



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Don't forget to check out our website
and follow us on **Instagram**

Another week has passed by in a blink! And as I am currently typing this newsletter, it is minus two degrees outside. Nevertheless, it has been another amazing week!

In our assemblies this week, we continued to explore how we can achieve success through continuous effort and a high level of self-motivation. Next week, we'll be finding out about the life of Cathy Freeman. This followed a much anticipated whole school assembly on Wednesday about Alan Turing. A special thank you to both Florence and Matilda in Year 6 for delivering a wonderful presentation about this historical code-breaker, who is considered the father of modern computing.

Over the past week, you may have noticed a few new faces amongst the staff. We have warmly welcomed Miss Suhur, who will be supporting Mrs Morgan and Palm Class this term, as well as Miss Cakir, who has joined our team from Greenwich University.

You may have already noticed that Parents' evenings will take place on the 5th and 6th of February this term. Do book a time to meet your child's teacher by visiting My Child At School. We are currently in the process of arranging parent workshops for the Summer Term. We are really keen to hear how we can help you help your child at home. Please do contact the school if you have any suggestions.



This week, I have been in touch with our new Community Police Officer—PC Kaur. We have invited PC Kaur into our school on the 2nd February to meet us and spend time in our classrooms. I have arranged an opportunity for parents to meet with PC Kaur between 2.45-3.15pm on this day. Do pop in to discuss any issues that may be of concern to you in our local community.

Next week, Year 6 are heading off to Calshot in Hampshire. Mrs Blackabee has kindly offered to host breakfast at 7.30am for Oak Class before they head off on their School Journey. The Year 6 team will be greatly missed back at Alderwood but we know how much fun they are going to have! Rest assured, we will keep you regularly updated if your child is in Oak Class.

In other news, the school's drum kit has found a new home in the main hall. Are there any aspiring drummers in Alderwood? A small but significant moment I feel in the life of Alderwood Primary School. A school band...now that would be something!

Have a brilliant weekend everyone,

Mr Guy

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd January
Year 6 residential trip

Wednesday 31st January
Birch class assembly

Monday 5th February
Parents Evening

Tuesday 6th February
Parents Evening

Wednesday 7th February
Palm class assembly

HALF TERM BREAK
12th— 16th February

Children return on Monday 19th February

Monday 19th February
Beech class (FS2) Vision screening

Wednesday 21st February
Doctor Bike Day

Wednesday 6th March
Elm Class assembly

Thursday 7th March
World Book day

Wednesday 15th March
Maple Class assembly

If any of your contact details have changed recently, please do update the office team.

Our value of the month:

UNITY

Poem: Unity

I dreamed I stood in a studio
and watched the sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind,
and they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher;
The tools she used were books, and music, and art.
One, a parent with a guiding hand,
and a gentle, loving heart.