

Alton Infant School

Sowing the seeds of learning



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I just wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you back to school and to the start of the Autumn Term. I'd also like to offer a warm welcome to all our new families and children who have started in Reception and to Mrs. Sarah Morey who joined the staff this term. Mrs. Morey is working as part of our Year 1 Team.

It has been lovely to see the children settling in and enjoying their new year groups and classrooms. They are certainly all very happy and learning very well across all year groups.

As you know, we have recently introduced a new learning character this term. The new character is called *Considerate Hedgehog* and the teachers and myself have been talking to the children about what it means to be considerate to others. Please do follow this up at home and I am always happy to hear about how your children have been considerate at home and towards you and the rest of your family. Do catch me at drop off or pick up with any lovely examples of children being considerate.



COVID UPDATES.

- **Should you or your children test positive using a lateral flow test, you must then book a PCR test. The result of the PCR test will then supersede the lateral flow test result.**
- **Should you or your children test positive after a PCR test, you will have to engage with NHS Track and Trace in order to identify any close contacts.**
- **Should a child test positive, we will deem any close contacts to be any children or any adults in the same class.**
- **Children or double vaccinated adults will not need to self-isolate if identified as a close contact. Instead, it is recommended that identified close contacts have a PCR test.**
- **We will notify you should a child or adult test positive within your child's class.**

A few reminders!

- On PE days please can any earrings be removed and school sweatshirts worn.
- Please remember to name your child's uniform and PE kit.
- As the weather gets colder, please can your child wear a named coat to school.

Many thanks!

Diary Dates

Week commencing 18th October- Parent interviews . These interviews will be conducted by telephone. More details to follow.

Tuesday 19th October - Harvest Assembly for the children - more details to follow.

25th - 29th October - Half Term Holiday.

INSET days for 2021/2022

1st November 2021

17th December 2021

28th February 2022

8th April 2022

24th June 2022

School lunches.

As you know our school lunches are provided and cooked on site by Hampshire County Council Catering Services (HC3S). Please do visit www.hants.gov.uk/hc3s for further information and remember that your children are entitled to a **free** cooked meal each day!

Please also remember that if your child brings a packed lunch to school it needs to be nut free. Many thanks!



Home School Association - H.S.A.

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

The Home School Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 6th October at 2pm. If you would like to find out more about H.S.A or would like to be part of the Committee do come along to the AGM next month. H.S.A will be sending out more details shortly!

Governor's Corner

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a good summer and managed to enjoy some of the extremely limited sunshine.

Now that we are all back to some form of normality and as this is the first newsletter of the new school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a new governor at Alton Infant School.



My name is Rich, my family and I have recently moved to the area from Kent, with our daughter just starting in the school. I have really enjoyed getting to know Alton over recent weeks and love the real sense of community within the town – having grown up in South East London where you don't look or talk to anyone you don't know, it's refreshing to see people actually smiling to each other and saying hello.

The sense of togetherness and inclusion that resonates through the local community is important to me, both on a personal level and in my role as a governor. I will work to ensure that as a school we continue to provide the best possible foundations for our children and the future of Alton, furthering an inclusive environment where every child can thrive and grow to become confident, independent, curious, resilient and caring individuals. Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

Job opportunity



Anstey Junior School are advertising for a part-time After School Care Club Coordinator.

Closing Date: Monday 27th September 2021 at noon

Interview Date: Thursday 7th October 2021

Job Start Date: ASAP

Contract/Hours: After School Club 3pm – 6pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

Salary Type: EHCC / Support Staff

Salary Details: Grade C £18,933 - £19,941 (actual salary: £4,040 - £4,255)

Hours of Work: After School Club: 9 hours over three afternoons 3.00pm – 6.00pm (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday)

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

If so, please see below for the dates of our upcoming Play and Stay Session, Open Evening and tours of the school.

Play and Stay Session - Wednesday 13th October - 4pm - 5.30pm.

Open Evening for parents to find out more about our wonderful school -

Wednesday 17th November at 7.30pm.

Tours of the school.

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



Congratulations Mrs Hayes!

Over the Summer holiday, Mrs Hayes, our Deputy Headteacher, celebrated her marriage to Mr Kevin Charman. A wonderful day was had by all as Mrs Hayes celebrated her wedding day on the beautiful Cornish coast. Congratulations again from everyone at Alton Infant School!

