



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the first week of the summer term, a week in which we almost experienced four seasons in five days. We hope you all managed to have a good rest and feel refreshed for the summer term.

At the beginning of this week, Birch Class thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as pirates as part of their immersion into their new text— *The Pirates Next Door*. Despite their appearances, they were rather friendly, and very hard-working. Thank you to all the parents and carers of children in Year 1 for your support. Arr, me hearties!



Today, Reception took part in a 'Looking after your teeth' workshop, which they found very engaging. If you would like to read a few top tips for toothbrushing, which are related to the age of your child, please click on the link below.

[Children's teeth - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/childrens-teeth/)

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent Survey last term. Pleasingly, the overall results were extremely positive! We are so pleased to hear that so many parents feel that their child enjoys going to school, and is making good progress with their learning. We were also delighted to hear that you feel that the team here, help to build your child's confidence, and encourage them to strive to do their very best. At Alderwood, we are passionately committed to ensuring that your child receives the very best possible educational experiences. Any suggestions that we received will be carefully considered and acted upon, where possible.

This Sunday, it is the London Marathon; a great demonstration of endurance, and display of kindness and community spirit. If you're participating yourself, we wish you good luck! Do you remember, almost a year ago today, when Tunde Onakoya (a Nigerian chess master) visited Alderwood? Well you might be interested to know that he is currently attempting to break the Guinness World Record by playing chess for 58 hours, whilst also attempting to raise money in the process. We wish him all the best with his endeavor. *"I'm playing for the dreams of millions of children globally without access to education."* What a positive inspiration!

Finally, After School Clubs start again next week. Please speak to Mrs. Blackabee if you would like to know if there are any spaces. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mr Guy

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd April

After school clubs start

Tuesday 23rd April

Year 5 Start swimming Lessons

Thursday 2nd May

Chartwells Spring Summer Menu
Taster session @3.15pm

Friday 10th May

Singing Spectacular 2024 Concert
at Blackheath Halls
(Choir children only)

Wednesday 15th May

Birch class trip to Cutty sark and
National Maritime Museum

Wednesday 22nd May

Year 5 trip to Parliament Educational
Centre

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May Half Term

Monday 3rd June

Children return to school

Monday 17th June

Class Photos

Monday 24th –28th June

Year 6 intensive swimming week

Uniform update: Thank you for ensuring that your child is always wearing the correct school uniform. All information (in relation to uniform) is available on the school's website.

Our value this term... POSITIVITY

Looking to uplift your little one?
Try using some of these phrases
(my favourite is number seven!)

1. Don't be afraid to be you.
2. You are important to me.
3. I'm here for you, no matter what
4. The world needs you.
5. I'm proud of you for doing ____
6. I believe in you.
7. I'm never too busy for you.
8. I noticed you working hard on____
9. You don't have to be perfect
to be great
10. I love hearing your ideas.