



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd February 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great to see and welcome back everyone again, after the half-term break. Despite it raining cats and dogs this week, the children really have been rays of sunshine (thank you to KS2 for teaching me about metaphors this week!).

On Wednesday, we were visited by Dr Bike. Hopefully those children, who brought in their bikes, are now noticing the outcome or rewards of his effort! Sadly mine didn't leave the shed, where it's been collecting dust and gaining rust for the past few years. Would any families like to write 'persuasively' to me, to convince me of the benefits of cycling to school?

Hats off this week to Mr. Gregory who has managed to secure another TWENTY violins for Alderwood, alongside TEN plastic clarinets. Once they've all been fully restored, all the children in Palm Class (to begin with) will be able to have some taster sessions during the school day.

If you have been keeping a close eye on events, you will have noticed that on Thursday 7th March, it is World Book Day. Whilst we always value our reading experiences everyday at Alderwood, World Book Day (whereby we can dress as our favourite character), provides us with a fantastic opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure. Do reach out to your child's class teacher, if you would like some support and ideas in relation to this event. If any families have any costumes that they would like to donate to the school please do get in touch.

Our value for this term is 'resilience'. This week, during our Whole School assembly, we heard and reflected upon a story about a King who presented a challenge to the people in his kingdom. Whilst many gave up, a young person persisted and, through the use of a lever, managed to move the obstacle that was in the way. As a school, we thought about what we might do when we encounter obstacles when we are learning.

I must mention the efforts of Mrs Regelous this week, who has been teaching sign language to the staff every week. Through her endeavors, we are learning that sign language helps us to break the communication barrier and helps us to be a better colleague and friend. Whilst we know that learning sign language is crucial for those who are deaf or hearing impaired, it can be powerfully beneficial for everyone - there is now a growing body of research indicating that learning sign language from a young age could have a number of impressive long term cognitive benefits too!

Finally, our first 'Stay and Play' session for parents, babies and toddlers will be on Thursday 29th February from 2pm to 3pm. Come along and join in the fun!

Wishing you a super weekend!

Mr Guy

Dates for your Diary

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 21st - 28th march
Traveling Book fair at Alderwood
School

Thursday 28th March
Last day of Term

Easter Holidays
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April

**Children return to on Monday
15th April**

Monday 15th April
New Chartwells Spring/Summer Menu
starts

Friday 19th April
FS2 Looking after your teeth workshop

The daffodil judging competition will be taking place on the 7th March this year. If your child has taken part, please do encourage them to bring their daffodil into school before this date. ALL daffodils are welcome!



Our value of the month:

Resilience

Did you know... 'Resilience comes from the Latin word 'resalire', which means springing