

Friday 31st March 2017

Alderwood Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

From the Co-Heads of School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term here at Alderwood. I'm sure you'll agree that the weather was on our side during the Easter break and we hope you enjoyed spending time in the sun!

Although this is the final term of the year, it is not less busy and still packed full of amazing learning experiences. Each class has selected their own core text and Teachers have planned vibrant and engaging learning sequences around them for this half term. Why not ask your child which text they are reading in their class?



Beech Class have already been out about this week with research trips to Parish Wood to support their learning on features of our local environment. It also gave them the opportunity to go on a minibeast hunt on a much larger scale

As you know, we have had to make some radical changes to the After School Clubs that we offer at Alderwood. It was brought to our attention by parents that you felt the coaches were lacking in quality and reliability. With this in mind, we have contacted several individual companies, including Charlton Athletic and Greenwich Dance Agency, to ensure that our children receive the very best and are able to compete in any possible competitions. We have also thought long and hard about the payment for these clubs and have regrettably decided that not only will the fee have to increase to £3 per club, but that all sessions must be paid in advance to avoid us incurring a large fee if children decide that they do want to continue for the half term. We do hope that you fully appreciate our position and recognise that the quality of our new clubs really will be first class.

We have been working hard to create a 'Summer Term Parent Workshop' offer which will go home next week. This outlines the sessions that we are offering parents for the entire term. This term, we have focused on transitions, which means that many of the sessions involve preparation for your child's next steps. Please look out for this flyer and book your place, free of charge, with the School Office.

Our APA are still looking for new members to support with the upcoming events, such as the Leavers' Prom and the Summer Fete. Please offer as much or as little as you can – all will be greatly appreciated!

As you know, we are committed to protecting the environment. Recently, we have installed solar panels to create solar energy. And we are now looking at ways to reduce the amount of paper we use. With this in mind, this will be the **last paper copy** this flyer that you will receive. The weekly newsletter will be available on our website and there will always be hard copies at the office should you wish to collect one.

Mrs K Cutajar

Miss N Tilley



Dates for your Diary

Clubs Start - Monday 24th April

Willow Class visiting
Environmental Centre –
24th April

Willow Class Assessments –
Throughout May

School Journey for Palm Class –
3rd May

Oak Class Assessment Week –
8th – 12th May

Elm and Maple Class trip to The
British Museum – 19th May

School Nurse in for Palm & Oak
Classes – 19th May

Debate Competition – 19th May

Half Term – 29th May to 2nd June

Birch Class Phonic Screening
Week – 12th June

Class Photos – 16th June

Sports Day – 22nd June

Greenwich Secondary Schools
Transition Day – 5th July

Assembly themes

Our core value for **April**
is
“positivity”.

Class Assemblies

The next assembly is
Maple Class on **18th May**.

Weekly Attendance

The class with the highest
attendance last week is
with %.

We are aiming for 100% across
the school.