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Weekly Update: 25th May

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable half term break next week and return refreshed on Monday 7th June. Last week, we had the last of our Friday themed days for now, which was our cultural diversity day. I hope that the children returned home to tell you all about what they had learnt about the country that they studied that day. This week, I have a couple of updates/ reminders to share with you:

Face Coverings

A reminder to all families that a face mask or covering that covers the nose and mouth area in full is required to be worn by all adults entering the school site (unless exempt). Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Children on Bikes

A reminder to parents with children in Foundation Stage that the children should come off their bike or scooter and wait with their parent when waiting to enter school in the morning. It is a narrow path and room needs to be left for other pedestrians. Yesterday, there was an accident when one of our Foundation Stage pupils on a bike collided with a three year old child. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Foundation Stage Cohort 2021-22

A special welcome to all families that have been allocated a place next year. We were finally informed of the details of our cohort on Friday lunchtime. Families should have received a welcome letter on Friday informing them of the details of our transition arrangements. You should also have received a pack of information sent by post.

COVID-19 Reporting

A reminder to parents/ carers to notify any positive Covid cases to covid@aldryngton.wokingham.sch.uk if they occur during half term. Please note if a case is reported in the first two days of the break, then there will be a need to contact close contacts in order to isolate.

Online Safety

As part of our curriculum, we often teach about online safety and one of the most frequent topics that come up through discussion is children accessing inappropriate sites for their age e.g. Tik Tok (age limit of 13 years old+). I appreciate that there are lots of different sites, which change frequently, so I



would like to draw your attention to the link below that explains the age limits for various social media sites that children may attempt to sign up to:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>

This page also gives guidance about why these sites are unsuitable and what you can do if you find that your child is accessing any of these sites.

This term, we have received reports of children using WhatsApp inappropriately. In the link above, there is a reminder that this is only suitable for children aged 16+ and this is also made explicit in their terms.

There are also some great age appropriate resources on the Thinkuknow website with sections for children and parents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

If any parent has any questions about online safety, then please speak to Mr Wieder.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Wieder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Mark Wieder
Headteacher