

Alton Infant School

Sowing the seeds of learning

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I just wanted to remind you about our school values and how they are based on learning behaviours for our children. These learning behaviours are celebrated and embedded into the life of the school and the school's curriculum. Our learning behaviours are based on different characters so that our children can relate to them in a meaningful way.

Throughout each day, the children and teachers reflect and think about the learning characters that they will be like, or have been like, each day. This then becomes a positive way to enhance the children's learning and behaviour each day. Please see below for a list of our learning characters and do ask your children about them!

Our learning behaviour characters.

Considerate Hedgehog



Resilient Tortoise



Curious Cat



Reflective Ladybird



Brave Spider



Concentrating Caterpillar

Parent Consultations.

Parent consultations to discuss your child's progress, will be held after school on **Monday 7th March, Tuesday 8th March and Wednesday 9th March.**

In order to remain Covid-safe, these consultations will, again, be by telephone.

Sign-up sheets for a consultation time will be available outside during drop-off from Tuesday 1st March until Friday 4th March.



WARNING!

We are becoming increasingly aware that a sinister on-line character called 'Huggy Wuggy' is being viewed by some of our children online.

The character can be easily viewed on YouTube channels and is a rather sinister looking bear with razor sharp teeth that sings worrying songs about hugging and killing (similar to watching a horror film).

It is a very deceiving character, as hugs should be seen as something kind and loving, and because of its cute name, is able to infiltrate firewalls and filters.

Diary Dates

Friday 18th February - Break up for the February Half Term Holiday.

Tuesday 1st March - The children return to school after the Half Term Holiday.

Thursday 7th April - Break up for the Easter Holidays.

Monday 25th April - The children return to school after the Easter Holidays.

Friday 27th May - Break up for the May Half Term Holiday

Monday 6th June - Children return after the May Half Term Holiday.

Thursday 21st July - Break up for the Summer Holiday.

INSET days for 2021/2022

28th February 2022 8th April 2022

24th June 2022

LATENESS!

We understand that sometimes the morning routine can be challenging which occasionally results in arriving late to school. However, we have noticed an increase in persistent lateness at the start of the day and this can have a detrimental effect on children's well-being and education.



The start of the day is a crucial part of the school day. Learning activities, such as reading or phonics, start immediately each morning and so those children who are late to school miss these important tasks. Furthermore, at the start of the day, teachers talk to the children about the day ahead and other important information that the children need to know about.

Children who are persistently late to school also feel a level of embarrassment when arriving in class and often find it difficult to then settle into the routines of the day.

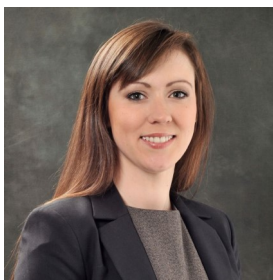
Please be aware, that persistent lateness can also result in unauthorised absences.

Many thanks.

Governor's Corner - A message from Stephanie Greenhalgh - Our Chair of Governors.

Happy New Year to you all!

2022 has started well with the children returning to school excited for the term ahead. I have been lucky enough to be able to visit the school and spend some time with the children; which is a real highlight of my role. During my visit, all the children were enjoying their tasks and were happy to tell me all about their learning. I saw Year R practising their phonics, Year 1 learning about the different properties of materials and Year 2 researching habitats. It was really lovely to see high quality teaching engaging the children and making their learning fun and interactive.



Thank you to all parents and carers for allowing us to spend time with your wonderful children.

With best wishes for a happy and healthy 2022 from all of the Governing Body.

Fruit.

Just a reminder that we always have fresh fruit in school each day for the children to enjoy during break and snack time. However, if your child brings in their own snack to school, please can this also be a piece of fresh fruit, rather than a packaged fruit product such as Fruit Winders.

Many thanks for your understanding.



Home School Association (H S A) News.

First of all a huge thanks for all the support with the Christmas raffle. Your generous donations and purchasing of raffle tickets raised over an amazing £400! This all helps towards much needed funds for the school.

After our first meeting of 2022, we have some important dates for your diaries for this term:-

- Friday Feb 18th- Friday Feb 25th (Half Term):- Virtual Balloon Race (more details to follow shortly)
- Friday 25th March:- Mothers' Day Sale
- Thursday 7th April:- Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale

If you are interested in joining our team please get in touch or join us at our next meeting after Easter (date to be confirmed). If you can't join us but have any ideas or suggestions for the HSA then please get in touch either through our Facebook page or email altonhsa@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

Sam Hill (H S A Chair)

