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Spring term

11th January 2019

Number 15



**Alexandra
SCHOOL**

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.

[Nursery](#)

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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](#).

Class attendance

The attendance cup winners this week is SWAN class

Swan class also achieved 100% punctuality this week along with Hedgehog and Sparrow Hawk classes. Well done!

Class attendance for week beginning 7 January 2019				
Year	Class	Attendance		Lates
Reception	Hoglets	98.1%		5
	Owlets	98.1%		9
Year 1	Caterpillars	93.3%		1
	Ladybirds	93.7%		1
Year 2	Swans	100%		0
	Woodpecker	99.7%		5
Year 3	Hedgehogs	95.6%		0
	Foxes	94.7%		4
Year 4	Bats	98.1%		6
	Dragonflies	96%		9
Year 5	Kestrels	96%		3
	Sparrowhawks	99%		0



School team points

The school team point winners are announced in assembly every Friday. Here are this week's results:

Farah	Ennis	Weir	Simmonds
341	298	326	307

Great team effort! Well done.

Governor update

Governors met on Wednesday 16th January for their 3rd meeting of the school year. The meeting covered a range of issues, but key areas of discussion included progress on the headteacher recruitment and an in depth discussion about maths teaching. The headteacher recruitment process is going well and the advert is currently live, with a closing date towards the end of January. There has been quite a lot of interest and some potential candidates have been visiting the school. Governors have planned a rigorous selection process.

Mrs Carr and Mrs Jones (staff governor), provided governors with a detailed account of the way maths is taught across the school. The school is involved in a Schools Partnership Programme where local schools support each other to improve practice and share excellence. Alexandra chose the focus of this work to be maths mastery, particularly looking at how the fast graspers remain challenged in the context of the national curriculum and the 'maths mastery' approach. Governors were very impressed with the thorough action plan that is in place and in the amount of progress that has been made since September.

Governors also discussed a new 'feedback and responsive teaching' policy, which replaces the previous 'marking' policy. The focus of the discussion was making feedback and marking meaningful for pupils, useful for teachers and ensuring it did not increase teacher workload. The new policy has been developed by the teaching staff, and governors will be assessing its impact on teacher workload later in the school year.

Social media

It is our school policy not to allow pupils to have mobile phones in school. However, if you child is in possession of their own phone can we strongly recommend that the installation of group chat apps such as WhatsApp are not allowed for children. We have been made aware of some upsetting incidences within our school community involving WhatsApp messaging. For further information and advice please see read the article below:

<https://parentinfo.org/article/whatsapp-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers>



Hoglet 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 Hoglet class by donating / buying.

Many thanks!

CLUBS

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/>

Parent Consultations Wed 20th March 3.45pm – 7pm & Thurs 21st March 3.45pm – 6pm

Appointment times will be made available to book live on [Parentmail](#). We will inform you once this booking facility open.

A reminder that no after school clubs or activity clubs will be running on these days.

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 -6pm (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

Wednesday 4th September 2019

Monday 4th November 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

Wednesday 22nd July 2020

