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Welcome Back



It has been a pleasure to have all the children in school. They have been telling me how happy they are to be back, happy to see all their friends and happy to begin their school learning again. The teaching staff have begun to gently assess the children so that we can get a greater understanding of the lost learning for each child and can begin to make plans to support them within school.

Thanks to all of you for helping keep everyone safe on the school site by keeping your distance and wearing face coverings. It is much appreciated.

World Book Day

Each child has been provided Book Day date on the that it must be



this week with a World voucher. The voucher says used by 28th

March. Having checked the World Book Day website they are advising that participating bookshops will honour the tokens beyond this date whilst stocks last. The tokens can be used to purchase a range of £1 books, see the selection above, or any books costing more than £2.99.

Diary Dates

INSET days for 2020/2021

25th June

Comic Relief Share a Smile Day Friday 19th March

Parents Evenings via telephone

Wednesday 24th March

Thursday 25th March

Tuesday 30th March

Last school day of Spring term Thursday 1st April

Children return after the Easter Holidays on Monday 19th April

Parents' Evening Bookings

As we did last time we will ask you to sign up for appointments at either the back or front gates. A member of staff on the gate will do this a class at a time.

ipad appeal

Hopefully you all have had chance to read the letter regarding the ipad appeal. It is very simple to get £10 added to our school fund. You call A-Plan in Alton on 01420 542543 quoting IT4School Alton Infant School and ask for a quote for home, business or vehicle insurance. They will even call you back if you need them to. They provide you with a quote and we get £10 added to our IT Fund. Calls have to be made by the end of March.



Fundraising

Comic Relief — Share a Smile

Red Nose day is back on Friday 19th March. This year, more than any, is a year to bring a bit of fun into our lives whilst raising money for a good cause. The Comic Relief Charity supports millions of families in our own country and around the world. We are hoping to have a fun Friday, share a smile and raise some money too.

We are asking that the children come into school in their school uniform (unless it is a PE day) and sporting crazy hair. We are also requesting that the children turn up with a joke to share with the rest of the class and make us all giggle.

A donation of £1 is being requested to support the charity.



ARTICLE 24 (health and health services)
Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.





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Governor's Corner

Hello Pupils, Staff, Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to our Governors Corner.



By now nearly everyone will have had a full week at school – and it's already March!

I know that all the staff and teachers have been looking forward to this moment not only to deliver a warm welcome but also reminding everyone of the timetables and routines that make up the school day at AIS.

The Governing Body, would particularly like to thank everyone for keeping the show on the road since January. That doesn't just mean the teachers who worked so hard making sure that lessons were being delivered but also, the pupils and their parents & guardians for tackling the work and we look forward to hearing the school news in this busy half of term.

Jules Flory

Vice Chair of Governors

ClassDojo

We will continue to share Class and Whole School stories on ClassDojo.

The direct messaging system has been very useful and we are still monitoring the platform for messages from you. We will also message you if we need to make contact to avoid longer conversations at the gates.

Teachers will post a photograph of the parents evening appointment times, once allocated, as a reminder of your appointment time.



Mrs Ellis

The doctors have advised that Mrs Ellis does not return to school until after the half term. I am sure you join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.



The parents' evening appointments for Ash Class will need to be postponed until 26th/27th/28th April.

Starting from Monday 15th March, Ash Class will be taught by Mr Daniel Mellish who comes to us highly recommended. Mr Mellish will be on the gate with Miss Spreadborough on Tuesday morning so that you can say hello.

New Headteacher

We will be welcoming Mr Richard Mead as our new Headteacher on 19th April 2021. Mr Mead has been in school to meet the staff and is in regular contact so that I can keep him up to date with the children's return. We will be making arrangements for him to meet parents and to introduce himself to you. Further details around these arrangements will follow in the next few weeks.



If you enjoyed home learning with your child and would like to consider teaching as a future career then further information can be found through the local teaching alliance at:

<https://www.altonschools.com>

Final thought

I have thoroughly enjoyed my term as Acting Headteacher even though many challenges have been thrown my way. I would like to thank all of the brilliant school staff and yourselves for supporting my time in the role.

Tanya Hayes

Acting Headteacher