

Aldryngton Primary School

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Weekly Update: 12th January

Dear Parent/ Carer,

It has been great to welcome families back to school over the last week. It was a successful INSET day last week where the focus was on developing our approach to writing and teaching art and design. We are looking forward to running an Art Exhibition just before the May half-term with a focus on artists around the Commonwealth as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Thank you to Miss Goodchild for organising this and we will share further details about this nearer the time.

We have been busy confirming events, trips and visits for the term and the rest of the academic year. Today, I will attach the first list for the term ahead and will highlight any changes over the next few weeks if there are any additions or changes.

In other recent communications, you will have been made aware of the Spelling Bee. Families in Year 4 would have been informed about the research project that we have been involved in with the University of Oxford in developing support for children with anxiety. Mrs Boba, our Wellbeing Lead has written a brief description of what it is with a link to a video below for anyone interested in finding out more:

ICATS i21i Project

We're very excited to be joining many schools across England to take part in the University of Oxford's iCATS-i2i Research Project. Year 4 pupils in Willow, Cedar and Beech will be taking part and we'll be sharing more information very soon. In the meantime, do take a look at this video to find out more: <https://osiresearch.org.uk/icats/family-info/>

Parent Survey November Results

Thank you to all families that completed this in November. There were 84 responses. Please see the results below:

Statement	Proportion that Agree
My child is happy at Aldryngton.	92%
My child feels safe at Aldryngton.	99%
Aldryngton makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	92%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	87%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	63%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	85%
My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	81%
The school has high expectations for my child.	86%
My child does well at this school.	86%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	82%
There are a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	93%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	83%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	75%



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I would recommend this school to another parent.	85%
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Results of the survey have been discussed at both leadership and governor level. One of the key areas to improve is making you further aware of what your child will learn in school. Each area of the school does have a page on the school website. We will also be developing the curriculum pages further on the school website in the coming weeks with the aim of uploading our knowledge organisers for the topics studied so far that will stipulate the key knowledge that will be taught in history and geography topics.

I am also aware that there are a lot of things that go on in school that families would potentially benefit from finding out more and asking questions if they wish. Therefore, this term we have arranged a series of workshops on Teams in particular areas. These will be recorded and added to our YouTube channel if you are unable to make the date or time. I have also reflected further on the leadership question and answer session, which we will now begin with a presentation on what we have been working on and the progress to keep you further updated with what has been going on behind the scenes. Please see the events list for the full details of what is happening and when.

Teams will also be producing a termly newsletter to focus on the learning aspects that relates to their team. I will also be attending the PTA coffee morning next Wednesday and will look to build further opportunities to talk informally if you wish.

Chess Club

Sessions for Middle School children will begin from Thursday next week for the beginners' group. The intermediate and advanced group will begin on Monday 24th for Middle School children.

Covid Update

So far this term, we have received one notification of a positive case in Middle School where a child has attended Aldryngton since the start of term. There have been two further cases, which have been linked to PCR testing after returning from abroad. However with these two cases, they were last in school in December.

There continues to be a lot of updates to national guidance. I am sure Wokingham will produce a flashier document to share with you, but in the interim, please find a table of what happens and what to do below:

What happens?	What to do?
My child who is asymptomatic tests positive on a lateral flow test.	Child isolates immediately. Ensure that the result is logged on the NHS App or website. Test again on Day 6 and Day 7. If your child is negative on both then they can attend school again. There is now no need to obtain a confirmatory PCR test in this instance.
My child has one of the three main symptoms of Covid (temperature, loss of taste/ smell or a continuous cough).	Child self isolates and obtains a PCR test. If result is positive, then your child can attend 7 days after the positive PCR test date, providing there are two negative lateral flow tests on day 6 and 7.
My child who has one of the three main symptoms tests positive on a lateral flow test.	Child isolates immediately. Obtain a PCR test as this type of testing should be used if any one of the three main symptoms is present. Ensure that the result is logged on the NHS App or website. Test again on Day 6 and Day 7 after the positive PCR test. If your child is negative on both then they can attend school.



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<p>My child is a close contact of someone who tests positive or there is a positive case within the household.</p>	<p>Your child can continue to attend and are strongly encouraged to participate in daily lateral flow for the next 7 days. If they are under 5 years old, then lateral flow testing is not required, but could be done if you wish to do so.</p> <p>If a parent/ carer or both parents have Covid and you are unable to get the children in without breaking isolation rules, we can authorise the absence and remote learning is available via Teams.</p>
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I appreciate that it must be challenging for families to keep up with all of these changes, especially in light of the fact that there remains a shortage of lateral flow tests. At this point, we will continue to authorise absence for isolation if your child is a close contact or there is Covid in the household and you are unable to source lateral flow tests.

A reminder that if your child is returning early on day 7 after having Covid (rather than the standard 10 day isolation) due to having negative lateral flow tests on day 6 and 7, then we would encourage further lateral flow tests on days 8, 9 and 10 before they come into school.

For anyone struggling to obtain lateral flow tests, then they are available on Mondays to Fridays between 8:30am and 5:30pm (8:30am-3:15pm on Saturdays) at Shute End in Wokingham. I also believe that there may be some available at Lower Earley Library between 9am and 4pm on Wednesday.

Events List: Spring Term (subject to change)

Date (Time)	Event
Wednesday 12 th January (7pm)	PTA Meeting via Zoom
Monday 17 th January	Foundation Stage Vision Screening
Tuesday 18 th January (4pm)	Evidence Me Parent Workshop via Teams
Wednesday 19 th January (8:50am)	Parent Outdoor Coffee Morning
Thursday 27 th January (4pm)	Accelerated Reader Parent Workshop via Teams
Friday 28 th January	NSPCC Number Day (dress as a number in return for £1 donation to NSPCC)
Tuesday 1 st February (10:30-11:30)	Upper School Bayeaux Tapestry Virtual Session
Wednesday 2 nd February (10:30-11:30)	Upper School Bayeaux Tapestry Virtual Session
Thursday 3 rd February (10:30-11:30)	Upper School Bayeaux Tapestry Virtual Session
Week beginning 7 th February	Mental Health Week
Monday 7 th February (4pm)	Leadership Presentation/ Q and A to parents via Teams
Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 8 th February (4pm)	Read, Write, Inc Parent Workshop via Teams
Week beginning 14 th February	Spelling Bee Finals
Week beginning 21 st February	Half Term
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day (dress as a book character)
Thursday 3 rd March	Lower School R.E. Inspired Visit
Friday 11 th March	Lower School Toy Museum Parents invited to School
Week beginning 14 th March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 24 th March	Foundation Stage R.E. Inspired Visit
Tuesday 29 th March	Upper School visit to Lacock Abbey



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Wednesday 30 th March	Upper School Visit to Lacock Abbey
Wednesday 6 th April	Foundation Stage Easter Performance
Friday 8 th April	Poetry Recital Final
Friday 8 th April	Last Day of Term

Parent Evenings

Area of School	Dates
Foundation Stage	4 th and 7 th April
Lower School	28 th , 29 th and 31 st March
Middle School	29 th , 30 th and 31 st March
Upper School	28 th and 31 st March

Yours sincerely



Mark Wieder
Headteacher

