

Alton Infant School

Sowing the seeds of learning



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I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you, the staff and governors for making me feel so welcome at Alton Infant School. I have enjoyed becoming part of the school community and I am thoroughly looking forward to continuing to work with everyone over the coming months and years.

The children have also made me feel very welcome and I am enjoying teaching and getting to know them all. I am slowly learning each of the children's names!

Alton Infant School is a wonderful school and the staff are a very hard-working and dedicated team who have always got the children's learning, well-being and best interests at heart.

I would also like to thank Nick Barber, who has a child in Oak Class, for designing our new school logo which is at the top of this newsletter.



Uniform.

- Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform. We do have uniform to purchase should you require it.
- On PE days your child can still come to school in their PE kit. However, please can your child now wear their red school PE T-shirt with a school sweatshirt as well as joggers or shorts.
- As the weather, hopefully, gets warmer, please can your child bring a sun hat to school and have sun cream applied before the start of school. Please can your child also bring a light-weight jacket to school in case it rains!

Diary Dates

INSET days for 2020/2021

25th June

Half term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th May

INSET days for 2021/2022

1st November 2021

17th December 2021

28th February 2022

8th April 2022

24th June 2022

Water Week

The children have been learning about the importance of water and how access to water differs around the world. They have been completing laps around their playgrounds to provide them with the idea of how tricky collecting water can be for some children. The amount raised for purchasing UNICEF water aid gifts is £256. Thank you for your generous support.



HSA Up, up and away

The HSA virtual balloon race was not only great fun but helped raise much needed funds for the school. It has been a challenging year for fund raising and the HSA have been busy thinking of creative ways to fund raise. Many thanks to Charlotte Cook and her team who raised, with your help, £200.27 with this event. The prizes are awaiting collection from the school office. If a child's relative has won the class name of the school child has been shown
So the winners are ...

Ballon name and distance travelled	Winner	Prize
1 Rooster25 1906 km	Zac P – Pine Class	Scooter and Chocolate Treasure Box
2 Bunny 1900 km	Beatrice P – Willow Class	Easter Chocolate Treasure Box
3 Gary the Duck 1899 km	Ruby L – Elm Class	Easter Chocolate Treasure Box
4 Ninja Toby 1896 km	Toby L – Elm Class	A selection of Chocolate
5 Dave B 1889 km	Grandma Barber – Oak Class	A selection of Chocolate

Governor's Corner

Hello Pupils, Staff, Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter and that everyone has settled back to school well.

Spring is now here and as is usual for this season, there are plenty of new beginnings at Alton Infant School.



The main new beginning being that of our new Headteacher, Mr Mead. I hope that you have all had an opportunity to meet Mr Mead and that you will join me in giving him a warm welcome to the school. I know that Staff and Governors have enjoyed getting to know their new Headteacher and are excited for the future.

There are also some new beginnings within the Governing Body. Our long standing Chair, Allan Coombs, has retired and I will be taking over as Chair. Allan had been a member of the Governing Body from January 2010 and was a tremendous asset to the school devoting his time, knowledge and skills voluntarily in order to support all staff and families during their time here. His calm manner and enthusiasm for the school will be greatly missed. I and all the staff and governors would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his hard work and wish him all the best.

In addition, we welcome Joy Kelsey as a new Governor. Joy lives in Medstead and has worked in IT for over 40 years as a developer, manager, lecturer and trainer.

We do still have a Governor vacancy. As well as playing a vital role in the running of a school, being a Governor is an interesting and rewarding role that anyone can contribute to and benefit from. Please do not hesitate to make contact with the school office if you or someone you know may be interested.

Willow Class.

Pick up at the end of the day.

After the Half Term holiday, Willow Class will finish at 3.15pm .
More details to follow!

Do you have you a younger child who is starting school this September?



Let's Get Ready for School!

This is a free on-line course using Zoom that will help prepare you and your child for a successful start at school this September. The course tutor is a qualified primary school teacher who has worked in early years and key stage 1. The course is designed to give you confidence in supporting your child's transition to school. **Booking is essential - visit www.hants.gov.uk/shop to guarantee a place. The sessions are Wednesday 12th May—23rd June (no session on the 2nd of June as it is half term) 10am –12pm. All sessions are FREE!**