

# Alton Infant School

*Sowing the seeds of learning*



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## Safeguarding and Child Protection.

As part of April's newsletter, I wanted to make you aware of a new section on our [website](#) related to safeguarding and child protection. This section includes information about what to do if you are worried about a child's safety, welfare or on-line activity. It also includes information about where to find support if you, or someone you know, has been a victim of physical or emotional domestic abuse or child sexual exploitation. We have also posted details of the different units of learning that your children are taught to enable them to have an age-appropriate understanding of how to keep safe, both physically and on-line. These units also include the age appropriate teaching of Relationships Education in order to help the children forge strong friendships and family relationships. Please click [here](#) for further information.

## Parent and Teacher Charity Fundraising!



**PROSTATE CANCER UK** Mrs Grimes (Elm Class teacher) is taking part in a one day 100 mile cycle ride to raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK. If you would like to support Mrs Grimes, please do ask her for more information or contact the school office.

Ben Moss, step-parent to Orlagh and Etta, is taking part in a Seven Summits Challenge to raise funds for the Nephrotic Syndrome Trust (NeST) who support research into a cure for Nephrotic Syndrome. Nephrotic Syndrome is a rare but seriously debilitating kidney condition. Please click [here](#) if you would like to support Ben.



## Lunch boxes and snacks!

**If your child brings a lunch box or snack to school, please can you make sure that any food is nut-free. We have a number of children with allergies at school and so we have to be extra careful.**

**Please can snacks be fresh fruit only and packed lunches as sugar-free as possible! Many thanks.**



## Diary Dates

**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

**8th April 2022**

**24th June 2022**

## INSET days for 2022/2023

**1st September 2022**

**31st October 2022**

**20th February 2023**

**26th May 2023**

**30th June 2023**

## Elkolet Family Support



The Alton Cluster Schools have been working in partnership with ELKOLET since 2019 to support the delivery of our local Family Support work. Covid and changes in staffing, leadership, and budgets across schools have caused us to review and, at this time, schools have made the decision to stop using Family Support with ELKOLET.

We know that many of you have really benefited from the work of ELKOLET's Family Support Team, and the support from Sarah and Emma particularly. They have made a huge difference for many local families and will be missed by families and staff alike. We wish them all the very best for the future.

ELKOLET plans to continue to offer family support to the community in the form of advice, workshops, training and community initiatives such as their Youth Today Food Kits.

Please contact ELKOLET directly if you wish to have your contact details added or removed from their systems. You can find the contact details on their useful website <https://www.elkolet.com> or contact [info@elkolet.com](mailto:info@elkolet.com) directly.

Please do contact us if you would like to discuss this further.

## **Governor's Corner - A message from Julia Florey Our Vice Chair of Governors.**

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Hello from Governor's Corner!

Mr Mead has been telling us what a busy term the children have been having and the journey of COVID through the school in the past few weeks! I imagine that everyone will be very happy to get to the Easter break.

All our Governing Body meetings have been on "Teams" for the past two years but we are very much hoping this will change in the Summer Term as we miss our visits and getting together. You can see a list of the Governing Body members on the website but as well as being responsible for supporting and challenging the decisions made by the school, each of us has a specific area for which we are responsible ensuring that each child is able to reach their full potential. One of the highlights of being a Governor is learning about the pupil's achievements.

If anyone is interested in joining the Governing Body, please ask for more information in the school office and one of us will be delighted to talk to you.

On behalf of us all – we wish you a very happy and healthy Easter Break.



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### **Covid.**

As you know we have had a number of staff and pupils absent from school because of Covid. Thankfully, both staff and pupils are now beginning to return to school and, at last, there is a growing sense of normality.

We just wanted to thank you again for your support and understanding during this time. We have had many kind and supportive messages and we know that you will be pleased to see the staff returning to school.

Many thanks also to the staff team who have been incredibly flexible and dedicated in order to keep the school open.

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### **Home School Association (H S A) News.**

Hello everyone. I hope you all enjoyed your amazing gifts chosen by your children for Mothering Sunday. They took so much care choosing the right thing for each person and were very proud of their decisions. With your amazing support we raised well over £300! If your child wasn't in school that day, they will be able to choose a gift when they are back in school.



Also, huge congratulations to the winners of our virtual balloon race which raised £138. Below are details of our prize winners. Amazing well done!

1st prize - 'Bingo' was Evelyn and Kat Guenioui  
2nd prize - 'Heart' was Rosalia and Adam Miotk  
3rd prize - 'Truck' was Jenson and M Pound



### **H S A Dates for you diary.**

Saturday 9th April - Sponsored Litter Pick.  
Thursday 5th May - at 2pm - H S A meeting.  
Friday 1st July - after school -Summer Fayre.

Unfortunately, due to logistics we have had to cancel the Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale. We had a provisional date in place, but have something else exciting planned for next term - so watch this space!

If you are interested in joining our team, please get in touch or join us at our next meeting after Easter on the 5th of May at 2pm. If you can't join us but have any ideas or suggestions for the H S A, then please get in touch either through our Facebook page or email [altonhsa@gmail.com](mailto:altonhsa@gmail.com).