



# Newsletter

Summer 07 – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016

Dear Parents / carers

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement throughout this year. I cannot believe a year has passed so quickly, yet there has been so many memorable moments with your children and the wonderful team of staff who work with them. This year has been particularly difficult with the incredible demands of the new tests and increased expectations in all year groups. We have come through it well, holding onto the very special ethos at Alphington whilst achieving high standards across the board.

We are saying goodbye to some very special members of staff – Alice Purcell, Bridget Strugnell, Liv Winfield, Debby Forsyth, Kim Lambert, Laura Whiteoak, Parie Reed, Sara Dugdale, Annette Hunt, Ellie Russell and Abbi James. We wish them well and I am sure we will see them from time to time.

We look forward to welcoming Holly Morgan, Aoife Lambe and Kirsty Nairn to our school in September.

## 'Dream on' performance

Year 6 have been very special, the teamwork and determination shone through in their play 'Dream On'.

I cannot believe what they have achieved in such a short time. You can purchase a DVD of the performance at a cost of £12, an order form will be going home with your child tonight.

The children have worked their socks off this year and coped brilliantly with the increased expectations of the SATs tests. But above all they have blossomed into mature students with much potential who work, play and share together. I will miss them very much and am confident they will achieve highly in the future.

## Alphington Pre-School

In September Alphington Pre-School will become part of Alphington School. This is a really positive move which will ensure an even smoother transition for our children into school. Tanya and her staff will become an integral part of our team.

## Roof replacement

Don't forget that the school roof is being replaced with work starting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July and looking to be completed by the middle of October. There will obviously be some disruption, but we will keep you updated through our website. I know that it will be worth it in the end!

## Thank you

All the staff at Alphington are so motivated and determined to ensure all our children are safe, valued and have the confidence to achieve. It is hard to single out individuals, but I would like to thank Mrs Strang-Faulds and Mrs Thornhill for their fantastic work as deputies, also Mrs Hood, Mrs Johnson and Ms Field in the office. All of them have given the extra mile to support me in my role as Headteacher at Alphington.

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Finally, the Governors, especially Mr Montgomery and Mr Guy as joint Chair. There has been so much work around the Multi-Academy Trust, Pre-School and the roof works alongside the normal business of the governing body. They have worked tirelessly to ensure everything has been approached with due diligence and what they have achieved has been amazing.

### **Nayamba School**

Thank you so much for all your help fundraising for Mayamba School. We have had some amazing Heroes raising £50 each towards a classroom and so many groups and classes making a difference.

We are organising a 5K Raucous Rugby Run in your best fancy dress for any age on 11<sup>th</sup> September from 11.30am at the Saracens Rugby Grounds, a leaflet will be sent home with your child today, it would be great if you can join in!

### **Parking**

We have noted recently that parents/carers have been inconsiderate in their parking when dropping children off to school. Please remember not to park on the zig-zag lines and you must never pull in by the school gates. These rules are put in for your child's safety, there was an incident this week where a parent and toddler were almost knocked over by a car. We have also been told that the carpark by Mill Lane is become a hazard, please think carefully where you park and let's keep our children safe.

### **PTFA News**

#### **Swimming**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the sponsored swim for the PTFA, we raised an incredible £1500! The winners are:

FR:	Joshua Woodward-Squire
FFC:	Lewis Cockram
1W:	Elin Holland
1CL:	Alfie Hall
2NW:	Gracie Hore
2B:	Liam Taylor
3R:	Hannah Mills
3PF:	Summer Soanes
4P:	Ramisa Lashkor
4M:	Jack Vernon
5M:	Zak Macnamara
5T:	James Robinson
6C:	Charlie Gillard
6P:	George Bosworth

### **Important dates for the beginning of term**

A calendar of dates will be sent out very soon.

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day back to school
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am – Year 2 meeting for parents
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am – Year 1 meeting for parents
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am – Year 3 meeting for parents
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am – Year 4 meeting for parents
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am – Year 5 meeting for parents
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am – Year 6 meeting for parents

### **Your children**

I would like to leave the best to last – your lovely children who are a credit to you. They have a fantastic approach to all aspects of school life. They are polite, considerate and committed to their school. I have been Headteacher of Alphington for ten years and I still feel absolutely blessed and privileged to be part of this community. See you back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, have a lovely, sunny holiday.

With kinds regards  
Mrs D Buckingham