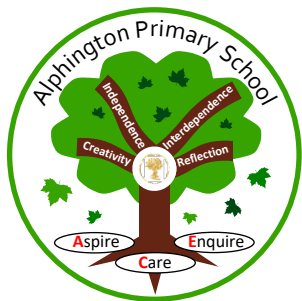




Alphington Primary School

Newsletter

18/03/2022



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy couple of weeks we have had with World Book Day, sports events, open evenings and celebrating International Women's Day. It was lovely to see so many of you at the drop-in sessions, and to see how excited the children were to show you their learning and their classroom! We will be holding a more formal parents evening at the start of the summer term and will hold another drop-in session before the end of the school year.

Covid update:

As you will be aware, we have increasing numbers of children and adults testing positive for Covid at the moment, so please can I ask that you remain vigilant to any symptoms your child may be experiencing. Please be aware during this time that your child may be taught and supported by different adults but that we will do all we can to keep things as consistent as possible. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to keep all year groups open this week, but we will keep you updated if your child's class or year group is impacted by this.

Owl class:

We are excited to launch our new classroom on Monday. Owl class will be taught by Miss Oakley each morning and will teach a small group of children during the mornings.



The Hub:

We are delighted that the hub is now up and running, offering a range of different wellbeing groups and interventions for children across the school. These include Lego Therapy, Fun Fit, Magic Mondays and Drawing and Talking Therapy. We will update you about the different ways of accessing this support for your child, over the coming weeks.



New PE timetable:

Class	PE days
Foxes	Monday and Wednesday (outdoor PE)
Hedgehogs	Monday and Wednesday (outdoor PE)
Bumblebees	Tuesday (outdoor PE) and Thursday
Squirrels	Tuesday (outdoor PE) and Thursday
Grasshoppers	Monday (outdoor PE) and Thursday
Dragonflies	Monday (outdoor PE) and Thursday
Kingfishers	Wednesday and Friday (outdoor PE)
Otters	Wednesday and Friday (outdoor PE)
Newts	Monday and Thursday (outdoor PE)
Starlings	Monday and Thursday (outdoor PE)
Badgers	Tuesday (outdoor PE) and Friday
Avocets	Tuesday (outdoor PE) and Friday
Kites	Tuesday and Wednesday (outdoor PE)
Kestrels	Tuesday and Wednesday (outdoor PE)



Chatterbox:

Please find attached a flyer for Chatterbox Cafe that runs every Friday morning from Alphington Village Hall. This runs every Friday morning, and they would love to see you.



World Book Day:

The children had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. Throughout the day we immersed ourselves in a variety of exciting activities including building our own reading dens, sharing our favourite books and authors and some of us even made our own slime.

It was wonderful to see the children dressed up as their favourite book characters and we know that the children also enjoyed seeing their adults dressed up too.

Our potato character competition was well received and we had many fantastic entries, which the children clearly worked extremely hard to create. Congratulations to the winning entries from each year group- these children have received their book tokens.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support in encouraging a love of reading at home.



Girls football event:

The girls really enjoyed taking part in our Girls Football event, run by Sporty Stars to promote the Women's Euros in July.



Wildlife champions:

Alphington's Wildlife Champions from Year 4 and 5 had an amazing day at Mincinglake Park, meeting other Wildlife Champions from Exeter schools. They planted sea grass, measured trees to help discover their age, planted many trees, and hunted for invertebrates. They also found lots of interesting fungus! A massive thank you to Devon Wildlife Trust for organising the event.



Year 1 sports day:

Year 1 loved their sports morning at West Exe school last week. They were respectful, behaved brilliantly and approached every challenge with a great 'can do' attitude. Well done year 1 and thank you to all of our helpers.



Class photos:

Just a reminder that children will be having their class photographs taken on Monday 21st March. If your child normally has PE on a Monday then this will be swapped for later in the week so that all children can wear their school uniform this day.

Courses for parents:

Babcock LDP have just announced their latest virtual training sessions. If you would like to book onto one of the courses, email: LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com. You will then receive a confirmation email and all the information for attending the virtual workshop.

Tues 26 April 9.30-11.30am Autism – Communication (pre/non verbal – support strategies)

Mon 16 May 12.30-2.30pm Autism – Communication (verbal – support strategies)

Tues 24 May 9.30-11.30am Autism – Managing stress + anxiety

Wed 15 June 9.30-11.30am Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA

Fri 8 July 9.30-11.30am Autism – Vulnerability + online safety

Thurs 28 July 9.30-11.30am Autism – Sensory processing + integration

Mother Day/special person event:

The PTFA will be holding their first in school event on Friday 25th March where children will be able to buy a gift for their mum or another special person.

