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Friendship Courage Equality Inspiration*

**Spring term
11th January 2019
Number 15**



Class information letters

The class information pages and weekly information are updated every MONDAY on our school website. Diary dates, reminders, information on the class learning and details of the home learning are all accessed using the links below.

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Dates for your diary

11th Dec	Don Rae Pantomime
12th Dec	Y1 Christmas Production at 9.30am.

Friday 9th November 2018

Thank you to all parents and carers who helped us on our trip to Richmond Park.

If you have any old toys that we could borrow to show the children and display in our classrooms we would be really grateful! THANK YOU.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS WEEK:

This week we really enjoyed our visit to Richmond park. We found lots of signs of autumn and began tracking our tree through the seasons. We have also been learning about adjectives and using them to describe autumn. We wrote our own short poems using nouns and adjectives.

In Maths we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and describing them using mathematical language.

WHAT WE'LL BE DOING AFTER NEXT WEEK:

LITERACY – Phonics: alternative sound for igh, ie, i-e Spelling words: bright, right, sight, lie, tie, pie, cried, five, like, time. *Please encourage your child to look carefully where the sound is within these words.*

Information Reminder

****Please check the school website for events, dates, club information before telephoning the school office.****

The website is updated weekly - click here for [@Alex](#) , [Dates](#) , [Activity Club Information](#) , [Frequently asked questions](#).

Welcome to our new staff

We have 3 new staff members we would like to welcome to Alexandra:

Danielle Waites joins the Nursery team as a Learning support assistant and also joins our after school club team as a play leader.

Susannah Shafer joins us as part of our lunchtime supervisory team.

Helen Read joins our Year 4 team as a Learning support assistant.



Thank you very much for all the generous donations we collected at the end of our Christmas celebrations and concerts. We are delighted to let you know that an incredible **£601.53** was collected and has been sent to our chosen charity WELCARE, based in Canbury Park Road.



Thank you also for supporting **Christmas Jumper Day**, a grand total of **£347.11** was donated to the Save the Children charity.



Owlet Cake Sale this Friday 11th January

The class teachers are reliant on money raised from cake sales to purchase extra resources to enhance the children's learning. They are extremely grateful for this contribution.

Please come and support Owlet class by donating / buying.
Many thanks!

Art resources request

Our Art teacher, Kate Andrews is preparing a DIY scrap robot making project for this term and needs the following items:

- old or broken phones
- unwanted cables and plugs
- nuts, bolts, screws, washers, springs
- metal and plastic bottle tops
- tin cans (washed and any size)
- broken or unwanted computer parts
- ring pulls
- buttons
- unwanted or broken kitchen utensils
- unwanted plumbing accessories

If you are able to help, please bring the items to the school office marked for Kate's attention. Thank you very much.

ADHD support



NEW TO ADHD? COME AND HAVE A CHAT

POST-DIAGNOSIS INFORMATION GROUP (THURSDAYS)

Next Date 24 Jan - places available

Further dates: 28 Feb, 21 March

10.30am - 1pm

Receiving a diagnosis of ADHD for your boy or girl can be a confusing time. What does it mean? Is it my fault? Am I the only person dealing with this? What do I do next and where do I start?

At ADHD Richmond, we have developed, with the NHS, these free information sessions. It's part of the post-diagnosis pathway which all parent/carers should attend. You will meet others and learn about the diagnosis, treatments, school adjustments, the impact, local services and sign up for behaviour training

These sessions are for Richmond and Kingston parents only

For your privacy, please don't bring children

You MUST book. Email: valerieivens@me.com

From mid-February there will be some free 1:1 sessions for Kingston borough parents who have already attended a Post-Diagnosis session. These 1:1 sessions are funded by AfC and will last one hour. They offer information and support to parents of children and young people with ADHD who may be struggling to cope with symptoms, behaviour and school issues. Additionally, maybe your teen would like to talk to someone about ADHD.

If you are interested then please contact Val Ivens: valerieivens@me.com



After School Activity Clubs still have some availability. Please check the school website for up to date information.

School lunches

You can book your child's school lunch up to the end of this term via <https://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/edu/alexandra-infant-school/>

Nursery entry for September 2019 ** deadline March 2019**

If you have a child who is eligible for a Nursery place in September 2019, you can collect an application form from our school office or they are available online [here](#) at the bottom of the Admissions page. The closing date for application is March 2019.

Reception entry for September 2019 ** deadline January 15th 2019**

If you have a child who is eligible for a Reception place in September 2019 please go to www.kingston.gov.uk to apply. If you are unable to apply online paper forms are available from the school office. The closing date for application is 15th January 2019.

Parentmail

Please download the Parentmail App to your smart phone to ensure you do not miss out on important information sent out by the school.

You can use the app to answer forms or notify the school of you childs absense easily & quickly.

Click on the link belowto download the APP



DIARY DATES 2017 - 2018

Please note – additional/changed dates will be in BLUE

January 2019

Mon	7	Back to School
Fri	11	Owlet Cake Sale
Tue	15	Reception 2019 Application Deadline
Fri	18	Hoglet Cake Sale
Fri	25	Ducklings Cake sale

February 2019

Fri	1	Space Dome to visit Year1 in school
Fri	15	End of Half Term finish 3.25pm
Mon	25	Back to school

March 2019

Fri	15	Viking Workshop to visit Yr4
Wed	20	Parent Teacher Consultations 3.45 -7pm (please note no clubs run on this day)
Thur	21	Parent Teacher Consultations 3.45 -7pm (please note no clubs run on this day)
Tue	26	Easter Experience at Cornerstones Yr5
Sun	31	Clubs go live on Parentpay for Summer term

April 2019

Mon	1	After school Activity clubs do not run this week
Mon	1	Yr4 visit to Bushey Park
Fri	5	End of term 2pm Finish
Tue	23	Back to school

May 2019

Fri	24	End of Half Term
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June 2019

Mon	3	Back to school
Mon	3	Clubs do not run this week
Thur	6	Class Photos

July 2019

Sat	6	Summer Fair 12 -3pm
Fri	19	End of Term school closes at 2pm

As per our Attendance Policy, we are unable to authorise absence for holiday taken in term time. Please note the dates below when you are booking holidays.

Term dates for academic year 2018 to 2019

Spring term 2019

- Monday 7 January 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019 **3:25pm finish**
- Monday 25 February 2019 to Friday 5 April 2019 **2pm finish**

Summer term 2019

- Tuesday 23 April 2019 to ** Friday 24 May 2019
3:25pm finish
- Monday 3 June 2019 to Friday 19 July 2019 **2pm finish**

*Reception and Nursery 2018 start dates differ – parents will be informed

**School is closed on Bank Holiday Monday 6 May 2019

The dates above take into account 5 school closure dates for Staff Training (INSET days):

Monday / Tuesday 3 & 4 September 2018

Friday 21 December 2018

Monday / Tuesday 22 & 23 July 2019

Term dates for academic year 2019 to 2020

Autumn term 2019

- * Wednesday 4 September to Friday 25 October **3:25pm finish**
- Monday 4 November to Friday 20 December **2pm finish**

Spring term 2020

- Monday 6 January 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020 **3:25pm finish**
- Monday 24 February 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020 **2pm finish**

Summer term 2020

- Tuesday 20 April 2020 to **Friday 22 May 2020 **3:25pm finish**
- Monday 1 June 2020 to Wednesday 22 July 2020 **2pm finish**

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INSET days yet to be set