



# ALTON INFANT SCHOOL

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## Happy New Year



Happy New Year from all of the staff at Alton Infant School. It hasn't turned out to be the way we were all hoping our New Year would start. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our school community for your support with what had to be a really quick change after the announcement on Monday night.

Thank you very much to everyone for helping to follow our COVID procedures last term and our current procedures with our critical worker children. Please stay safe and inside as much as you can to help prevent the spread of the virus.

## Goodbye Mrs Broach

The children helped with a wonderful send off for Mrs Broach. We arranged for her to be late into school on the last day which gave us time to decorate the corridor and her office. We lined up in our bubbles to clap her into school to find her desk, computer and phone wrapped up in Christmas paper. Each class made her a 'goodbye' card. Mrs Broach had a wonderful last few days and is now planning all her retirement fun for when she can get on her motorbike and begin her tour of Europe.



## Diary Dates

**INSET days for 2020/2021**

**12<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**In conjunction with Anstey Juniors we will advise of any changes to these dates.**

**11th Feb—last day of term**

**Wider school opening to be confirmed by the Department for Education.**



## Snow Procedures



We are not anticipating snow, but if it does happen it may be necessary to close the school. The decision will not be made lightly and will be agreed in conjunction with Anstey Junior School. You will be informed as early as possible by text and ClassDojo. You can check closures on:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/education/schoolclosures/>

## Fundraising

### HSA

Our volunteers on the HSA have been incredibly busy thinking of inventive ways to raise money in these challenging times. They have raised a fantastic £755 Through the raffle ticket sales and from the advertising in their Christmas Brochure. We are always very appreciative of the time they give to raise money and for your participation in these events. A big thank to Charlotte Cook the HSA Chair who would also like to thank Tracy Barber and Victoria Glendenning.

### Wish for the World

The 'Rights Reps' met with Miss Lambert and their link governor Kate Weller. Having thought about their rights they decided to spend the £89 raised, by purchasing pencils, skipping ropes, bars of soap, water purifying tablets, high energy biscuits and heavy duty sheeting from the UNICEF site. Well done to the children for their very thoughtful, and reflective vital purchases and thank you for your £1 donations.



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## Governor's Corner

I hope that you all had a great Christmas break and the children enjoyed themselves. I wish you all a happy and safe New Year.

We have some changes on the Governing body, as we say goodbye to Joanna Uznanska as she has moved away and thank her for her hard work and support.

We welcomed Becky Indelicato as our LEA Governor in November. Becky is an experienced governor with a 4 year term at another Hampshire primary school.

As you will appreciate this is a busy time for the Governors, but a rewarding one.

We do have another Governor vacancy, so if you know someone who may be interested and want to find out more about what is involved, please contact the school office.

Allan Coombs Chair of Governors

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## ClassDojo

Mrs Cooper, Miss Spreadborough and Miss Jackson are currently organising all your remote learning. It has been lovely to see so many of you engage and add home learning grids Monday morning to week.

The next few weeks challenging so please yourselves. Some others so remember to be kind to yourselves too.



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## Uniform: for those in school

Mrs Grimes, Mrs Ellis, Miss Lambert and Mrs Peacock are in the classrooms with the critical worker children. The DFE advise all schools to ventilate their shared areas as a means of COVID-19 control. Although the heating is on this does mean that school is not as warm as it normally would be especially at this time of year. Please feel free to add additional layers to your child's clothing such as vests and long sleeved white tops and layers on top of their sweatshirts/cardigans. We do go outside for breaks unless it is extremely wet. Providing a warm, shower proof coat is essential in the winter months.

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## Final thought

Your messages of support through ClassDojo and email have been appreciated by all the staff. I would like to thank the team here for their amazing effort in what seems to be a very long week. Stay safe everyone and take care.

*Tanya Hayes*

Acting Headteacher