



Headteacher: Mr Richard Mead

Tuesday 24th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Now that the Spring Term is fully underway, please see below for various reminders, updates and upcoming dates.

Attendance.

I just wanted to remind you 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'. Furthermore, you will be asked to sign the school's 'late' book should arrival be after 8.55am. 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).

Parent Consultation Meetings.

Please see below for details of this term's parent consultation meetings. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's attainment and progress.

Reception – Willow and Elm

Monday 27th February – 3.30pm – 6.00pm - more details to follow.

Tuesday 28th February – 3.45pm – 5.15pm - more details to follow.

Wednesday 1st March – 3.45pm – 5.15pm - more details to follow.

Year 1

Monday 27th February – 3.30pm – 6.20pm - more details to follow.

Wednesday 1st March – 3.30pm – 5.40pm - more details to follow.

Year 2

Monday 27th February – 3.40pm – 6.20pm - more details to follow.

Wednesday 1st March – 3.30pm – 5.30pm - more details to follow.

Teacher Strikes.

As I am sure you have heard in the news, some teachers across the country who belong to The National Education Union have voted to strike on various days across February and March. However, each teacher at Alton Infant School has individually decided, without pressure from myself, governors or any external authority, to NOT take any strike action. Our teachers have independently taken this decision as they do not want to close the school to the children and do not want to interrupt the children's on-going education – especially after all the school closures during Covid. I am sure you will join me in thanking the teachers for their on-going dedication to your child's education, especially during these turbulent times in the public sector world.

Upcoming dates for the Spring and Summer Term.

Friday 10th February 2023 – Sports Activity Day for the children only – more details to follow.

Friday 10th February 2023 – After school cake and uniform sale.

Friday 10th February 2023 – Break up for the February half term holiday.

Monday 20th February 2023 – INSET day.

Tuesday 21st February 2023 – Children return to school after the February half term holiday.

Monday 27th February – Parent Consultations – all year groups - more details to follow.

Tuesday 28th February – Parent Consultations – Reception only – more details to follow.

Wednesday 1st March - Parent Consultations – all year groups - more details to follow.

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day – more details to follow.

Friday 3rd March – Bags to School collection – more details to follow.

Friday 17th March – H S A Mothers' Day Sale.

Thursday 23rd March – Maths Day – more details to follow.

Monday 27th March – Reception visit to Marwell Zoo.

Thursday 23rd March – World Maths Day – more details to follow.

Friday 31st March - Sports Activity Day for the children only – more details to follow.

Friday 31st March – Children break up for the Easter Holidays.

Monday 17th April– Children return to school after the Easter Holidays.

Wednesday 19th April – Year 1 trip to Wisley Gardens – more details to follow.

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday.

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation.

Friday 19th May – H S A May Fayre – after school – more details to follow.

Thursday 25th May – Children break up for the May half term holiday.

Friday 26th May – INSET day.

Friday 16th June – Photographer in school for class photos.

Friday 16th June – H S A Fathers' Day sale – more details to follow.

Friday 30th June – INSET Day.

Friday 21st July - Children break up for the Summer holiday.

We will continue to update you with any further dates as we move through the rest of this academic year.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards

Richard Mead Headteacher

