



# Weekly Newsletter

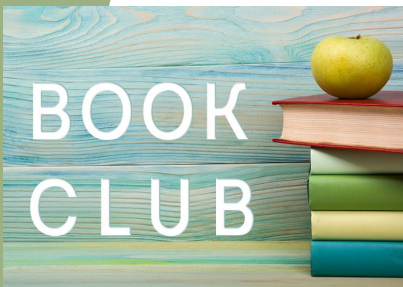
## Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

We hope you've all had another fantastic week! With one week to go before half-term, I will state the obvious...Time really does fly!

We must start this Newsletter by congratulating some of our youngest learners at Alderwood! Thankyou to Birch Class for delivering an incredible assembly on Wednesday. They really did 'bring us sunshine' as they took us on a whistle-wind tour of their current learning. Impressively, the children spoke and sang with real clarity and enthusiasm as they shared their learning across various topics, ranging from Matisse to synonyms (yes, that's right, synonyms!). It was lovely to hear how children are learning how they can express exactly how they feel through the new words they have learned. A philosopher once said "The limits of my language mean the limits of my world". At Alderwood, we really do believe that one of the best ways to develop language is by reading! I read this quote recently, and it reminded me of the



necessity of shared reading experiences. *"Never make fun of people for mispronouncing a word. It means they learned it by reading."* Would any parents be interested in being part of an After School Book Club for parents? If so...please do get in touch!

Next week, it's Parents' Evening. If you haven't booked a session as yet, there is still time! Please do visit MyChild at School if this applies to you. As you know, these meetings with your child's Class Teacher are wonderful opportunities to find out how they are getting on in different subjects and for your child to proudly share the outcome of their efforts.

PC Kaur, our new Primary Schools Officer for Greenwich, visited us all at Alderwood today. Each class had the opportunity to spend time with PC Kaur and learn about and discuss matters, which might be pertinent to them. We hope they found this experience useful.

There have been a few changes to lunchtime routines recently. If your child is in Reception, they will now be having their lunch between 11.30-12.30pm. If your child is in KS1, they will now be having their lunch between 12.00-1.00pm (KS2 remains unchanged). We felt that this change was necessary in order to further positively enhance childrens' experiences at lunchtime. As I always say, there is always room for improvement! No doubt people will soon be cueing to book a table in our Dining Hall - but sadly for them, the only spaces available will be for your children! Have a brilliant weekend everyone,



Mr Guy

### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 5th February**  
Parents Evening

**Tuesday 6th February**  
Parents Evening

**Wednesday 7th February**  
Palm class assembly

**Thursday 8th February**  
Year 3 Trip to London Bridge

**Friday 9th February**  
Themed Day Dinner-  
Chinese New Year

**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 28th February**  
Year 3 start swimming

**Wednesday 6th March**  
Elm Class assembly

**Thursday 7th March**  
World Book day

**Wednesday 15th March**  
Maple Class assembly

**Thursday 28th March**  
Last day of Term

### **Just a few little reminders...**

- Please do ensure that your contact details for all contacts are updated, if they have changed.
- Please do also remember to call the Office team before 9am if your child is unwell.

Our value of the month:

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