



ALDINGBOURNE NEWS

January 2026

Welcome back everybody and a
Happy New Year!

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to the new term. I truly hope you all managed to have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. All the staff and I had a lovely holiday and are now ready and raring to take on the new challenges of 2026.



ACHIEVEMENTS AT ALDINGBOURNE

☺ The PTA have had another very busy end to the year and they worked hard to raise over £3000. The Present Room was **AMAZING** and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Present Room Elves who provided such gorgeous presents for your wonderful children to buy. Aimee Dubben was chief elf and her commitment and dedication to the PTA Present Room was phenomenal. THANKS xxxx

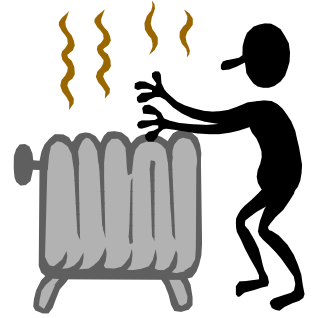
- ☺ Whole school Christmas day was great fun!
- ☺ All the year 6 children took part in a very successful 'Enterprise Day' and I am glad to say nobody went bankrupt! In fact the children raised an amazing £450. This money was used to buy Christmas presents for children in the South of England.
- ☺ The infant children had a super Christmas party and YIPPEE the main man came to visit. He was so jolly!
- ☺ Congratulations to Year 6 who won the hamper competition. They have won a free day of learning.
- ☺ Congratulations to Year 4 who won the stocking competition. They have won a free day of learning.
- ☺ The Infant production of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' was magical and a huge hit with everybody. All the children performed brilliantly.
- ☺ The teacher's production of 'Snow White' was NO COMMENT!
- ☺ Mr Trent's athletic squad won the Bognor & Felpham tournament and are now through to the next round. They will compete with schools from all over West Sussex. Well Done!

IT'S Fr, Fr, Fr, FREEZING!!!

I send this reminder out every year! Please send your child into school with a warm coat and, if possible, a hat, scarf and gloves. We like all the children to go outside for morning and lunch breaks. The weather is getting very cold and they all need a coat!!!

PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON ALL ITEMS!

As a school, we insist that all infant children wear a coat and, although we make this optional for the juniors, they must wear a jumper or cardigan.



NEW YEAR, NEW START, NEW REMINDERS

Don't FORGET!



- ✓ **The school day begins at 8.40am.**
- ✓ **Kiss and drive closes at 8.50am.**
- ✓ PE Kit – please remember to send your child's PE kit into school at the beginning of the week. It can stay in school for the entire week, ensuring that your child always has a PE kit. At Aldingbourne School we value PE massively and, unless we have had a message from you via a note, email or a phone call, we expect all children to participate in all aspects of PE.
- ✓ Please can we ask parents to keep children off the Adventure Playground, Sensory Trail, Castle, Pirate ship, Ramble Route and The Rock at the end of the day. These areas are not supervised and our school RULE is very simple - if the chain is on, that means these areas are closed!!!!
- ✓ **PLEASE NO DOGS allowed on the school site at any time!**
- ✓ At lunchtime, a chocolate biscuit is allowed, but please try not to give your children chocolate sweets such as Mars Bars.
- ✓ Healthy Snacks please. A plain biscuit or a piece of fruit!
- ✓ Remember to check for headlice weekly!
- ✓ Please remember no nail polish or jewellery should be worn at school.
- ✓ Label ALL UNIFORM!!!
- ✓ No Trainers!!!
- ✓ No temporary tattoos.
- ✓ Smiling is compulsory at Aldingbourne School!!

Don't FORGET!



OUR WONDERFUL GOVERNORS

Remember parents if you need to contact our wonderful Governors for any reason whatsoever you can do so via the email address

clerk@aldingbourne.w-sussex.sch.uk

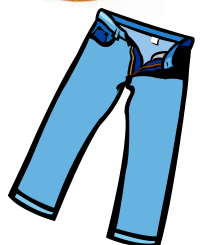
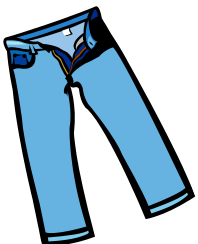
GOVERNOR'S AWARD

If you know of any children who have carried out a good deed for the community, please can you let me know? The Governor's Award recognises children who have contributed to the local community.



DENIM for DIABETES – Friday 16th January

As you may or may not be aware, we have several children in the school who have diabetes and as a school we would like to support the diabetes charity by having a fund raising day on Friday 16th January. We would like to organise a **Denim for Diabetes** day. On this day the children can wear as much denim as they like and in return we would love a donation to diabetes UK.





KIND WORDS

I'd like to begin this term by once again saying a huge thank-you to all our wonderful Children and parents. The presents and cards myself and the staff received for Christmas were amazing. I am always blown away by the kind words lots of you write in your cards. For example, one parent wrote.....

'We are so lucky to have our child at this school, you make learning so much fun and the love and care you give to EVERY child is staggering – thank – you'.

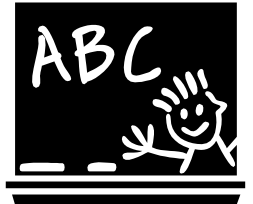
I think you all know that I love Aidingbourne School with all my heart and every child in the school is at the centre of every decision we make. This school is focused totally on the children and giving them every opportunity to thrive and reach their true potential. P.S You parents are pretty AMAZING too!!

SHOWING OFF WEEK!!!

Can I please remind parents of children in Year 6 that the month of May is incredibly important because this is when the children have the opportunity to 'show off' their talents during the KS 2 tests. These take place on...

MONDAY 11th – 15th MAY

The other junior classes also have the chance to 'show-off' during this month. As a school it is really important that all children have the opportunity to show their teachers exactly what they can do!!! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.



On Thursday 5th March at 6.00pm, Mrs. Corbett will be organising a SATS evening for Year 6 parents. Further details will follow with regards to the arrangements of the meeting

SPRING TERM TOPICS

This term each year group will cover the following topics....

RECEPTION
YEAR 1 and 2
YEAR 3 and 4
YEAR 5 and 6

THE JOLLY POSTMAN and SPRING
HOT & COLD
WONDERS OF THE WORLD
EUROPE



Once again, we will be sending out a curriculum / topic booklet. This will inform you about your child's learning for the Spring term. If you have any materials or books or personal talents that will assist teachers with these topics, please inform the appropriate year group teacher. Thanks.

HEAD LICE

Please can we start the New Year by making sure we check weekly for our unwanted friends. It is very frustrating for parents who do this, and yet their children still catch head lice. If we all work together, we can avoid these unwanted friends!

AFTER-SCHOOL/LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Below is the timetable for the Spring term after-school clubs

All clubs will begin on Monday 12th January

DAY	LUNCHTIME	TEACHER	AFTERSCHOOL	TEACHER
<u>MONDAY</u>	CHOIR HANDWRITING CLUB	MRS CORBETT MRS DIXON	GYM CLUB (Yr 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 (4.15pm)) TENNIS CLUB (Yr 3 / 4 / 5 (4.15pm))	RHONDA STOWE GEORGE MACDONALD
<u>TUESDAY</u>	HANDWRITING CLUB	MRS DIXON	ICT CLUB – (Year 2) (4.15pm) PLAY REHEARSAL (5.00pm) RUNNING / ATHLETICS CLUB (Yr 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 (4.15pm))	MRS WALKER MISS WEBSTER / MRS REED MR TRENT
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	MCM CLUB WELLBEING CLUB	MISS SPENCER MRS DIXON	CONSTRUCTION CLUB (Yr 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 (4.15pm)) KNITTING / SEWING CLUB (Yr 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 (4.15pm)) PLAY REHEARSAL (5.00pm) DOODLE CLUB (Yr 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 (4.15pm))	MISS SPENCER MRS MAYSEY MISS WEBSTER / MRS REED MRS GRIFFITHS
<u>THURSDAY</u>	HANDWRITING CLUB	MRS DIXON	DANCE REHEARSAL (4.30pm) MULTISPORTS CLUB (Yr 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 (4.15pm)) OAA / GAMES CLUB (Yr.2) (4.15pm)	MRS CORBETT MR TRENT MRS TWEED
<u>FRIDAY</u>	NO CLUBS	N/A	NO CLUBS	N/A

All clubs will finish on Thursday 12th March



UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

I know this request might be rather cheeky *BUT*, if you have any unwanted Christmas presents that we could use for our Summer raffle, tombola stalls etc, we would love you to donate them to the PTA. Please send them into the office and we will make excellent use of them. Thanks xxx



SCHOOL MEDICAL RULES

I am asking that ALL parents continue to follow our school medical rules which I have outlined below.



- ❖ Any child who has sickness or diarrhoea must remain off school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea – this ensures the bug does not spread.
- ❖ Any child receiving prescription drugs must have this administered at home unless it is needed 4 times a day.
- ❖ Any child who has a soiling accident will be cleaned, but then parents will be contacted to come and check

Cleanliness. This will avoid infection.

- ❖ Any child with a temperature will be sent home. PLEASE think carefully before sending in a child who has had a temperature in the night. This usually means they are unwell.
- ❖ Any child who receives a head injury while at school, parents will be contacted, just to be on the safe side!

Please contact Suzie Higgs if you are unsure whether or not to send your child into school. Thanks xx .

ENTERPRISE DAY

WOW!!! What a huge success and thanks to all the children and parents for their support. All the mini businesses made a profit and the year 6 children found the whole exercise very rewarding and incredibly tiring!!! Below I have listed how much each business made.

COURAGEOUS XMAS ELVES	raised £79.10
CANDY CANE LANE	raised £102.77
SNOWTASTIC SNOWBALLS	raised £110.05
GRINCHMAS ELVES	raised £144.62



This year, the money raised went towards supporting V1 RADIO in buying Christmas presents for children in West Sussex. Some of our wonderful Year 6 children went to B & M with Miss Webster and bought Christmas presents for underprivileged children in the South of England and then delivered them to V1 Radio station. It was a great morning and I was very impressed with all the children.



GREASE REHEARSALS

After-school rehearsals will begin straight away this term in preparation for our production of 'GREASE'. On **Thursday 8th January** we have a script read through and it would be amazing if all the cast could attend. This rehearsal will finish at 4.30pm.

Rehearsals will then take place on Tuesday and Wednesday each week, 3.15 - 5.00 pm.

On Thursday there will be dance rehearsals from 3.15 - 4.30pm.

Not all of the children will be involved each week. On Thursday 8th January all the children will receive a rehearsal schedule and this will tell you when they are needed for rehearsals.

If your child is unable to attend a rehearsal or performance, please let Mrs Corbett or myself know as soon as possible. It would be really helpful if you could make every possible effort for your child to attend the rehearsals when they are needed, as it becomes very difficult when they miss their scenes...thanks!

THE SCHOOL'S MISSION STATEMENT!

At Aldingbourne School we are...



...learning to be the best that we can be!

As a school, we are always trying to improve and be the best we can be! If things do go wrong, we really rely on your support and we believe passionately in our home-school partnership. We want to work with you to ensure that your child has the best experience in school. However, it is worth saying that, despite our best intentions, we don't always get things right. If you have concerns, please get in touch, and I promise that we'll listen. We may not always agree with each other, but I hope that we can always try to understand each other's point of view. Ultimately, we're on the same side – we all want the very best for your children, and it is vital that we continue to work together to achieve that goal.

Thanks for taking the time to read this month's newsletter. If you would like to discuss any items from the newsletter in more detail, please do not hesitate to come and see me, my door is always 'Open'. Please remember if I am not available, Mrs Maysey and Mrs Reed, our two wonderful assistant headteachers, are also free to discuss any school issues on my behalf.

Yours sincerely
Miss Webster xxx