

# Alton Infant School

*Sowing the seeds of learning*

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As well as weekly PE lessons, we also plan regular physical activity mornings in order to enhance sport across the school. These mornings also allow the children to experience different sports and activities that they might want to start playing or getting involved in.



Last week the children enjoyed a morning of learning different sporting activities. The teachers set up physical activities around the school so that the children could experience different sports. The children learnt how to play basketball, bench-ball, mini-rounders, balloon volleyball, bowling and dodgeball. The children had a wonderful time learning lots of new skills and have hopefully gained an interest in some new sports!



## Feedback from parents.



Thank you all very much for attending the recent parent consultations and the subsequent feedback that many

of you provided.

We were overwhelmed and really encouraged by the many positive comments, some of which I have copied below.

As part of this feedback, many of you asked whether we could provide an after school sports or football club. We are currently looking into this and hope to update you further next term.

*"Teachers and Teaching Assistants are amazing"*

*"Amazing feedback and communication"*

*"Every single member of staff is approachable"*

*"Amazing ethos" "An incredible school!"*

## Diary Dates

**Monday 15th April 2024** - Children return to school after the Easter Holiday.

**Thursday 18th April 2024** - Parenting Workshop

**Friday 19th April 2024** - Year 1 trip to Wisley

**Thursday 16th May 2024** - Year 2 NSPCC Workshop

**Friday 17th May 2024** - HSA May Fayre

**Thursday 23rd May 2024** - Break up for the May Half Term.

**Monday 3rd June 2024** - Children return to school after the May Half Term Holiday.

**Monday 24th June** - Sports Afternoon

**Date tbc** - Reserve Sports Afternoon

**Friday 14th June 2024** - Photographer for class photos

**Friday 14th June 2024** - HSA Fathers' Day Sale

**Tuesday 23rd July 2024** - Break up for the Summer holiday.

## INSET days for 2023/2024

**Friday 24th May 2024**

**Friday 28th June 2024**

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Parenting workshop - 18th April - 7pm.**

We are delighted to let you know that Hampshire Primary Behaviour Support will be running another parenting workshop during the evening of Thursday 18th April at 7pm.

The workshop will take place in the school hall. We are then hoping to run one further, follow-on workshop later in the year.

We all know that parenting can be very challenging at times and so this workshop aims to provide support and advice around the theme of 'Anxiety in Children'.



## Parenting Workshop

Thursday 18th April at 7pm in the school hall

***'Anxiety in Children'***

With Laura Platt and Elissa Whitby from Hampshire Primary Behaviour Support

Do come along and gain some useful insights into the challenges of parenting young children!

Please email [adminoffice@alton-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@alton-inf.hants.sch.uk) to let us know if you will be attending.

A message from our newest Governor, Ryan Gordon.

I'm just coming to the end of my second school term as a parent governor, and so far it has been a really interesting insight into the successes and challenges that the school faces.

My eldest daughter was at Alton Infant School and is now at Anstey Junior School and my youngest is in year R. Both have thoroughly enjoyed their time at the school, and I wanted to find a way to give my time and skill-set to such a great place. I also wanted to ensure that other children continue to benefit from the great education and opportunities my girls had access to.



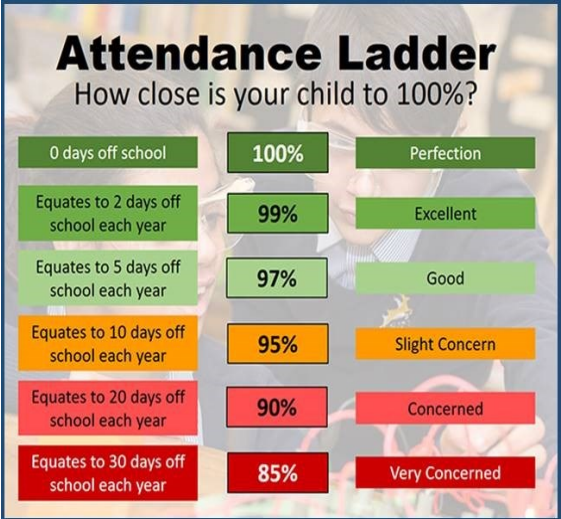
I'm very fortunate that my main governance areas align closely with my passion and areas of interest. With PE it is great to be able to monitor the pupils' access to sports and games, and I was lucky enough to attend the recent PE morning, having fun joining in the games and sports the teachers had brilliantly put together. I also oversee health and safety, conducting safety walkarounds and working with the site manager to ensure the ongoing safe environment for the children.

I was so proud to see the overwhelmingly positive feedback that came from the recent survey at parents evening, which was centred around the dedication and high levels of care and attentiveness of the staff. If I'm able to support them to continue to deliver a great education to our children then it is time well spent!

The importance of good attendance at school.

Regular attenders make better social and academic progress. They find school routines, school work and friendships easier and learning more satisfying. Regular attenders are also more successful when transferring between schools and when entering employment. For children to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered it is vital for pupils to be at school, on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable (e.g. illness).

Furthermore, persistent lateness can have a detrimental effect as children miss vital learning and instruction at the beginning of the school day. Please remember, therefore, that the school day begins between 8.45am and 8.55am and that arrival after this time will be recorded as 'late'. In line with the school's attendance policy, arrival after registers have closed at 9.15am will result in an unauthorised absence which, over time, could result in a Penalty Notice (as can an unauthorised absence for 10 or more morning and/or afternoon sessions).



HSA News

- A huge thank you to everyone who supported our 'wonderful women' sale - we raised a brilliant £224.99. We hope you liked your gifts, the thought that the children put into choosing them was very heartwarming!
- A reminder to take part in our sponsored litter pick over the Easter Break. Litter picks and bin bags are available to borrow from various locations in town - please see the dojo post for more information. Sponsor forms and money to be returned to school by Friday 19th April please.
- Our May Fayre is fast approaching (Friday 17th May). If you are able to donate a raffle prize, please let us know via the school office. We will be asking for lots of helpers for the event - please do consider offering a little bit of your time.

Wishing you all a very Happy

