of the children and keep them safe. Parents should also keep their children close by and well supervised when accessing the site and crossing roads please.

## **Year 1 Spring Concert**

This will take place on Tuesday 27 March at 9.00am in the hall. There will be a collection at the end and proceeds will be shared between school fund and Norway House and local food banks. Currently there are 65 places for families who are deemed homeless in the Epping Forest area including those at Norway House. We work with an organisation that is aiming to buy Easter eggs for the children currently housed in temporary accommodation and using the EF Food Bank. Your generosity is always appreciated and we raised £457.00 at the Christmas collections, which we shared between school fund and Crisis. Thank you.

## **Wrap Around Care**

We learned on 16 January that our wrap around care provider Asquith's, is ending their contract with us. This was a surprise to us and the staff who work at the breakfast and after school facility. The Governing Body is keen to find another provider as quickly as possible, but recruitment will take time as Ofsted registration is needed. We hope the new provision will open in September. Rest assured the advert, tender and application process is already in hand.

## Lucky Dip Tour

The next tour is planned for Tuesday 6 March at 9.00am. Names drawn out of the hat by Rowan Class are:

| Reception | Year 1    | Year 2    |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Mason S   | Dominic H | Samuel O  |
| Kirill B  | Julia K   | Amy C     |
| Joshua M  | Archie D  | Matthew R |

## Multi-Academy Trust

Following the staff and parent consultation meetings in the autumn term, the Governing Body has agreed to submit an application to the DfE to join the newly formed Epping Forest Schools Partnership Trust. There will be 15 local schools in the group by July 2018. However, as far as the children and the day to day management of the school are concerned it will be "business as usual!"

## Dates Coming Up...

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| Mon 12 Feb to Fri 16 Feb            | School Closed – Half Term  |
| Monday 19 February                  | School re-opens  |
| Mon 26 to Fri 2 March               | Around the World Week!<br>Thursday – World Book Day so please dress up as favourite book character!  |
| Monday 26 March                     | Dragon Dance including fans and parasols!<br>Full day event with workshops for the children to learn about Chinese culture, music and dance! |
| Wed 7 March                         | Oak Class Share-a-Lunch – booking form to follow   |
| Thursday 8 March and Friday 9 March | PA organising a Mothering Sunday stall during lunchtime – details to follow  |
| Wed 14 March                        | Elm Class Share-a-Lunch – booking form to follow<br>Parent evening appointments – details to follow  |
| Thurs 15 March                      | Parent evening appointments – details to follow  |
| Wed 21 March                        | Ash Class Share-a-Lunch – booking form to follow   |
| Thursday 29 March                   | School closes at 2.00pm for Easter   |
| Monday 16 April                     | School re-opens for the summer term at 8.45am  |
| Monday 23 April to Friday 27 April  | Science Week – details to follow   |
| Friday 27 April                     | PA Family Disco – Save the date. Details to follow   |

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher