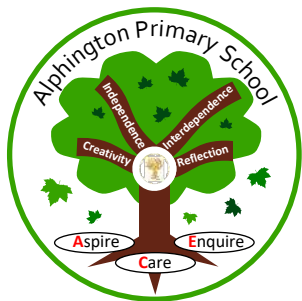




Alphington Primary School

Newsletter

1/04/2022



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

We seem to be racing towards the Easter holidays and finally the sun is shining, although this may have changed by the time this is sent home! We have had another busy and exciting few weeks in school, with lots going on.

E-safety update

Over the last month, we have had continued conversations with groups of children regarding the social medial platform, Whatsapp. Whatsapp is a popular messaging service where people can exchange texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. It has an age guidance of 16 years and older. Unfortunately, there have been numerous incidents outside of school where unkind messages and videos have been shared causing distress and worry, from different pupils in group chats. Following our E-Safety computing curriculum, we are working with pupils to support them in understanding how to stay safe when using online platforms, what is an appropriate and inappropriate message, and what to do if something is said/shared that they are unhappy with in a group or with another individual.

We have attached further guidance regarding Whatsapp with some key information. As a school, we want to support families with this and encourage discussing this further with your child if this is appropriate.

Miss Naim

E safety lead



Message from Mrs Mewse:

Dear Parents, I write to tell you that the end of the Summer Term will mark the end of my time at Alphington Primary School, as I move on to pastures new. I have truly valued all I have gained over my time here from all of your wonderful children. I am writing to inform you at this time to reassure you that there will be a clear and robust handover to the new post holder, prior to the end of the summer term. Yours and your child's information will be handled with the utmost sensitivity and care in this process.

Thank you for all, for my 4 happy years at Alphington.

Mrs Mewse

Wellbeing workshop for parents:

The school nursing service will be visiting school to offer a 'Wellbeing Workshop for parents - how to support your child'. They will be visiting on Wednesday 27th April and offering the same workshop at two different times 9-15AM and 2.15PM which will be held in the school hall. Each workshop has a limit of 60 places, which will be bookable via the School Gateway App. Simply log in to the app and select your child, then go to clubs and you will see the events listed there, for you to book under your child's name. The workshop is for adults only, children will not be able to attend and it will be on a first come first basis. Please can we ask you to wear a face covering on school site and socially distance at this event.

New school lunch menu:

This is the new school lunch menu from Devon Norse, which will start on Monday 25th April and is displayed on the school gateway app for you.

Week One					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta Bake	Chicken Korma & Rice	Roast Gammon	Organic Pork Meatballs & Wholemeal Pasta	Mini Battered Fish Fillet
Option 2 (v)	Vegetable Fajitas	Cheese Wheels & Wholemeal Pasta	Potato Topped Vegetable Pie	Creamy Vegetable Risotto	Veggie Fingers
Sides	Crusty Bread & Sweetcorn	Peas	Mash Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Seasonal Mixed Vegetables	Chips or Vegetable Sticks
And for pudding	Flapjack	Chocolate Cake	Langage Farm Ice Cream	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter	Chocolate Cookie
Jacket Potato	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Home Baked Bread and Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternatives				
Week starting:	25/04/22 - 16/05/22 - 13/06/22 - 04/07/22 - 05/09/22 - 26/09/22 - 17/10/22				

Week Two					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	All Day Breakfast (Westcountry Sausage, Bacon & Free Range Egg)	Roast Chicken	Cottage Pie & Gravy	Fish Finger
Option 2 (v)	Spanish Rice	Vegetarian Brunch (Quorn Sausage & Free Range Egg)	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake	Cowboy Pasta (with Quorn Sausage)	Battered Quorn Dippers
Sides	Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans & Diced Potato	Roast or Mash Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Seasonal Mixed Vegetables	Chips or Vegetable Sticks
And for pudding	Smoothies	Eves Pudding (Apple Sponge)	Langage Farm Ice Cream	Toffee Banana Cake	Chocolate Cracknel
Jacket Potato	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Home Baked Bread and Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternatives				
Week starting:	02/05/22 - 23/05/22 - 20/06/22 - 11/07/22 - 12/09/22 - 03/10/22				

Week Three					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Organic Beef Burger in a Bun	Roast Turkey	Lasagne	Mini Battered Fish Fillet
Option 2 (v)	Spanish Omelette	Roasted Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetable Wellington	Quorn Dog in a roll	Southern Style Quorn Burger
Sides	Crusty Bread & Peas	Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn	Roast or Mash Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Chips or Vegetable Sticks
And for pudding	Langage Farm Ice Cream	Iced Orange Cake	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter	Shortcake	Honey Cookie
Jacket Potato	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese
Available each day	Freshly Prepared Salad, Home Baked Bread and Drinking Water. Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt available as a pudding alternatives				
Week starting:	09/05/22 - 06/06/22 - 27/06/22 - 18/07/22 - 19/09/22 - 10/10/22				

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Fresh Ideas Feeding Minds

Spring/Summer Menu 2022

Alphington Primary School

Welcome to our New Spring/Summer 2022 menu. Our menu is compliant to the School Food and Food for Life served Here Standards

Devon Norse are proud to support FarmWise Devon

Allergen information is available from your school or www.devonnorse.co.uk

Should your child have a medically diagnosed Allergy or health condition that requires an alternative menu please complete our special diet registration form available from the school office or email info@devonnorse.co.uk

Throughout the year we offer a number of themed menus to support the curriculum, celebrate holidays and seasonal events - please check with your school for local arrangements.

Fresh Bread, Salad, Fruit, Yoghurts, Milk and Water are all available daily,

SUGAR SMART

Please note the menu may be subject to change to meet local needs. For details of employment opportunities within Devon Norse please email info@devonnorse.co.uk or phone us 01392 331160

Water bottles:

Please can we remind you that children should only have water in their water bottles and not juice. Thank you for your help with this.

Dates for your diary:

Pre-school parents drop in: Monday 4th April

Year 2 Polar Explorer Day: Tuesday 5th April

Year 6 residential and SATs parent meeting: Wednesday 6th April

Last day of Spring term: Friday 8th April

Children return to school: Monday 25th April

Wellbeing workshop for parents: Wednesday 27th April

Bank holiday: Monday 2nd May

Year 6 SATs week: Week beginning 9th May

Devon Fire Rescue to visit Year 2 and Year 5: Tuesday 10th May

Year 6 residential: Week beginning 16th May

May half term: Week beginning 30th May

Queens Jubilee Bank Holiday: Monday 6th June (school closed in lieu of bank holidays)

Year 5 residential: Monday 11th July- Wednesday 13th July

Last term of Summer term: Friday 22nd July



Early years phase news

Ladybirds

It has been fantastic to welcome back the Ladybirds this week as we begin to explore Easter and all things 'eggs' as part of our investigation into life cycles and growth. The children have enjoyed planting their very own cress pots and are checking daily for signs of growth. We have enjoyed reading 'Chicken's aren't the only ones' and have learnt lots about the different birds and animals that lay eggs. In our creative area, the children have been busy counting pom poms onto egg cards and selecting different colours to make patterns, they have shown fantastic focus while creating their designs and practised their name writing to add messages to their cards. The Easter fun is set to continue next week with an outdoor scavenger hunt and our very own eggs to decorate for an Easter tree!



Foxes and Hedgehogs

This week has been all about emotions; we have been reading 'Ruby's Worry' and sharing our own worries to feed to the class worry monster. We made our very own googly eyed worry monsters and used some fantastic vocabulary to describe them. With the wonderful sunny weather, we have been embracing the start of spring and spent time: searching for, and classifying mini beasts, painting watercolour daffodils, creating natural spring scenes and den building! We have continued to develop our addition and subtraction skills in Maths, practising finding pairs of numbers that make 7 and matching images to number sentences.



KS1 Phase news:

Year 1 have finished the 'The Queen's Hat' unit in their English lessons and have worked incredibly hard to apply all their super skills when writing their own version of the story. The children used powerful adjectives and verbs to make their writing exciting, and took pride in sharing their work with their peers. In their maths learning, the children have been using mathematical language to describe the position of objects and have had fun doing this practically. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being scientists this week and investigated whether animals were herbivores, carnivores or omnivores based on what is in their poo! (not real poo!) The children also applied their knowledge of the different animal classifications by creating a 'What am I?' game with key characteristics as the clues. The children loved sharing these with their teachers and peers, to see if they could guess correctly!



The **Grasshoppers** and **Dragonflies** have worked really hard on their writing this term and we have been really impressed with the amount of writing they are producing in a lesson. They really are Independent Imrans!

In Year 2, the children have enjoyed learning about extreme environments during their Theme lessons and have worked well on comparing Exeter with the Sahara and the Antarctic.

In this term's Outdoor Learning lessons, the children have worked really well in teams and have had lots of fun playing 'Hide and Seek' in Pearl's Land where they had to find all of the different things that explorers need! They also had lots of fun making shelters in the woods!

In year 2, we are redesigning the shared area to give us more space for children to work. To help us with this please can we ask that children only bring essential equipment to school and a very small bag. Thank you.



KS2 Phase news:

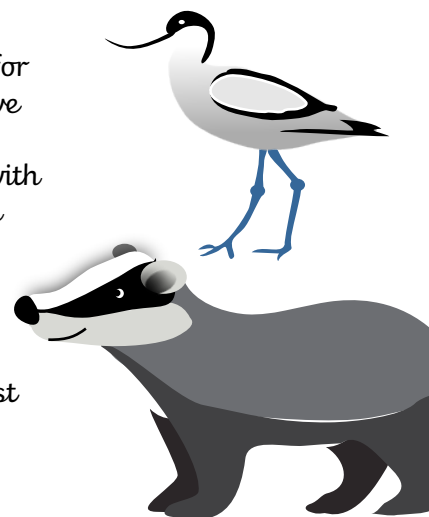
Year 3 have been perfecting their gymnastics skills and have been working together to create effective sequences to share with the class. We have been really impressed with their collaboration and their controlled movements. In English, they completed their final writes and wrote some super stories based on the Incredible Eating Boy, where he ate crayons, balls and computers! In outdoor learning, the children have been focussing on lots of skills based on the Egyptians, including making models of pyramids and seeing how mummification works on tomatoes. The children are also creating their own pyramids using clay... we look forward to seeing the finished product!



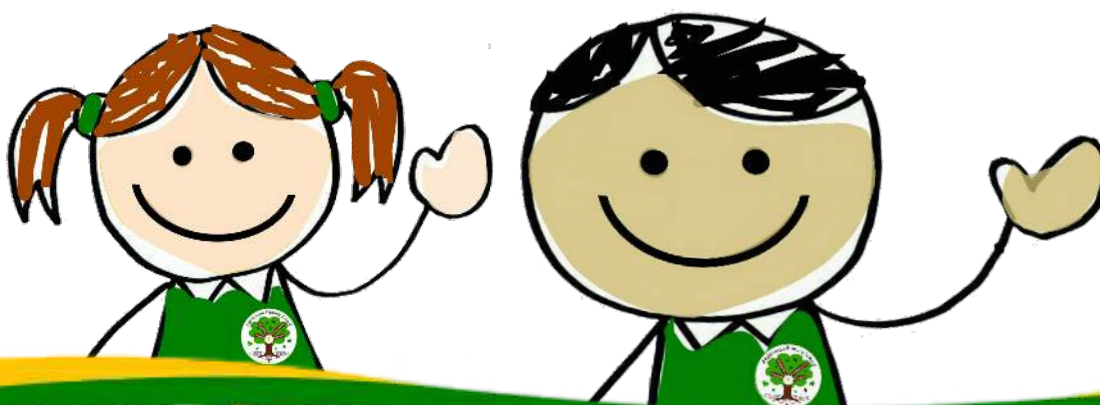
Year 4 have been working on their dance skills producing excellent sequences using mirroring with twists and turns, focussing on their gestures. They have also been working on their evaluation and peer coaching to improve performances. In English, the children have started looking at persuasive travel brochures, focussing on Splendid Sicily and creating extremely engaging writing based on facts all about Sicily. In Theme, the children have been learning all about map symbols and have created maps and hunted for map symbols in Pearl's Land. Finally, in science Year 4 have been exploring thermal insulators and have tested to see which material keeps ice cube coldest for the longest. The bubble wrap was extremely good at preventing the ice cubes from melting!



Year 5 have just completed their fabulous final writes on whether sugar is good for you or on veganism, showing excellent points of view and information. They have started their new book: I believe in Unicorns and we cannot wait to see what happens next in the story. In outdoor learning, the children have been working with DWT and created a river across Pearl's Land using rope and had to decide which was the best place to settle. They also discussed pollution and other factors that would prevent a settlement from being successful. In maths, the children have focussed on fractions, decimals and percentages and have been looking at equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. Finally, in science, the children have been enjoying their unit on forces where they have created parachutes to test air resistance and have looked at friction and how friction can be increased or decreased.



Year 6 have been enjoying netball in their PE lessons where they have been focusing on spacing, marking and sportsmanship. In design technology, the class have designed and built longboats which are soon to be tested to see if they are fit for purpose! The children worked collaboratively to create some fantastic constructions, using junk modelling materials. It was amazing to actually measure and visualise how long a longboat was, on the Astro turf. They are really, really long! In outdoor learning, Year 6 have been looking at weaving and have created beautiful weave patterns using a range of resources where they made their own looms. Finally, we have been really impressed with the superb learning attitudes we have seen from the children in the run up to SATs and their arithmetic knowledge has been so fast! Keep up the amazing work Year 6!



Wraparound news:

Once again, we would like to thank you for your unwavering support. This half term presented many challenges but the quick responses we received from many parents, on more than one occasion, enabled us to keep the club running smoothly. Despite these last-minute changes and challenges, your children made the most of every second. The lighter evenings afforded us more time in the school's wonderful outdoor spaces - something the children really enjoy. Our Healthy Me topic was a real success, and it was great to explore the knowledge and passion the children have in this area.

Next half term, our topic is Wondering Around the World. In this topic we will explore many different cultures and traditions, focussing on a different continent each week.

Bookings are now open for next half term

Booking Reminders

- All bookings must be made by midday the day before the session you require.
- Once booked, sessions are non-refundable (except in exceptional circumstances).
- Children not booked in, may not be able to attend due to the adult to child ratios required.

Wishing you a wonderful Easter break.

The Wraparound Team



Sporty Stars:

<https://www.sportystars.co.uk/after-school-clubs.html>





FOOTBALL CLUB @ ALPHINGTON

Monday KS1 & KS2

Sporty Stars are bringing back our popular football after school club, to your school after Easter.

Children can expect a range of fast-paced games, have lots of fun and enhance their skills and techniques.

Both clubs will be taking place on the school field.

KS1 & KS2 will be ran separately as two different clubs.

Ages: KS1 & KS2

Dates: 4 Weeks
25/04/22 - 23/05/22
Excluding 02/05/22

Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Price: £22 per club

Additional info: Parents to collect children from the field. Children to wear sporty clothing or PE kit.

Book Online: <https://www.sportystars.co.uk/after-school-clubs.html>

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