

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! We welcome Mr Francis Stuckey to Year 1. He is working alongside Mrs Conway in Beech Class for four weeks as part of the local teacher training scheme. Congratulations to the SCITT scheme which was awarded Outstanding by Ofsted in November.

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. Julie Watkins from the Davenant Sports partnership is currently working on multi-skills with Year 1 every Monday morning.

BAD WEATHER

With the winter months upon us, we think this is a good time to remind you of our bad weather arrangements. We will make every effort to open unless snow is severe and heavy. The problem is that a number of our staff live some distance away and may have difficulty travelling. We will only close as a last resort!

The Infant and Junior Schools will liaise and post any information about any closure on our website at www.alderton-inf.essex.sch.uk and Twitter @AldertonInf. Parents who have signed up to Teacher2Parent will receive information through e-mail from school. We recommend parents contact each other to find out if there has been a message about school closure and only ring the school if you cannot find out some other way. If the schools close then Energykidz (breakfast and after school club) will also be closed.

CONTACT DETAILS

Did you get a new phone for Christmas? New email address? Please ensure that you inform the School Office of any changes of contact numbers.

SAFE INTERNET USE – Wed 30 January 6.00 to 8.00pm in the Junior Hall

The “Two John’s” are in school to work with children and staff on Wednesday 30 January and to lead a hard hitting parent session from 6-8pm that evening. Please be there! We regularly remind children about safe internet use. Parents are also asked to access and read the links on the “Homework” page of our school website (www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) and to sit with your child to watch “Hector’s World” (www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7)

SCOOTERS AND BIKES

Please do not ride these on site as the pathways are too narrow and congested. Walk them to and from the gate please!

PARENT ASSOCIATION

Interested in getting more involved? Speak to our office for details. The PA’s fundraising and hard work benefits all children. Their latest Report and Accounts is published on the Parent page of our website. Many thanks to them for all their efforts!

SHARE A SCHOOL LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Our catering staff produce food which meets children's dietary and nutritional requirements with fresh fruit and vegetables served every day. There are meal choices, including a vegetarian option. Moreover, the social experience of sitting with friends at table and using a knife and fork is important. We would like to invite you to sample a school meal with them this spring! The cost for an adult meal is £2.50. Details will follow but save the date now please!

- Reception Share-a-Lunch Wednesday 6 March from 11.45am
- Year 1 Share-a-Lunch Wednesday 20 March from 12.30pm
- Year 2 Share-a-Lunch Wednesday 27 March from 12.30pm

KEY DATES

Wednesday 30 January	Two Johns Internet Safety 6-8pm Parent meeting
Friday 1 February	Perform Drama leading workshops for all children - free
Friday 15 February	PA "Silver Smarties" information home for fundraising
Mon 18 to Fri 22 February	HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED Energykidz Holiday Club open – see website for details
Monday 4 March to 8 March	Book week, including sponsored read
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day – dress up as a favourite book character
Friday 15 March	Red Nose Day – details to follow. £1 donation on the day please
Wednesday 27 March	3.15 to 6pm Parent Consultation Appointments - online booking nearer the time
Thursday 28 March	5pm to 7pm Parent Consultation Appointments - online booking nearer the time
Tuesday 2 April 9am	Year 1 Spring Concert in the hall – families welcome
Wednesday 3 April	Easter Lunch for children – details to follow
Thursday 4 April 2pm	School closes for Easter holiday
Friday 5 April	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 8 April to Mon 22 April	EASTER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED Energykidz Holiday Club open – see website for details
Tuesday 23 April	School re-opens for the Summer Term at 8.45am
Friday 3 May	PA Outdoor Sponsored Bop, families invited to watch if dry 10am Reception 10.30 Year 1 11am Year 2
Monday 6 May	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 27 May to Fri 31 May	MAY HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED Energykidz Holiday Club open – see website for details
Monday 3 June	INSET DAY– SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 5 June	Class photograph day
Friday 5 July	Sports Morning 9.15 YrR, 10am Yr1, 11am Yr2
Thursday 11 July	Open Evening from 5-7pm – new families welcome
Wednesday 24 July 2pm	School closes for the summer holiday at 2pm Energykidz Holiday Club open – dates to be confirmed
Thursday 5 September	School re-opens at 8.45am for the Autumn Term

Yours sincerely,
S. A. Dalby