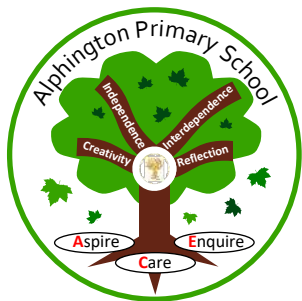




Alphington Primary School

Newsletter

13/01/2022



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a great first few weeks back, with children enjoying their hook days and getting involved in their new learning. I have seen so much amazing work already! The children are also enjoying their new key stage singing assemblies which have started this week, and it has been lovely seeing them have even more opportunities to learn music within their class.

Please can I ask for your help with a couple of things. We are still seeing children bring very large backpacks to school and we are really struggling to store them. Children are needing one peg for their bag and another for their coat, and we simply do not have enough room for this. It has also meant that we have a large amount of lost property in school, as children are struggling to locate their things amongst all of the items which are coming into school. Children only need a very small bag with the essentials in, and for lots of children they do not need a bag at all.

We also have a few missing library books so please can you have a quick look around at home and in bags, and return all that you find. Thank you so much for your help with this.

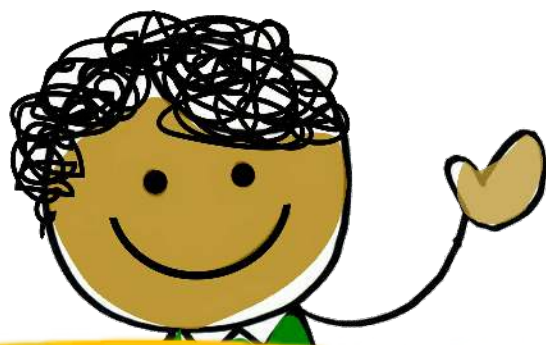
Wellbeing support:

We are very aware of the cost of living crisis which is affecting us all so we would like to offer support to any families which need any additional help. We can do this in a variety of ways, by offering advice and signposting parents, to more practical help but we are always here for parents to talk to confidentially. To support with this, we are now offering ladies comfort packs. Each pack contains 10 sanitary pads which are discreetly packaged and can be collected by simply asking for a ladies' comfort pack at the office.

<https://alphington.devon.sch.uk/wellbeing-and-parent-support/>

Great Ormond Street:

Thank you for your generous donations towards Great Ormond Street, I am delighted to tell you that we raised an amazing **£740!**



**Great
Ormond
Street
Hospital**

Pastoral lead:

A note from Mrs Stephenson

"I am writing to pass on some news, I will be leaving Alphington Primary school on Friday 3rd February to start a new adventure at Clyst Vale Secondary School. I have had the most amazing time at Alphington and I can't thank you all enough for being so warm and welcoming. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with all of the staff and children in school and to meet and build wonderful relationships with you all. I am hoping to remain as a governor at Alphington so I look forward to seeing many of you during my visits in the future."

I am sure that you will agree with me that Emma will be greatly missed and we wish her all the very best for the future. The team at Alphington will continue working hard to ensure we can support all children and families so please do get in touch with us if you need anything. Miss Oakley, as deputy SENDCo will be working with supporting families with Early Help and Miss Williams will continue her great work offering behaviour and pastoral support

Curriculum videos and fact finders:

We hope you have enjoyed watching our new curriculum videos for this term and reading through our factfinders. These will tell you all about the different things your children will be learning over the coming term, as well as some useful timetable information including the PE days for each class. If you have not yet had time to look through these please follow the link below:

<https://alphington.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/>

Charity votes:

Thank you so much for your votes on which charity to support this year, we have an overwhelming response and I am pleased to be able to tell you that we will be supporting Balloons this year. To find out more about their work please follow this link:

<https://www.balloonscharity.co.uk/>

School website:

We now have google translate on each page of our school website which will hopefully help parents whose first language is not English, access the information within.



Special themed lunches on Thurs 19th Jan and Tues 24th Jan:



ESafety update:

Safer Devon Partnership and South Devon and Dartmoor CSP are running free online training sessions for parents called 'Let's Talk Pre-Teens.' This is an opportunity for you as a parent or guardian of a young person aged approximately 9 to 12 years old to hear about the challenges they are facing today, and the tools you can use to support your children and community. There are several dates and topics you can sign up to. Please see below for details:

Tuesday 17th January 2023

- Biology
- Difficult emotions
- Substance misuse

Tuesday 24th January 2023

- Relationships
- Exploitation
- Pornography

Tuesday 31st January 2023

- Physical risks
- Safety planning
- Mental health

If this is something that is of interest, please follow the link to book a place
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-talk-pre-teens-tickets-473303382157>

Dates for your diary:

Monday 16th January - Y4 Dentist visit

Thursday 19th January - Special American Diner menu

Tuesday 24th January - Special New Luna lunch menu

Monday 30th January - Y3 Dentist visit

Wednesday 1st February - Year 5 handball event

Friday 3rd February - Maths Rockstar dress up day

Week beginning 6th February - Children's mental health week

Tuesday 7th February - Foundation vision screening

Week beginning 13th February - Half term

Monday 20th February - Children return to School

Friday 24th February - D&S Fire Rescue Service visit to Y2 & Y5

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

Friday 17th March - Comic Relief

Wednesday 29th March - Tempest Class photos

Monday 3rd April - First day of the Easter holidays

Monday 17th April - Children return to school

