

Alton Infant School

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Mrs. Debbie Randall

As I am sure you are aware, Mrs. Randall is retiring today and so I wanted to take this opportunity to thank her for her 20 years of service at Alton Infant School.

Mrs. Randall started working at Alton Infant School in 2003 as a Learning Support Assistant working with children across the school. In 2004, Mrs. Randall started working in the office and has supported both staff and families throughout her time. Over her 20 years, Mrs. Randall has got to know many of the school's families and visitors and I know that many of you have been touched by her kindness and support over the years. I am sure you will join in me in thanking Mrs. Randall for all she has done for Alton Infant School and to wish her and her husband a very happy retirement.



Welcome back!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back Miss Amy Lambert to the staff team after being on maternity leave since May 2022.



Miss Lambert will be working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will be working with groups of children within each year group. Miss Lambert will also be teaching PE in Year 1 on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and Music in Reception on Wednesday afternoons. Do say hello to Miss Lambert and welcome her back when you see her!

Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 19th April - Year 1 trip to Wisley Gardens.

Friday 21st April - Year 2 parents' meeting re. end of year assessments and tests (SATS).

Friday 28th April - **MUFTI Day** - donations for May Fayre.

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday.

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

Friday 19th May - H S A May Fayre.

Thursday 25th May - Break up for May Half Term.

Monday 5th June - Children return to school after the May Half Term Holiday.

Wednesday 14th June - Year 2 trip to Harold Hillier Gardens - more details to follow.

Thursday 15th June - **7.15pm** - Parenting and Behaviour workshop - more details to follow.

Friday 16th June - School photographer (class groups).

Friday 16th June - H S A Fathers' Day sale.

Thursday 29th June - Sports Afternoon (parents invited).

Monday 17th July - **PM** - Share Our Success - Reception and Year 1 children to share school work with parents.

Thursday 20th July - **PM** - Share Our Success - Year 2 children to share school work with parents.

Friday 21st July - Year 2 Leavers' Concert (PM) and break up for the Summer Holidays.

INSET days for 2022/2023

26th May 2023

30th June 2023

Girls' Football.

As you know since England won the UEFA Women's Euro Football Final, there is a government initiative encouraging girls to play football and to join local football clubs. Schools have been tasked with providing these opportunities and so last week coaches from Alton FC's Ladies Team came into school to run workshops for the girls in Year 1 and 2. The girls showed great skills and enjoyed the workshops very much.

If any girls in Year 1 or 2 would like to play more football at Alton FC, sessions will be running on Sunday mornings at 9am at the Alton FC Exclu-

sive Networks Stadium from 2nd April. For more information contact Aleks Lloyd on 07767881957 or altonfcgirls@gmail.com



As we move forward, we hope to provide more sporting and coaching opportunities for both boys and girls. Indeed, this is something that we aim to provide through our regular sports activity days, during which we teach the children new sports and physical activities.

Governor's Corner - A message from one of our new governors—Will Pointer.

My oldest nephew started school last year and I have been fascinated with how quickly he is growing and learning. It is amazing to see how young children develop and school plays such a vital role in these formative years. My nephew was very much the inspiration for me volunteering to become a governor.

I moved to Liphook last year and was keen to find a school in the local area where I could put my skills and experience to good use. I met Richard Mead and had a tour around Alton Infant School and knew instantly it was the right place for me. The school has such a great ethos and I have been constantly amazed by the dedication and brilliance displayed by all of the staff there.



As a governor my main area of focus is around monitoring assessment, attainment and progress data. My day job is in educational assessment and so hopefully I will be able to provide some insight, as well as challenge, to ensure we are making the best use of the data to improve the children's education. I have recently taken on responsibility for monitoring the Computing curriculum and look forward to visiting the school more in the future.

Save the Date!

Parent Workshop.

'Children's Well-Being and Positive Behaviour at Home'

Thursday 15th June at 7.15pm.

We are delighted to let you know that we will be holding a workshop for parents to support and promote children's well-being and positive behaviour at home.

As I am sure you will agree, parenting can be very challenging at times and so we hope that this workshop will support you with some of the more difficult aspects of being a parent of young children.

The evening will be led Sarah Cobb who is the County Manager for Primary Behaviour Support in Hampshire. As well as working with parents and families, Sarah and her organisation also help schools with behaviour management and are a great support to staff and the wider school community.



The workshop will include some very helpful topics to support you with your child's behaviour and well-being at home. Sarah will be particularly focusing on understanding what might be behind any negative behaviour and how to positively turn that behaviour around.

The evening will be very worthwhile and we will be sending out further details nearer the time. I strongly encourage you to come along if you can!

New iPads for the children!

We are very pleased to announce that we have recently purchased thirty iPads for the children to use in class as part of their Computing lessons. The children will be starting to use the iPads next term and are looking forward to using them in their lessons!



H S A News

If anyone can donate or help source raffle prizes for the May Fayre on the 19th May, please let the H S A know via the school office.

Our current H S A Chair, Sam Hill, will be stepping down in July. If you are interested in becoming the new H S A Chair in September, please do contact the school office. The Chair provides leadership for the committee, sets the agenda for meetings and manages the meetings in line with the agenda. The Chair also works closely with the Treasurer and Secretary to ensure that the HSA is run effectively.

Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support

Two of our Year 1 parents, Natasha King and Ciara McCarthy are taking part in a sponsored 'Brave the Shave' to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please click on the links below if you would like to support them with this worthwhile cause.

<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/natasha-king1>

<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/ciara-mccarthy>

