

Alton Infant School

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I just wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a fantastic summer break and I hope you all find some time to enjoy the outside with family and friends.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term at Alton Infant School and feel very much part of the school community. The school is a wonderful place to be and is incredibly welcoming to all. The staff are passionate about the education and well-being of your children and I would like to thank them for all for their hard work and dedication during this challenging year. The staff make such a positive difference to your children - not only academically, but socially and emotionally through high levels of compassion, inclusion and positive commitment. As I am sure you will agree, they truly are a great team!

Finally, as the Pandemic continues to be amongst us, please do stay safe this summer and we look forward to seeing those of you who are returning in September.

COVID UPDATES.

- We will write to you at the end of August with details of the arrangements and procedures for September.
- Although, no longer mandatory, out of courtesy to others, please can you continue to wear a face mask whilst on the school site. Many thanks.
- If you, or a member of your family, test positive for COVID over the first two weeks of the school holidays (until Monday 9th August), please email r.mead@alton-inf.hants.sch.uk so that we can engage with NHS track and trace.

Diary Dates

End of term:- Friday 23rd July 2021

First day of the Autumn Term for Year 1 and 2:- Thursday 2nd of September 2021.

First day of the Autumn Term for our new Reception children:- Monday 6th of September 2021.

INSET days for 2021/2022

1st November 2021

17th December 2021

28th February 2022

8th April 2022

24th June 2022

Farewell to Year 2.

I am sure that you will join me in wishing our Year 2 children a fond farewell as they leave us to join Anstey Junior School. They have been a fantastic year group and we shall miss them all very much.

However, this is the start of their next exciting journey through life and I know that they will continue to flourish and thrive as they join their new school. All the best Year 2 and do keep in touch!



Home School Association - H.S.A.

Many thanks to the Home School Association for all their hard work and dedication during this challenging year. Through various creative events such as the litter pick and the virtual balloon race, H.S.A have raised over £3,500! Thank you to all the Committee and to all those who have supported and helped with the various events.

At school we enjoyed picking out the winners for the recent summer raffle prize draw. Congratulations to all the winners and we hope you enjoy your fantastic prizes that were kindly donated by members of our school and wider community.



Governor's Corner

As we work towards the summer holidays this will hopefully give us a much-needed chance to recharge and relax which from my experience in one of my roles as the Rights Respecting Governor allows the children to exercise their right to their favourite article of all – Number 31 allowing children the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



In my role I visit the school monthly to meet with the Rights Respecting Steering Group which is made up of two representatives from each year group and is led by Miss Lambert. In these meetings we discuss the UN Convention of the Child; the children are so aware of the articles and how the rights within impact their everyday lives. The group have helped recently to select finalists in the water poster competition and make decisions on how the amazing fundraising is spent with the children being very mindful of what will be most useful to those in a quite different situation to themselves.

Being part of this initiative makes me enormously proud especially since we recently renewed our Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award. The Award reflects not only what the children do, but also what the adults within the school community do too, ensuring that as a Rights Respecting School children's rights are promoted and realised with us ALL working towards the goal together.

I would like to thank the children, staff and parents who helped on the award assessment day and special thank you to Miss Lambert for her continued hard work in moving this forward continuously.

If you would like to learn more about the Rights Respecting School Award you can visit: www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools.

Kate Weller

Tyres!

Many thanks to Ben Newton for arranging the delivery of several huge tyres for our playgrounds. As well as being one of our school governors, Ben is a serving Army Officer and was able to arrange for us to have these amazing army truck tyres which were due to be recycled!



Do you know someone whose child is starting school in September 2022?

If so, please see below for the dates of our upcoming tours of the school.

Monday 13th September 2021 at 9.30am

Wednesday 22nd September 2021 - 9.30am

Monday 27th September 2021 – 9.30am

Wednesday 6th October 2021 – 9.30am

Monday 11th October 2021 – 9.30am

Wednesday 20th October 2021 – 9.30am

