



NEWS *letter*

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1st May 2019



Poetry Recital

On Friday 5th April the whole school enjoyed another high quality poetry recital. We would like to congratulate all the finalists for performing eloquently and with confidence. Special congratulations to our winners: Lower School - Frankie S. Middle School - Isabel B. and Raymond O. - Upper School, Thank you to Mrs Marshall for coordinating this inter-house competition.

Polling day school closures

As you are already aware, Aldryngton has been chosen by the Council to act as polling station for the Maiden Erlegh Ward. As a consequence, we are closed to pupils this Thursday 2nd May as previously advised.

The Electoral Service department has also booked the school premises for the European elections on **Thursday 23rd May**. If the elections go ahead, regrettably the school will be closed, once again, for the same safeguarding reasons that have forced this Thursday's closure. Due to the circumstances around these elections, there is no certainty that they will take place, thus making childcare planning particularly challenging.

I feel it is unacceptable that the school should be used for such purposes and have expressed those concerns to the electoral services department, but have been told that the school best meets the criteria for polling stations. I will be discussing the matter at governor level at next week's meeting. As parents, you may also wish to express your views to the Council if you feel likewise email: electoralservices@wokingham.gov.uk

I apologise for the fragmented nature of this term's schooling. Work for all pupils is being set for the closure days, However, if the elections do not take place school will be open as normal.

Funding support needed – Order a school meal on census day!

As you are aware all Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to a free school meal. These meals are paid for by the school using monies provided by the government. The amount given to schools depends on the take-up rate on census days during the year. If take up levels are low on census days we will be funded accordingly regardless of need on other days. If our meals funding creates a shortfall the school will have no option but to use money earmarked for other purposes.

Clearly this is of great concern. However, the way forward is to have all eligible pupils opt for the free school meal on census day thereby ensuring there is no shortfall. The next census day is **Thursday 16th May**. A change of menu has been agreed for all Wokingham schools on this day one designed to increase the take up rate.

Please consider supporting the school once again by ordering the free Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 school meal on this day.

Thursday 16th May 2019

Fish Fingers or Cheese & Pepper Whirl
Or Jacket Potato

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Chips Beans Peas Tomato Sauce

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Chocolate Cocoa Cookie
or Yoghurt/ Fresh Fruit Salad

Friday 17th May 2019

Chicken & Bean Fajitas with rice or Mixed Bean
Cassoulet with rice
Or Jacket Potato

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Grated Carrot Salad Cauliflower

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Eve's Pudding
Or Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit Salad

Cake Sale

We would like to thank all parents and pupils who helped bake and sell cakes for Mrs Woolston/Mrs Gregory's recent cake sale. We raised **£124.40** Thank you.



Regular helpers are always needed for our cake sales. If you are able to help with any of the sale's please sign-up by putting your name on the sign-up sheet situated in the foyer.



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Blue tit update

We are pleased to say we have hatchlings in the school's bird box. The parents are now busily collecting food for the brood and can be

watched via the school's web cam [HERE](#)

Mrs Dunn's Cake Sale

16th May 2019 ready, steady, bake!

100% Attendance

Well done to the following classes for achieving 100% attendance for a whole week w/e 26th April 2019

Mrs Coleman & Mrs Smith, Mrs Marshall and Miss Slade

URGENT HELP NEEDED!

Grounds Working Party

SATURDAY 18th May 2019

10:00am - 1:00pm

The jobs we are looking to complete are:

Sand and paint musical instruments

Paint external walls of swimming pool changing rooms

Paint stage boards

Clear storage area and greenhouse

Litter picking, weeding and general site tidy

Please contact school office if you are available to help, refreshments provided

Swimming Galas

Middle School - Wednesday 17th July

Upper school - Monday 8th July

SPORTS DAY

Friday July 12th

Full details soon!

House Photo Competition

All entries to be received by Friday 3rd May

Full details [HERE](#)

Letters to parents

Letters issued from 04/04/2019-1/5/2019 are available [HERE](#)



Applications are now open!

Deadline to enter is Thursday 6th June.

Click here for details [Try-a-Tri Web Page](#)

Click here to [Help at the Try-a-Tri](#)

Any queries contact the PTA

tryatri@aldryngtonpta.com



Thank you to the 80 families who have joined the PTA Pool Club this year.

Please look out for emails regarding your membership from the Pool Club Admin

Team, please check SPAM in case they go in there.

Please ensure you attend a Resus Training Session, next dates are Saturday 11th 9am-11am and Monday 13th May 8pm-10pm.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 13 th - May 16 th	Year 6 SAT's
May 16 th	Mrs Dunn Cake Sale
May 16 th	PTA Disco & Family Lounge
May 20 th	US trip to Lacock Abbey
May 21 st	US trip to Lacock Abbey
May 22 nd	US trip to Oxford
May 23 rd	SCHOOL CLOSED - EUROPEAN POLLING ELECTIONS
May 24 th	Last day of half term
May 27 th - 31 st	SCHOOL CLOSED - Half Term
June 3 rd	Inset Day - school closed to pupils
June 6 th	School Photographer Class and Sport team photos
June 7 th	US trip to Brazilian Embassy
June 11 th	FS trip to Thatcham Environmental Education Centre
June 13 th	Miss Riglar Cake Sale
June 14 th	PTA Non-Uniform Day
June 15 th	Try-a-Tri