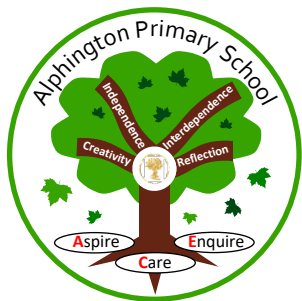




Alphington Primary School

Newsletter

27/11/2020



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely being back in school over the last couple of weeks and seeing everyone again. I am continuing to build up my time in school and I'm very much looking forward to being back in full time.

As we seem to be racing towards the end of term, we have had lots of conversations in school about our Christmas plans. As you are aware, we are going to have to do things a bit differently this year but we can still have lots of Christmas fun!

Pre-school: The children in pre-school will be taking part in a range of different Christmas activities in the provision and these will be shared with you through Tapestry.

Foundation: The children will work in small groups to film a section of the nativity story. This will then be edited together and shared with you.

Whole school: We will be having a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December and this can be booked in the usual way. To make this day a little more festive, children will be able to wear a Christmas / winter jumper in place of their school jumper. We are asking for donations for Save the Children on this day and these donations will be paid through the School gateway app. Simply click on your child, select payments and you will find it listed there.

We are also working on a whole school carol concert that will be available to download!

Finally, Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a pantomime so we have bought in to a virtual pantomime so children will be able to enjoy this Christmas tradition within their bubbles.

Christmas cards: A few people have been asking about whether children can send Christmas cards to each other this year but unfortunately, we are unable to do this safely so please can we ask that children do not bring cards into school. Thank you for your help with this.

Christmas gifts: We have also been asked about sharing gifts with staff so if you would like to buy a gift for your child's class teacher or another adult in school, then please pass these to the members of staff on the gate. We will keep them safe (we promise!) for 72 hours before handing to staff.

Please also look out for the different fundraising events from the PTFA.

Thank you as always, for your continued support.

Sharon Tarr
Headteacher



Anti-bullying week:

We really enjoyed celebrating Anti-bullying week across the school last week. Children came into school on Monday with their funky odd socks, to celebrate differences. Throughout the week, the children learnt about what bullying is, who to talk to if they themselves or a peer, is being bullied and how it's important to not be a bystander.

In Key Stage 1, children designed their own puzzle pieces, showing that we may all be individuals, but when we unite as a group, we are stronger!

In Key stage 2, children took part in class debates about bullying and discussed ways in which we can unite against bullying at Alphington.

Our photos are to follow, we can't wait to show you what we got up to!

If you would like any information to continue this discussion with your children at home, or guidance for parents and carers, there are some resources under the PSHE curriculum subject area on our school website. <https://www.alphington.devon.sch.uk/pshe/>



Phase news:

Early years:

Ladybirds: Ladybirds have had another fabulous week exploring their winter wonderland. From riding in their sleigh in the outdoor area, to curling up to read beneath the branches of a Christmas tree. They have really immersed themselves in the wonder of winter. The children have enjoyed construction role play, complete with tool bench wood and foam bricks. In the secret post office, the older children have been developing their mark making skills by writing secret messages.



A cartoon illustration of a friendly-looking orange fox with a white chest and belly. It has large black eyes, a small black nose, and a simple curved line for a smile. The fox is standing on its hind legs, with its front paws slightly raised. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting.



It has been sad for Squirrels that Miss Oakley has been off but she is on the mend now and is looking forward to coming back to work sometime next week.



The **Year 2** children have been fantastic. They work so hard each day and have quite a full-on timetable with so many different subjects to take on. They cope with this marvellously and we are continually impressed with how mature and resilient they are. They have absolutely loved their dragon topic and the work produced has been excellent. They have written their own stories based on the Dragon Machine story and we were blown away by the imaginations and creativity of these. They have made paper plate dragons and even made their own stick dragons in the forest.



Year 3 and 4

Year 3 have been doing a fantastic job continuing their learning about the Romans. During outdoor learning, they have been building dens that they could use after battle, which were amazing! Their final write is now complete, they wrote to the Roman Emperor to convince him that they would be the best Roman soldiers. The children have also been creating Roman mosaics and shields, which look beautiful. Well done Year 3!



Over the last two weeks in **Year 4**, the children have been delving into the world of intriguing animals and finding out incredible facts to share in their writing. They have hunted for invertebrates in Pearl's Land and have then made their own classification keys. They found annelids, myriapods and even a few arachnids! The children have continued learning about the rainforest and couldn't believe all the different products the rainforest gives us!

Year 5 and 6

Year 5 have been excellent outdoor learners and have been so creative in their outdoor maths! As they are in Year 5, they used natural resources to make the digit 5 and represent the number, solved magic squares using leaves and sticks and then had a competition to build the highest stick tower! In class, they have made brilliant Top Trump cards to show their understanding of the Mayan Gods and have produced beautiful writing when creating noun phrases with their story, The Ice Bear.

Year 6 had a wonderful session with Devon Wildlife Trust (even though it was raining) but they enjoyed using the mud to help in creating islands out of the resources which they found on Pearl's Land. The children also had a scavenger hunt to locate different map symbols and link them with the words. Afterwards, we hid them! Some were quite tricky to spot! In English, they have been working hard on their guided reading and becoming experts in finding evidence. The children's fraction work is really developing and they can now multiply fractions. Ask them how!



PFTA news:

We are delighted to share with you, that the PTFA have been able to contribute towards Miss Hill's request for reading books for nursery children through to Year 2 - so thank you for supporting our fundraising ideas.

Love at first scent fundraiser - 5th and 6th December

Hi and welcome to the 'Love at first scent' fundraiser on behalf of the PTFA of Alphington Primary school. Thank you so much for joining us. Through the weekend I will show you some lovely gift ideas including Christmas gifts and fabulous fragrances from an extensive catalogue. Every fragrance or product you buy with me this weekend will earn the PTFA 20% commission. So, sit back, relax and enjoy shopping from the comfort of your own home! Just find me via the PTFA Facebook site or my website page <https://jscottgibbs.wixsite.com/loveatfirstscent>. I am going to do a 12 days of Xmas event. Every day from the 1st December I will be doing a special offer on a product and the offer will last 24 hours.

NEWS

AUTUMN ISSUE 2020

ALPHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

Alphington Primary School PTFA is a registered charity, set up and run by volunteer parents, teachers and friends of the school.

Our aim is to raise funds to enhance and enrich the education of all our children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 2020

The Big PTFA Raffle:

9th Nov-6th Dec – ticket sales

7th Dec-18th Dec - draws

<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/alphington-primary-school-ex2>

Body Shop at Home fundraiser – sales extended until end of November:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/774948286406968>

DEC 2020

1st – 12th Dec – Xmas Pet Parade

5th Dec – Love at First Scent at-home fundraiser – more details on the facebook site or email the PTFA for details if you don't use facebook.

20th –26th Dec – Christmas Holiday Trail

Thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who has supported us this term. We couldn't do it without the support of all our volunteers, your donations and your ongoing support in taking part in our events.

If you would like to help raise funds for the school please contact us with your ideas - PTFA@alphington.devon.sch.uk



THE BIG PTA RAFFLE 2020

Help boost Alphington PTFA fundraising for new school outdoor learning spaces

Tickets cost just £3

12 chances to win up to £5,000

Tickets are limited, so once they're gone...they're gone

Ticket sales 9th Nov-6th Dec, draws 7th Dec-18th Dec

[BUY TICKETS](#)



Did you know that you can now fundraise for the PTFA for free by shopping through Amazon Smile? You can download the Smile app or simply sign up and Amazon will remind you when you shop with them.

Xmas Pet Parade



Does your family pet like to get into the Christmas spirit? Enter them in this year's PTFA Pet Parade to win a surprise prize for the best Christmas pet picture. Entries are £1 a photo, all photos to be sent to PTFA@alphington.devon.sch.uk. Entries open on Tuesday 1st December and close at 6pm on Saturday 12th December. Payment via school gateway.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Funds raised so far are:

Halloween Virtual Balloon Race - £149

Bodyshop at home fundraiser (so far) - £123

The Giving Machine - £22

This year we are fundraising for new school outdoor learning spaces.

The Giving Machine

Do you shop online? If so, why not register as a giver through the Giving Machine and every time you shop through the Shop and Give app or through the website the PTFA get the commission rather than Google.

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/alphington-primary-school-ptfa/support>



JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Committee Meeting – Wednesday
20th January on Zoom

parentkind.org.uk

is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!



PTFA@alphington.devon.sch.uk



Facebook : P.T.F.A Alphington Primary School



Barbara Sanderson (PTFA Chair)

Christmas Holiday Trail



Family fun in the Christmas break with the PTFA Christmas Holiday Trail. The trail will be running between Sunday 20th – Saturday 26th December, and will take you on a walk around Alphington spotting Christmas pictures. Maps are £2 and all completed maps will win a small prize. Please pay via school gateway and email PTFA@alphington.devon.sch.uk once purchased to request your map.

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