

Alverstone Infant School



September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers



Welcome back!

We are very happy to welcome back the children into their new classes – everyone seems very happy now back into something like our usual school routines.

A big welcome to our new Year R intake – it's lovely to see all the new children and parents coming into school full time now and they have settled very well. We hope you are starting to feel part of our school community.

As a reminder, if you need to speak to your child's teacher, please catch them at the end of the day or phone the school office to speak to them between 3.15-3.45pm.



Parking

The new School Streets parking initiative is having a positive impact on illegal parking around the junction of **Ashburton and Paget Roads**. It is vitally important that you do not park near to this junction as this dangerously blocks the view of children crossing the road to come into school.

Thank you to the volunteers who are helping to supervise the barrier.

Please try to walk to school if possible and, if you do need to drive, please park considerately.

We have had complaints from residents of **Alvercliffe Drive** that cars are parked across the pavement and on the corner of their road, causing problems for them accessing their properties.

Harvest Festival

Parents and carers of children in Years 1 and 2 are invited to join us at St Mary's church on **30th September at 9.15am**. Please drop your children at school as usual and take a seat in the church (not in the pews reserved for children).

Year R will be having a Harvest day in school, and photos of these activities will be shared with you on Tapestry.

We are collecting contributions of food (tins or packets) which will be donated to the Gosport BASICS Food Bank. Please can you drop these off at the gate from next week.



Coats and jumpers



Please make sure your child has a coat in school every day, as the children go outside for playtime, even in poor weather.

We now keep the classroom windows and doors open all day, as a flow of air and good ventilation can help reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus. We are happy for children to have an extra layer to wear if they are cold in the classroom. This can be a fleece or cardigan (any colour) that can stay in school on your child's peg. Please clearly name label these before sending into school.

Service Families

Mrs McEwan is our Service Link Worker and is available to support children at times of deployment. Please let her know if someone in the family is away from home for any length of time. If any new Year R families have a parent with the Carrier Strike Group, please let us know as the children can be part of the group who meet together in school on a weekly basis. The children enjoy sending photos and emails to their parents on board ship.

Learning Workshops

We would like to invite parents and carers of Year 1 and Year 2 children to come into school to watch a lesson. This is a good chance for you to find out more about how children learn. Please email: adminoffice@alverstoke-inf.hants.sch.uk or phone the office to book a slot to attend. Numbers will be limited to 15 for each session.

Tuesday 12th October - 9am to 9.40am
OR
Friday 15th October - 9am to 9.40am

Theme Week



Our next theme week will have a music focus. If you, or anyone you know, is able to play an instrument and would be prepared to come into school to talk to small groups of children please let us know.

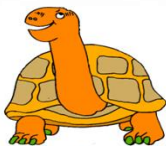






Our new Year R children will be photographed for the Portsmouth News First Class Supplement on Tuesday, 21st September. We will let you know when this edition is available.

Tapestry Accounts – Years 1 & 2

Years 1 and 2 will start using Tapestry to communicate with you about your child and their learning in school. Please look out for an activation email over the next week.

Learning Characters

The children may talk to you about our Learning Characters. These are how we help children to develop good learning skills and behaviours. Teachers reward children who display these attributes, and you may be informed when they are given a learning character sticker.

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| <p><u>Tough Tortoise</u></p> <p>Independence and Resilience</p>  <p>Enjoys getting involved in learning Doesn't get distracted Perseveres at a task to be able to learn</p> | <p><u>Wise Owl</u></p> <p>Self Awareness</p>  <p>Understands how to learn Changes plan if things don't work Learns from each experience</p> | <p><u>Curious Chameleon</u></p> <p>Thinking skills</p>  <p>Looks closely and notices things Asks questions to find out more Makes links between things Reflects on what they have done</p> |
| <p><u>Positive Penguin</u></p> <p>Growth mind-set</p>  <p>Is always willing to 'have a go' Knows that we can learn from mistakes Believes that effort equals success</p> | <p><u>Team Ant</u></p> <p>Collaboration and Relationships</p>  <p>Learns alone or with others Listens thoughtfully to others Works well with other people</p> | <p><u>Kind Koala</u></p>  <p>Kind to others Has good manners Caring of others</p> |
| <p><u>Healthy Hippo</u></p>  <p>Takes care of self Great attitude to exercise Tries to eat healthily</p> | | |

INSET Days/Holidays 2021/2022

(School Closed)



INSET Day

11th October 2021

Autumn Half-term

25th October to 29th October 2021

Christmas Holidays

20th December to 3rd January 2022

INSET Day

18th February 2022

Spring Half-term

21st to 25th February 2022

Easter Holidays

11th to 22nd April 2022

May Day Bank Holiday

2nd May 2022

INSET Day

5th May 2022

Summer Half-Term Holiday

30th May to 3rd June 2022

Summer Holidays

22nd July to 1st September 2022



Dates for your Diary

September

30th September – 9.15am

Years 1 & 2 Harvest Celebration at St Mary's Church

October

12th October 2021 9.00-9.40am

Years 1 & 2 Learning Workshop

15th October 2021 9.00-9.40am

Years 1 & 2 Learning Workshop

w/b 18th October 2021

Parents' Meetings – information to follow about how to book

Please also visit our website www.alverstoke-inf.hants.sch.uk to keep up to date with dates and information.