



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another great week of learning here at school. We are settling into our 'new normal' and are beginning to bring back some old favourites! We are now live streaming our Friday 'Star of the Week' assembly across the school!



Thank you for your support with following our safety measures, particularly in terms of remembering to socially distance when talking to school staff. In response to the increase of cases nationally and to further protect everyone, you will notice staff wearing face visors while on the gates, from next week. You will also shortly notice that there will be visual reminders in the form of painted boxes on the ground around the gates. Please do not enter the boxes when talking to staff. Staff will, in turn, not enter the box for your protection. We thank Governors for their support in making this decision with us.

Despite it being difficult to talk to you face to face, please remember that we are always on the end of the phone and will accept emails via our School Office to **awcontact@alderwood.compassps.uk**. Our email address can also be found under the 'Contact Us' tab on our website.

We have great news regarding our school journey. As you may know, we had to move our residential trip for Oak Class to March next year. At the moment, we are hoping that this will go ahead, but will be guided by the national picture.

We have given lots of thought to this term's Parents' Evenings and are now able to share with you a few more details. We intend to offer telephone calls or private Google Meet appointments, every evening, after school during the week of 19th October. The usual system will apply whereby you indicate the time slot that would most suit you, which Teachers will consider when booking your session. However, this year, the booking will be done via an online form. We do understand that this is a very different way of meeting, but hope that it will still be a worthwhile experience for both parties.

Finally, we are very sad to share the news that our Chair of Governors, Ann Jefferson, passed away on Saturday. She was always committed to striving for the very best for our children and their families. She will be greatly missed.

Mrs Cutajar

Dates for your Diary

Parents' Evenings - WB 19th October

Half Term

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Children return to school - Monday 2nd November

Nasal Flu Vaccinations FS2 - Yr6 - Friday 13th November

Christmas Holidays

Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2021

Staff Inset - Monday 4th January

Children return to school - Tuesday 5th January

Assembly themes

Our core value for **October** is "**Creativity**".

Some assemblies will be delivered via Loom and others will be class based. We are now in a position to 'Live Stream' our usual Friday Assembly within school.

Attendance

Please note that attendance is compulsory from this term. We do understand that this is a difficult time for everyone. Please remember that we are on hand to support you in lots of different ways.

Important Information

Chartwells our new catering company requires you to fill in a Medical Diet Request Form if your child has any dietary requirements.

This form was emailed out to you, if you require a new form please contact the school office via email or telephone.

It is really important that we have these forms back ASAP.

Thank you.

Don't forget to check our website and follow us on

