

# Aldryngton Primary School

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## COVID Update: 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope that you all had a relaxing half-term break with plenty of opportunities for some quality family time. Like many of you, I was pleased to hear the announcement yesterday that children will return back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. It will be great to welcome all the families back to Aldryngton. Families have been amazing in supporting their children with the home learning and you are all to be applauded for settling into a new routine, managing both your job and supporting your child at home. After today, there will be eight days left, before school can return- for anyone counting down the days! We will be continuing with usual schedule of home learning until the children return on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

The updated guidance for the re-opening of schools was published yesterday by the Department for Education and I will be attending a further meeting with other Headteachers from Wokingham schools today. The leadership team of the school will then meet on Wednesday to update the risk assessment in light of the changes in the most recent guidance. We will then consult with staff and governors before sharing the updated risk assessment alongside any changes to procedures with you next week.

## Dates and Events

With more certainty confirmed, we are now able to confirm dates/events for the rest of this term. Further details will follow in due course. Please see a table below of what is happening this half-term:

Date	Event
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (Children may dress as a book character for their live lessons if they wish)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	All children return to school
Week beginning: Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Assessments taking place
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of term

As a leadership team, we have decided to assess the children early on their return for three reasons:



- 1) To identify any learning gaps and plan support to address these as soon as possible.
- 2) To evaluate how successful our remote learning offer has been.
- 3) To ensure that our curriculum offer is relevant to the children's needs.

Assessments will be carried out in a low key manner with the emphasis on adapting our approach to support the needs of the children returning. There will be an opportunity to share how your child has settled back into school in our parents' evenings that have been scheduled to take place on the week beginning: 26<sup>th</sup> April. These again will take place over Teams.

### **Friday Assemblies**

I will be continuing with my weekly assemblies for the next two Fridays. The link to add your child's name for praise this week is below:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=csjAc7HEJ0Kc\\_2uhy-85PNbPFFIStc9Aga17IUG0ofBUM1FMWkU0RDZLUEU0WjQyMkE1TzRBNVpESy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=csjAc7HEJ0Kc_2uhy-85PNbPFFIStc9Aga17IUG0ofBUM1FMWkU0RDZLUEU0WjQyMkE1TzRBNVpESy4u)

### **Psychological First Aid Course**

A free course has been launched by Public Health England to support children that are struggling with their mental health. I have shared the course link with staff and I am also sharing the link below for any families that may be interested in accessing this three hour online course:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/psychological-first-aid-for-children-and-young-people>

I hope that you are all able to find some time to enjoy the sunshine this week and I will write to you with further information regarding the school re-opening early next week.

Yours faithfully,



Mark Wieder  
Headteacher