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Doors open 8.40
Registration is 8.55

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back YR and Y1, and a massive welcome to all of our new Year R children and families. Thank you so much for accepting our new processes and procedures. The children have been amazing, adapting quickly to the changes and simply accepting the new routines. We are always delighted to see how quickly the children settle in, but in particular, we are so proud of them in this strange new normal, it has been a great few days! We will keep things as they are until at least half term. I hope you have all managed a good summer, despite our restrictions. The INSET days and other calendar dates are below, please make a note in your diaries.



Well Done Everyone!

I am delighted to say that we have achieved our Green Flag Eco Schools Award again this year. We work very hard to ensure we **Reuse, Recycle and Reduce**. A huge thank you to Mrs Ellis for leading this award.

Year 1 and Year 2 Book Bags to School

By the end of this week your child will be bringing home a reading book. The ability grouped **home reading books** are teacher directed. They will choose their books throughout the day as directed by a teacher. They will have a **Reading Diary/Phonics Sounds** in their book bags. Please help us by writing the new title and a small comment when they have read to you, or simply initial they have read. Thank you again for your support.



Calendar dates

INSET days for 2020

2nd Nov, 18th Dec, 12th & 22nd Feb, 25th June

9th Sept - YR start Full Time

9th Sept - Y1 & Y2 Curriculum Information emailed out/website

9th Oct - School Photographer - note: this year we cannot offer the wider family option due to our current Covid restrictions - so individual and AIS siblings only.

26th-30th Oct - HALF TERM

2nd Nov - INSET DAY

4th Dec - Flu immunisation

4th Jan - First day of Spring Term

Contact Details



Please let the office know if any of your contact details have changed over the summer. Thank you

CLOTHING LABELS

Please can all school uniform have a name label to ensure that if they are lost/misplaced, they are returned quickly.



Wow, look what's new! A massive thank you to Colin Leach, Nicky Leach's husband, who built this amazing boat for the Year 1 outside area. It looks magnificent and the children are thoroughly enjoying it. A very clever man - all from scratch and donated wood.

Word of the Day



We are continuing with the WORD OF THE DAY, to enrich the children's vocabulary. The word of the day will go on daily in each class. We read a word, explain the meaning, put it in the context of a sentence, and try to revisit the word throughout the day....as well as old words throughout the term. Please remember to ask your child if they remember the word of the day each day.

Note: YR will introduce Word of the Day later in the term!



Year 2's spelling booklet will go home this Friday. The children will be tested on their spellings each week on a Friday. Please take the time to read the spelling booklet in order to support your child and return on Friday's. Year 1 will be sending spellings home after half term.

Y1 & Y2 Curriculum Information

Normally at this time of the year, we invite you in for a Curriculum Information evening. Due to our restrictions, we are now going to email the presentation to you this Wednesday 9th September, as well as upload it on to our Alton Infant School website www.alton-inf.hants.sch.uk. Teachers normally explain the finer details of each slide, so without the explanations, some of the slides may raise questions. We ask that you read each slide carefully, and make a list of any questions you may have and email to my Curriculum Manager and Deputy Head, Tanya Hayes t.hayes@alton-inf.hants.sch.uk. Thank you for your understanding.



Year 2 will be setting Maths homework on Education City each Wednesday, starting tomorrow. Please support the children to complete this homework by the following Tuesday. The children all have logins, please use the ones they used in Y1. If you are unsure of your child's login, please contact their class teacher via email:

Oak – Miss Lambert a.lambert@alton-inf.hants.sch.uk

Mrs Peacock s.peacock@alton-inf.hants.sch.uk

Beech – Miss Jackson e.jackson@alton-inf.hants.sch.uk

Please also find attached a letter outlining our lovely **Learning Behaviour** characters. You may find your child comes home saying they are like Curious Cat, Brave Spider etc. Also please find attached a letter outlining our **Behaviour Steps** policy to ensure consistency in every classroom.

Thank you so much for your patience with following our Covid protocols at drop-off and collection. A few reminders - school gates are opens at **8.40-8.55**, registration is at 8.55.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jayne Broach
Headteacher