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Weekly Update: 2nd November

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope that you all had a restful break and that the children return refreshed and ready to learn today. It was great to welcome you back to school today. It is also pleasing to report that we've had no Covid cases reported to us over the half-term holidays.

Yesterday was an INSET day at the school and staff received training on our new assessment system and new handwriting scheme- Letterjoin. The Letterjoin handwriting scheme is a systematic approach to teach cursive handwriting, which will start to be taught from the end of Foundation Stage and used until children start to develop their own individual handwriting script whilst in Upper School. During Foundation Stage, children will continue with the Read, Write, Inc approach to printing letters in the first instance. Further details about the scheme can be found using the web link below:

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

We are also moving away from our previously used assessment system (Target Tracker) this academic year. The new system is based on a point in time assessment and should be much more straight forward to understand for families. Teachers have completed their baseline assessments last half term and details will be shared at parents evening. Please note, that reports will be shared after children have completed their next round of assessments later this term. Our assessment is based on age related expectations at the point in time of the assessment, with the latest formal teacher assessment being produced just before half term. Therefore, the very large majority of pupils will either be working at age related expectations or greater depth, which is working above age related expectations. Pupils that are not quite at the expected level for the age, but working within the current year group will be assessed as working towards.

Parent Evenings

A reminder that we sent out details about booking appointments for your child in the last week of term. Please note that these appointments will be taking place over Teams.

PTA Update

Thank you to all of those that attended the extraordinary meeting on the last week of term and particularly to all of the people that stepped forward to fill the vital roles that were required to continue to keep the PTA operating. It has been appreciated by all at the school. Today, there is another meeting at 7pm, where we can now move forward to plan all of the exciting events that bring the community together and raise vital funds for the school.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Anil Madineni, who is running the Reading Half-Marathon on Sunday 7th November and will be raising funds for the PTA. To sponsor Anil, please click on the Crowdfunder link below:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/half-marathon-run-for-aldryngton-pta>



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Happy Diwali to Families

I would like to take the opportunity to wish our families well who will be celebrating Diwali this week. I know that children in Lower School have enjoyed learning about Diwali this week and are looking forward to sharing their learning on Teams later this week. A reminder to families, who celebrate Diwali that a leave of absence form should be completed in advance, so that your absence that day can be authorised.

Yours sincerely

Mark Wieder
Headteacher

