

# Alton Infant School

*Sowing the seeds of learning*

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As we come to the end of the academic year, I just wanted to thank you for your on-going support and to let you know how proud we are of all the children. The children have changed so much over this year and it has been great seeing them make progress and enjoy all the different learning activities across the school. Over the last few weeks, the children have enjoyed time in their new classes and year groups and I'm sure that they will be ready in September to start a new academic year.

I also wanted to let you know that our end of academic year assessment results for 2022-23 are very pleasing and are a testament to the hard work of pupils, staff and support from parents. These assessments include those from the Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception), Year 1 phonics screening and Year 2 assessments in Reading, Writing, Maths and Science. Click [here](#) to view the results from these assessments on our website.

I hope you have a fantastic Summer break and I look forward to seeing those of you who are returning, on the 4th of September.

## Keeping you and our children safe.

If you are worried about your safety or a child's safety, welfare or on-line activity or any physical, emotional or sexual abuse, please do click [here](#) or [here](#) for support:



**Scooters.** It is lovely to see some of the children scooting into school.

However, when the children are on the school site, please can they walk with their scooters. We have had a few near misses – many thanks. Please remember that, at the moment, we do not have the capacity to store bicycles.



## **INSET days for 2023/2024**

*Friday 1st September 2023*

*Monday 30th October 2023*

*Monday 19th February 2024*

*Friday 24th May 2024*

*Friday 28th June 2024*

## Diary Dates

**Monday 4th September** - Children return to school after the Summer Holidays.

**Tuesday 26th September at 2.15pm** - Reception curriculum information meeting - more details to follow.

**Thursday 28th September at 2.15pm** - Year 1 and 2 curriculum information meeting - more details to follow.

**End of September/early October** - Harvest assembly for the children - date to be confirmed and more details to follow.

**Thursday 5th October** - Play and Stay session for children starting school in September 2024.

**Friday 6th October** - school photographer - individual photographs.

**Friday 20th October** - Break up for the October half term.

**Tuesday 31st October** - Children return to school after the October Half Term Holiday.

**Thursday 16th November at 7.30pm** - Evening presentation for parents of children starting school in September 2024.

**Monday 20th November** - Flu immunisation for children - more details to follow.

**Friday 15th December** - Break up for the Christmas holidays.

**Tuesday 2nd January 2024** - Children return to school after the Christmas Holiday.

**Friday 9th February 2024** - Break up for February Half Term.

**Tuesday 20th February 2024** - Children return to school after the February Half Term Holiday.

**Thursday 28th March 2024** - Break up for Easter Holidays.

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

**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.

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

## **Farewell to Year 2.**

I am sure that you will join me in wishing our Year 2 children a fond farewell as they leave us to join their new junior schools. They have been a great year group and we shall miss them all very much.

However, this is the start of their next exciting journey through life and I know that they will continue to flourish and thrive as they join their new schools. All the best Year 2 and do keep in touch!



## Governor's Corner - A message from one of our governors - Roisin Pope.

This is my second article in the school newsletter since, just over a year ago, becoming the Local Authority Governor for Alton Infant School. I was so excited, although a little bit apprehensive, about joining the Governing Body. The last 12 months has been such a learning journey, understanding how the school and the Governing Body works and my responsibilities within it. I had no idea what went on behind the scenes, and have been blown away by the dedication, care and support that is undertaken by staff, parents, guardians, and volunteers.



It is a privilege to be a governor within the school and to work within a community of people who create such a thriving school which is strongly focused on providing the best for all of our pupils at Alton Infant School.

As we head off into the Summer holidays, the Governing Body would like to express sincere thanks to all the staff and to you as parents, carers and guardians for your continued efforts. Thank you also to all the children for being who they are, for their enthusiasm in their learning and for helping to make the school environment the enjoyable place it is.

Finally, we wish the Year 2 children well as they move on from Alton Infant School – we know you are going to be great. We also look forward to meeting the new children and families joining the school in September, along with those returning. Many thanks and have a lovely Summer holiday.

### **Parent Workshops.**

I am pleased to say that the recent parent workshop 'Children's Well-Being and Positive Behaviour at Home' was a great success and we have had some great feedback from those who attended. As we move into the next academic year, we are planning to hold this workshop, or a similar one, again in order to help with children's behaviour at home.



Next academic year, we would like to offer more support and opportunities for parents to come into school and meet with other parents. If there is something that you would find particularly helpful or useful, please do let myself or a member of staff know.

### **Environmental and health facts!**

**Please see below for a reminder about some facts regarding the environment, pollution, health and well-being:**

**Did you know that.....?**

- **Walking is great for mental health as it releases feel good hormones which can help boost mood and help children to start the day more calmly.**
- **Nine in ten teachers in a recent government survey, consider that the walk to school makes children more alert and ready for the day ahead!**
- **Young people starting secondary school are less likely to be involved in road accidents if they have had previous experience of walking to school.**
- **During the morning rush hour, more than 1 in 5 cars on the road are taking children to school and contributing to congestion, air pollution and carbon emissions.**
- **Driving to school can have significant cost implications as families can spend over £300 annually on the school run.**



### **Home School Association (HSA) News.**

We have come to the end of yet another academic year! The HSA Committee would like to pass on a very big thank you for your incredible support this year which has helped us to raise a great deal of money for our school.

The final figure is still being counted but it is well over £4000!!! We couldn't have done it without all the amazing parent volunteers that have helped us along the way, so a big thank you to you all. This money has paid towards new resources for the children and other exciting things such as the farm visit, the hatching chicks and entry fees for school trips.

It is nearly time for me to stand down as HSA chair but I am leaving behind an amazing committee that will keep the fundraising going. We are always looking for new members to join the committee, so please come along to our next AGM on Friday 22nd September at 1:30pm and see how you can get involved.

Many thanks and have a lovely Summer holiday.

Sam Hill