

The Alderton Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed Open Evening and the opportunity to look at your child's books and the various displays around school. The children have worked incredibly hard this year and should be proud of their achievements. Good luck and fond farewell to all our Year 2 children, their families and others leaving us. We hope you leave with happy memories. Work hard and aim high!

The staff are a dedicated team and really do care for the children academically, socially and emotionally. On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to thank them for their hard work and continued commitment to the school. A consultant visited the school last week and his report is overwhelmingly positive. He wrote:

"During visits to classroom today and in previous visits, pupils consistently demonstrated:

- excellent attitudes to learning*
- confidence when asking and answering questions*
- resilience and persistence when tasks are challenging such as a number investigation in year 2*
- the ability to work in pairs and small groups in key stage 1 and reception*
- the children were polite courteous towards each other and adults*
- there was a positive and productive atmosphere in the school."*

Class Teachers from September 2018

Although we have smaller numbers entering Reception in September we still plan to open three classes. Moreover, as we have three teachers on maternity leave and new faces joining the teaching team, some staff are moving year groups from September. Please see below:

RECEPTION CLASSES	YEAR ONE CLASSES	YEAR 2 CLASSES
Ash - Miss Russell	Beech - Mrs Conway	Maple - Miss Clarke
Elm - Miss Camp	Willow - Miss Smith	Cedar - Mrs Cooper
Oak - Miss Peach and Mrs Chaston (Tuesday)	Rowan - Mrs Parrish	Lime - Miss Bristow and Mrs Lee (Thurs & Friday)

Year 2

Transition is well underway and the Leavers assembly and lunch were well attended. Year 2 children have worked incredibly hard this year, striving to reach age related expectations and they should be proud of their achievements! Year 2 written reports (out Tuesday afternoon) include information about your child's attainment in reading, writing, maths and science. The report will indicate whether your child is:

- Working Towards the expected standard for their age
- Working At the expected standard for their age
- Working at Greater Depth for their age

The Year 2 report also includes test results for reading and maths. A scaled score of 100 represents achievement of the national standard. Teachers use the test results to help them reach an overall judgement of standards for each child. School outcomes for 2018 are also enclosed as well as 2017 national comparative data.

Year 1

88% of the year group has met the expected standard in the national phonic screening. This is a super achievement and above the 2017 national figure of 81%. Well done to children and staff!

Year 1 and Year 2 reports contain information about attitude to learning and effort, achievement and next step targets in reading, writing and maths. For Foundation Subjects, including Religious Education, the report will also indicate whether your child is:

- B beginning to work within year group expectations
- W working within year group expectations
- S securely working within year group expectations

EYFS

The percentage of children reaching a Good Level of Development in Reception has risen again this year to 74.1% and is above 2017 national. Well done everyone!

Attendance

The Missing Education & Child Employment Service will be introducing penalty notices for six consecutive sessions (i.e. 3 days) missed for unauthorised absence during the first two weeks in September. This is such an important time for children as they settle into new classes. Please bear this in mind and calendar dates are on our website to 2020!

Written Reports & Class Information - Tuesday afternoon 17 July

All reports contain information on attendance, as there is a proven link between good attendance and attainment. Included with the report is a response sheet for you and your child to complete please. Reception reports will contain information about achievement and progress in the seven areas of learning and next steps. Class information for 2018-19 is also included.

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. Classes are very 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

Miss Tracey Melia

As you know we are saying goodbye to a number of staff including Miss Melia, our Deputy Headteacher. She has worked here 20 years! I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best as she takes early retirement. She is an outstanding classroom teacher, strong and resilient deputy head and much admired colleague. She has worked tirelessly for the school. During her tenure we have seen so much change in education and in the school too. She has always been professional and had high expectations of herself and the children in her care. We will miss you.

Last Day, Friday 20 July – Non uniform & school closes at 2.00pm

There is a non-uniform day on Friday. Children are asked to donate £1 to the PA School Fund and leave their uniforms at home! Debbie and her team in the kitchen are making us a Teddy Bears Picnic lunch especially! No hot meals will be served. School closes at 2.00pm although Energykidz are open until 6.00pm.

And finally...

Do make time for the Library Summer Reading Challenge please! School re-opens for Year 1 and Year 2 children on Thursday 6 September at 8.45am. Home visits and a phased entry are planned for new Reception children. Happy holidays everyone!

Yours sincerely,
S. A. Dalby