

The Alderton Infant School

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Dear Parents and Governors,

Welcome back after the summer holiday and welcome to all the new children, families and staff joining us. We look forward to a busy and exciting term.

Class	Year group	Teacher
Ash	Reception	Miss Russell
Elm	Reception	Miss Camp
Oak	Reception	Miss Peach – Early Years and English Lead Mrs Chaston (Tuesday)
Rowan	Year 1	Mrs Parrish
Willow	Year 1	Miss Smith
Beech	Year 1	Mrs Conway
Maple	Year 2	Miss Clarke
Cedar	Year 2	Mrs Cooper
Lime	Year 2	Miss Bristow Deputy Headteacher, Key Stage 1 and Maths Lead. Mrs J Lee (Thursday and Friday)

Jane Carter is our learning support teacher (SENCo) and she continues to support the transition of children across to the Junior School. Mr Milligan and Mr Rattey continue to support music across the school. Miss Wilson is the gymnastic teacher and Mr Chesterman continues to support ceramic arts. Sadly, during the holidays Mrs Tracheva resigned from the midday team. We wish her every success in her new career. We are recruiting so please contact the office for details!

Mr Burgess and Mr Burke worked incredibly hard during the holidays to ensure our school is looking its very best for the children. Three Year 1 classrooms have been decorated and new flooring fitted. Similarly, the teaching staff were in during the holidays, preparing their rooms and curriculum planning so that we have got off to a flying start. Thank you!

Our application to become an Academy from 1 September has been confirmed by the Secretary of State for Education, so we are now officially a member of the Epping Forest Schools Partnership Trust! We are one of fifteen local schools in the partnership, including Staples Road, Hereward, Whitebridge, St John's Buckhurst Hill, Alderton Juniors, Ivy Chimneys, Hillhouse, Chigwell Row, Limes Farm Infants, Epping Upland, High Beech, Lambourne, Oakview and Theydon Bois Primary.

UNIFORM

We are very proud of our uniform. Families are reminded that children should wear either the school maroon sweatshirt WITH LOGO, available from the office, or a GREY cardigan or jumper.

CLASS TEACHER MEET & GREET - October

We would like to invite you to a class based information meeting with your child's teacher.

- For children in Maple, Cedar and Lime the meeting is at 2.15pm on Monday 1 October
- For children in Rowan, Willow and Beech the meeting is at 2.15pm on Tuesday 2 October
- For children in Ash, Elm and Oak the meeting is at 9.00am on Monday 8 October

PARENT CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS - October

There are two appointment evenings in October for you to meet your child's teacher to discuss attainment and progress and of course look at work. Details will follow nearer the time but do save the date and you will be able to use our on-line booking system.

- Wednesday 17 October – appointments from 3.15pm to 6.00pm
- Thursday 18 October – appointments from 5.00pm to 7.00pm

YEAR 2 SATs INFORMATION MEETING - November

Parents of children in Year 2 are invited to an information meeting on Monday 5 November at 2.00pm in the main hall.

PHONICS AND READING MEETING - November

Miss Peach is leading an information meeting about our approach to teaching reading and phonics on Tuesday 13 November at 9.00am in the main hall. New parents are encouraged to attend.

MATHS CURRICULUM MEETINGS

Miss Bristow will be in touch with further information about year group workshops.

LUCKY DIP TOURS!

“Lucky Dip” lesson time tours were really popular last year so we are carrying on with them! Once a half-term in assembly we will pull names from a hat (one per class) and the parent group will be invited to tour the school during lesson time with Mrs Dalby.

STAY IN TOUCH - www.alderton-inf.essex.sch.uk and Twitter @AldertonInf

Please make sure the office have all YOUR latest contact details especially mobile numbers, email and emergency contact information. In addition, please make sure to keep us up to date with changes in personal home circumstances particularly involving parental access.

KEEPING SAFE & SPEAKING UP – <http://www.esafetytraining.org>

In school we have strict guidelines for computer and Internet use with your children. Please check your privacy settings and filters at home. We regularly remind the children how to stay safe. Our website (see homework page) contains guidance on safe Internet use. You are reminded not to post photos of any other children or derogative comments on social media including Facebook. Speak with us if you have a concern. The link above will also take you to the “Two John’s” website. They visited school earlier this year and parent feedback was VERY positive.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Our healthy hot meals really are FREE. Your child just needs to tell us they want one when the register is called every morning. Ask for a menu or look at the website please. For low-income families, schools are entitled to receive additional funding of £1300 per child (known as Pupil Premium). We ask eligible parents to give us your name, national insurance number and date of birth. We encourage you to help us because the money makes a big difference to what we can organise for the children.

CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL

A range of extra-curricular clubs are organised after school for Year 1 and 2 children. Our clubs are increasingly popular so we are having to limit clubs a child can sign up for in any one term. We are trying to be fair to everyone! Details to follow.

Monday	Dance with Elysia in the main hall
Tuesday	Drama with Eve Marie in the main hall
Wednesday	Gymnastics with Miss Wilson in the main hall
Thursday	Futsal with Mr Murray and Mr Brivati in the Infant hall
Friday	Karate with “Sensei” Steve in the Junior School Hall Futsal in the Infant hall

Energy Kidz offer a breakfast and after school club facility based in our dining hall – see the contact link on our website. They are introducing holiday clubs from October half term which is a wonderful NEW service & opportunity. A flyer is coming home or see their website.

ATTENDANCE – 96.04% last year but let’s do even better this year!

Good attendance and punctuality are closely linked to good attainment and progress. If your child is unwell please ring or email the office before 9.30am on each day of absence. We have an answer machine so you can ring early! Holidays are NOT permitted in term time and the LA will issue fines on our behalf. School dates for 2018-19 and 2019-20 are on the calendar page of our website.

DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2018

DATE	EVENT
Monday 1 Oct	Reception children start full time 8.45am to 3.00pm
Monday 1 Oct 2.15pm	Year 2 class information meeting
Tues 2 Oct 2.15pm	Year 1 class information meeting
Mon 8 Oct at 9.00am	Year R class information meeting
Tuesday 16 Oct 9.00am	Year 2 Harvest Festival – families welcome
Wed 17 Oct at 9.00am 3.15 to 6.00pm	Year 1 Harvest Festival – families welcome Parent Consultation appointments – online booking nearer the time
Thurs 18 Oct 5.00 to 7.00pm	Parent Consultation appointments – online booking nearer the time
Friday 19 October	INSET Day – school closed as we are hosting a meeting of all schools in our new Partnership
Mon 22 to Fri 26 Oct	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 5 Nov 2.00pm	Year 2 SATs information meeting in the hall
Fri 9 November	Anti-Bullying Day – Non-uniform day, wear blue to mark the event! PA Autumn family disco planned from 4pm – details to follow
Mon 12 – 16 Nov	Arts Week – details to follow
Tues 13 Nov 9.00am	Reading and phonics information meeting – details to follow
Mon 19 Nov	Flu immunisation by NHS – details to follow
Tues 4 Dec 9.00am	Reception Christmas Concert for families in main hall
Wed 5 Dec	Travelling by Tuba Christmas music event – whole school at 9am 2.15pm Year 1 Christmas Concert for families in main hall
Saturday 8 Dec Noon-3pm	PA Christmas Bazaar – Infant and Junior Schools
Tues 11 Dec 9.15am	Year 2 Christmas Concert for families in main hall
Wed 12 Dec 9.15am	Year 2 Christmas Concert for families in main hall (repeat, so please attend one!) Lunchtime Christmas dinner for whole school – details to follow
Fri 14 Dec	Christmas jumper day! Non-uniform day with £1 donation to charity
Wed 19 Dec at 2.00pm	Schools closes for Christmas holiday – Non uniform day with £1 donation to PA School Fund
Thursday 3 January	School re-opens for Spring Term 2019
	SEE WEBSITE FOR OTHER TERM DATES & CLOSURES

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Dalby
Headteacher

Miss T Bristow
Deputy Headteacher