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Alton Infant School
Sowing the seeds of learning

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you've all had a lovely weekend and that the children are feeling refreshed, enthusiastic and ready for another exciting week of learning!

Every Minute Matters! The Importance of Being On Time

Arriving at school on time every day makes a bigger difference than you might think! Learning begins as soon as children enter the classroom, and even being just five minutes late each day can add up to **25 minutes of lost learning every week** – that's over 16 hours across a school year! Late arrivals can mean children miss important instructions, morning activities and valuable opportunities to settle into the school day alongside their friends. Establishing a good morning routine and aiming to arrive on time helps children feel settled, confident and ready to learn. Every minute in school counts, and together we can make sure no child misses out. Thank you for your continued support in helping every child make the most of their learning time.

Poetry Party – Thursday 12th November!

The children are getting ready for a day full of fun, laughter and creativity as we celebrate Michael Rosen Day with our very own HUGE Poetry Party!

All classes will be taking part in a range of exciting poetry activities, inspired by this year's theme, 'Silly School Stuff'. Children will have the opportunity to explore funny poems, enjoy listening to and performing poetry, play with words and rhymes, and even have a go at creating their own silly school-inspired poems!

The aim is to make poetry fun, enjoyable and accessible for everyone, helping children discover the magic of words and the joy of reading, listening and writing poetry.

We are looking forward to a fantastic day filled with imagination, creativity and plenty of giggles! Who knows what wonderfully wacky poems our children will come up with!

🤍 Children in Need – Spotty Day! 🤍

We are delighted to be supporting BBC Children in Need on Friday 13th November by holding a fun-filled Spotty Day in school!

Children are invited to add a little spotty fun to their usual school uniform by wearing or bringing along a spotty accessory in return for a small donation to this wonderful cause.

Some ideas for spotty accessories include:

- Spotty socks or tights
- Pudsey headband or bandana
- Spotty hair bows or clips
- Spotty trouser braces
- Spotty scarf or gloves

Please note: We are unable to accept cash donations. If you would like to contribute, donations should be made directly through the BBC Children in Need website using the link below:

Donate to BBC Children in Need - Please also find the link on Class Dojo.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support. We look forward to seeing lots of spots around school as we come together to support such a fantastic cause!

Have a lovely week ahead!

Kind Regards

Stacey Serdet