

Alton Infant School

Sowing the seeds of learning



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Attendance As part of June's newsletter, I wanted to make you aware of the importance of good attendance at school. Regular attenders make better social and academic progress. They find school routines, school work and friendships easier and learning more satisfying. Regular attenders are also more successful when transferring between schools and when entering employment. For children to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered it is vital for pupils to be at school, on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable (e.g. illness). Furthermore, persistent lateness can have a detrimental effect as children miss vital learning and instruction at the beginning of the school day. Please remember, therefore, that the school day begins between 8.45am and 8.55am and that arrival after this time will be recorded as 'late'. In line with Hampshire County Council's attendance policy, arrival after 9.30am will result in an unauthorised absence which, over time, could result in a Penalty Notice (as can an unauthorised absence for 10 or more morning and/or afternoon sessions). Please click [here](#) to see our Attendance Policy for further details.

Sports Afternoon!



Don't forget that our Sports Afternoon at Anstey Junior School will be on **Wednesday 13th July with a reserve date on Monday 18th July (should we have to postpone the 13th of July)**. More details to follow!

New classes for September 2022.

Over the next few weeks the children will be starting to visit their new year groups ready for September. **On Friday 8th of July**, the children will spend the day in their new classrooms and with their new teacher and teaching assistant. After school that day there will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher and visit their new classroom. You will also be notified of your child's new class, teacher and teaching assistant on the 8th of July.



Environmental and health facts!

As an Eco-School, please see below for some interesting facts about the environment, pollution, health and well-being:



Did you know that.....?

- *Walking is great for mental health as it releases feel good hormones which can help boost mood and help children to start the day more calmly.*
- *Nine in ten teachers in a recent government survey, consider that the walk to school makes children more alert and ready for the day ahead!*
- *Young people starting secondary school are less likely to be involved in road accidents if they have had previous experience of walking to school.*
- *During the morning rush hour, more than 1 in 5 cars on the road are taking children to school and contributing to congestion, air pollution and carbon emissions.*
- *Driving to school can have significant cost implications as families can spend over £300 annually on the school run.*



Diary Dates

Friday 24th June - INSET day.

Friday 1st July at 3.15pm - H S A Summer Fayre.

Wednesday 13th July - Sports Afternoon at Anstey Junior School.

Monday 18th July - Reserve Sports Afternoon.

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

Friday 2nd of September - Start of the Autumn Term for the children going into Year 1 and Year 2.

Monday 5th September - First day of term for the new children starting in Reception (Willow and Elm Classes).

INSET days for 2021/2022

24th June 2022

INSET days for 2022/2023

1st September 2022

31st October 2022

20th February 2023

26th May 2023

30th June 2023

Keeping you and our children safe.

If you are worried about a child's safety, welfare or on-line activity or any physical, emotional or sexual abuse, please do click [here](#) or [here](#) for support:-



Dogs. If you walk your dog to school, please can you remember not to tie him or her up near the school gates. Some of our children get quite worried about dogs and can become scared at the beginning and end of the day. Many thanks!



Scooters. It is lovely to see some of the children scooting into school. However, when the children are on the school site, please can they walk with their scooters. We have had a few near misses – many thanks!

Governor's Corner - A message from Mrs Hayes - our Deputy Headteacher and member of the Governing Body.



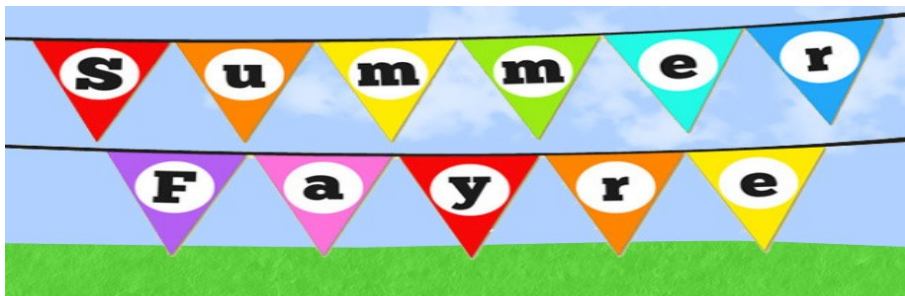
One of my roles as Deputy Headteacher is to lead assessment across the school in order to gauge how well the children are attaining and making progress within their learning. As we come to the end of the year, I wanted to say a big 'well done' to all the children as they have all made wonderful progress both academically and socially. It is always such a pleasure to see how the children progress and change as they move through each academic year.

Well done to the children in Reception for (almost) completing their Early Years Foundation Stage year. Well done also to Year 1 and 2 for a successful year (so far).

Year 1 children have recently taken part in the statutory phonics screening test and all worked extremely hard to complete it. Year 1 parents will be notified of their child's result when they receive their child's annual school report.

Likewise, the Year 2 children have recently completed their end of Key Stage One assessment tests and tasks in Reading, Writing and Maths. Again, they all worked extremely hard and tried the very best! Year 2 parents will be notified of their child's assessment results for Reading, Writing, Maths and Science when they receive their child's annual school report. Parents of those Year 2 children who retook the phonics screening test this term, will also be notified of results via their child's end of year report.

Home School Association (H S A) Summer Fayre!



Friday 1st July 3.15pm - 5.00pm

Stalls and activities will include:-

Face painting!

Raffle!

Glitter tattoos!

Lucky dip!

Splat the rat!

Hook a duck!

Sweet tombola!

Bottle stall!

Treasure hunt!

Gardening stall!

Refreshments!

Pizza!

Ice Pops!

Second hand books and uniform!

Teddy tumble!

Skateboarding!

