



NEWS *letter*

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23rd May 2018



Middle School and Upper School children have been enjoying their use of our brand new adventure playground. This big improvement to our outside facilities has been possible due to the hard work of the PTA, our successful lottery grant application and school funds. We hope the children will continue to enjoy the equipment for many years to come. We respectfully ask that parents ensure their children do not make use of it before or after school.

Dear Parents

Quiz Club update

Last Friday, the school's quiz team travelled to Horris Hill School, near Newbury, to take part in the semifinal stage of the National Quiz Club competition. They were one of eleven schools from across a wide area, ranging from Gloucestershire to London and Dorset. As you would expect, the competition was very challenging, requiring a high level of general knowledge and good teamwork. Our team, Peiyan, Bakhtiyar, Evan and Shravya achieved a commendable 5th place. They fought hard all the way and were a credit to Aldryngton. Well done team and my thanks to their supporters.

Walk to School week

As you are already aware, we are taking part in the national Walk to School Week. In general, most pupils walk to school throughout the year, but following Monday's special assembly, everyone was challenged to use a non-car means of travelling to school this week.

As you can see from yesterday's survey, the school is indeed taking up the challenge.

- Foundation Stage 95% of children did not use a car to travel to school today
- Lower School 92% of children did not use a car to travel to school today
- Middle School 92% of children did not use a car to travel to school today
- Upper School 94% of children did not use a car to travel to school today

These are excellent figures - well done to everyone.

Swimming Galas

Middle School - Wednesday 18th July 1:30pm
Upper School - Monday 9th July 1:30pm

Swimming pool donations

As you know, the school and PTA work in partnership to ensure the ongoing viability of our swimming pool. Each oversees the different roles for the pool, with the PTA mainly ensuring its social use and school, its use as part of the PE curriculum. The financial burden is shared, with school seeking voluntary donations for its use of the pool. So far £1036 has been sent in by parents, which represents a £2804 shortfall. If you have not yet sent in a donation to cover your child's/ children's lessons, please can you do so by the end of this week. Details on how to make a donation [HERE](#)
Thank you in advance.

Elaine Stewart

Thursday 24th May 2018

**Fish in Batter or
Cheese and Tomato French Bread Pizza or
Jacket Potato**

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Chips Beans Peas Tomato Sauce

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**Vanilla Shortbread
or Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Salad**

Online Safety Briefing

Thursday 21st June - 7:00pm

We have invited an Online Safety expert from Wokingham Borough Council to give us advice about keeping our children safe online at home. Topics to include parental controls and App safety. Please come along to the school hall as this should be a really useful and informative time for all parents.



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On Friday 18th May, Mr Thompson (an engineer and Aldryngton parent) came to our school to teach the year sixes about structural engineering.

The session was based around Mr Thompson's role as a 'Construction Lead', working for Jacobs engineering. We were split into teams of four or five to create the highest possible tower we could out of dry spaghetti and marshmallows.

At first we were planning: calculating costs, stability and quantities. Money and wastage were problems, but not ones we couldn't solve.

Building was the difficult part; sticky fingers, broken spaghetti and constant collapses, but with determination and teamwork, we got through it.

With a target of 55cm, some fell short, but others exceeded expectation and doubled the target height, and some, even more than that. Some were over budget, some under.

Overall, it was a challenging, yet fun experience, and an excellent team building exercise.

Sophie E

100% Attendance

Well done to the following classes for achieving 100% attendance for a whole week!

Week ending 11th May - Miss Riglar

Week ending 18th May - Miss Alberti, Mrs Dunn
Miss Saunders, Miss Slade
Mrs Coleman/Mrs Smith
Mrs Woolston/Mrs Gregory



Mrs Cake Sale

We would like to thank all parents and pupils who helped bake and sell cakes for Miss Alberti's recent cake sale. We raised an impressive **£177.10** Thank you.

Letters to parents

Letters issued from 10/05/18 - 23/05/18

Middle School	- Personal, social & health education
Upper School	- Sex Ed
	- Staying safe online
Whole School	- Family Picnic

If you require a copy please click [HERE](#)



Bank Holiday Monday 7 May saw the annual 10k and fun run event in Shinfield. Organised by the Reading Roadrunners Club it's a well-supported and popular race with separate age ranged shorter distances for children.

Several children ran and we had two notable performances with Flynn W winning the U7 event and Nathaniel P victorious in the U12s. Well done to all our runners who faced very high temperatures and strong competition.

Notice Board

Please take time to view our notice board on the school website [HERE](#) as we receive many flyers and advertisements for clubs and activities around the area.

Foundation Stage and Lower School Maypole Dancing
Thursday 21st June 2:00pm

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
TUESDAY 5th JUNE



Swimming Lessons HELP NEEDED



Sign up sheets are now available in the school foyer
At the moment, we are **VERY** short of helpers and lessons will not be able to go ahead on our return to school if volunteers do not come forward.

It would be a great help if you could spare the time to help at a session, and the children love having a family member there to help as well!

THANK YOU



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SCHOOL CALENDAR			
May 25 th	Inset day school closed	June 23 rd	PTA triathlon event
May 26 th - June 1 st	Half term - school closed	June 27 th	Yr 7 transition visit day to Maiden Erlegh
May 29 th	PTA Pool Club commences	June 28 th	KS2 District Sports
June 4 th	Inset day school closed	July 5 th	Lower School to Marwell Zoo
June 5 th	Pupils return to school	July 5 th	Miss Nowell cake sale
June 7 th	School photographer class photos	July 9 th	US swimming gala
June 8 th	PTA Summer Fayre, picnic and concert	July 13 th	Sports day at Palmer Park
June 8 th	PTA Copper Coin Mosaic	July 17 th	Open afternoon 3:15pm - 4:30pm
June 11 th	Foundation visit to Woolley Firs for Teddy Bears Picnic	July 18 th	Middle School swimming gala
June 14 th	Miss Slade cake sale	July 23 rd	Leavers party after school
June 21 st	Foundation and Lower School Country Dancing p.m.	July 24 th	Last day of school
June 21 st	School Council Ice Lolly Sale	Sept 4 th	Return to school
June 22 nd	PTA Non School Uniform £1 donations		

SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE

	Playtime	10.50 - 12.15	Lunch	1.15 - 1.50	1.55 - 2.35	2.35 - 3.15
MON		Ms Byatt		Mrs Woolston /Mrs Gregory	Mrs Dunn	Miss Riglar
TUES		Mrs Woolston/ Mrs Gregory		Year 1 Mrs Coleman/ Mrs Smith	Year 1 Miss Saunders	Year 1 Mrs Culham
(Parents are requested to sign for the whole afternoon)						
WED		Miss Riglar		Miss Alberti	Mrs Marshall	Ms Byatt
THURS		Mrs Marshall		Miss Alberti	Mrs Dunn	
FRI				Year 2 Mrs Culham	Year 2 Miss Saunders	Year 2 Mrs Coleman/ Mrs Smith
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