

27th April 2018

Diary Dates

Monday 7th May
Bank Holiday – school closed

14th May – 17th May
Year 6 SATs

Friday 18th May
AM - Infant Sponsored Bounce

Friday 18th May
PM - Year 6 End of SATs party

Tuesday 22nd May
Year 5 Anglo Saxon Day

Wednesday 23rd May
Year 5 Puberty Talk

Wednesday 23rd May
Reception Sept 2018 new parents meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 24th May
Year 6 Puberty Talk

Thursday 24th May
Year 6 PGL Meeting 3.30pm

28th May – 1st June
Half Term Holiday

Monday 4th June School closed
Teacher Training Day

4th – 8th June Year 6 to PGL

Friday 8th June
Non Uniform Day (children to bring in sweets for Street Market)

Sunday 10th June
Alcester Street Market

Monday 11th June
Y6 & Reception Group Photographs

Wednesday 13th June
Year 5 Parent's Meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 14th June
Year 3 Road Safety Assembly

Thursday 14th June
Year 6 AM Road Safety

Thursday 14th June
Y2 Meeting – moving to Juniors 3.30pm

Tuesday 19th June
Year 6 Bikeability Level 2

20th & 21st June
Induction Days for new Reception children

Wednesday 20th June
Reception Meeting moving to Key Stage 1 - 4.30pm

Week beg 25th June Sports week

Monday 25th June Sports Day

Tuesday 26th June
Year 6 Bikeability Level 2

27th & 28th June
Induction Days for new Reception children

Next Newsletter 11th May

Summer Term

Welcome back and we hope that you all enjoyed your Easter break. Now it's the summer term, even if it's still raining, the children can wear their summer uniform. Details of this can be found in the school planners and on the school website.



Our **Christian Value** this half term is **Compassion** and we will be investigating the meaning of this in our Christian Value Collective Worships. Each year group have sent out their Values' Newsletters. Please see the office if you haven't received one.

Leave of Absence

Please see overleaf for more information regarding leave of absence requests.

Breakfast Club—invoices will be sent out in the next few weeks for this half term and should be paid by 25th May. Thank you.

Thursday 26th April

The Year 1 Parents Phonics Screening Meeting took place last night. For any parents that were unable to attend an information pack will be sent home with your child.

Year 1&2 Film Night 4.45-7pm

Tonight is the Film Night for Years 1&2. The film that will be shown is 'Despicable Me 3'. Children are invited to come in pyjamas and onesies. They can also bring along a bean bag, pillow or equivalent to sit on.



New Lunch Menus

New menus start the week beginning 14th May and will be sent home with your children next week. Details will also be available on the school website.

After School Clubs

A list of clubs available this term has been sent home earlier this week with the children. Most clubs start next week; times 3.30pm to 4.30pm (see letter for individual dates and times). Children stay at school at the end of the school day, have their snack and drink and then get changed ready for the clubs to start at 3.30pm. Letters confirming your child's place on their chosen club will be sent home on Monday 30th April asking for payment and with full details regarding the club. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Year Group Newsletters

All Year groups took home their phase newsletters last week. These have details of what the children will be learning this term. Class routines are included, detailing when your children will be doing PE and sport. Please can PE kits be in school every day. This information is also available on our website www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk

Infant Sponsored Bounce

On Friday 18th May the Infant Sponsored Bounce will take place in the morning. Letters will be sent home next week.

Year 6 End of SATs Party

In the afternoon of 18th May, we will be celebrating the end of Year 6 SATs with a party. Letters will be sent home next week.

Library

Our school library officially became a lending library this week with our newly appointed librarians being the first to take a book out.



Mrs Karen O'Shea
Head of School



Library competition

Our Year 4 children took part in a library competition last term. They read as many books as they possibly could and were really engaged with different texts. Four of our children attended Stratford Library alongside other schools. They presented their work about the book that the year were reading called Krindkrax and took part in a quiz. We were then delighted to find out that they had won!

Sport update

The Netball competition which was arranged for 24/4/18 was cancelled because of the weather. A new date will be advised. Year 4 played in a football competition on 25/4/18 and came 3rd out of 13 teams. They had all kinds of weather and collaborated well. Year 1/2 footballers also played really well in a competition last night. We are proud of them all. Good luck to our Year 6 football team who are playing in their final on Monday 30th and also to our Year 3/4 footballers who are taking part in an ABS Football Tournament on 3/5/18.

Get your child into TENNIS!

Great coaching – fun activities and games – free goodies every week! Alcester Tennis Club is delighted to be running Tennis For Kids courses again this year.

6 weeks of tennis coaching
Racket and ball set
Personalised t-shirt

We are running 5 courses at Alcester and are already half full so don't delay! For all the options and to book in follow this link:
<http://tennisforkids.uk/12CA>
If you have any queries please contact
mel@inspire2coach.co.uk
07952 770882

Reminder Monday 7th May
Bank Holiday – school closed

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service of Warwickshire County Council

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority



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Bring your mum and dad and
See your teddy fly!
from the top of the church tower!

Monday 7 May 2018 • 1pm-4pm at St Nicholas Church, Alcester




- Teddy parachute flights from the church tower
- Zip wire plane for your teddies

- Teddy tombola
- Treasure hunt
- Local Honey stall
- Face painting
- Colouring Competition


Give your teddy a great landing & spectacular flight

For more information call Mike Newey - 01789 762579 or find out more @ www.alcesterminster.org/assets/teddy.jpg
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reducing isolation within our communities

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED IN ALCESTER



We take clients for medical appointments or to groups and activities to help overcome social isolation.

We need more drivers in Alcester to cope with the demand for journeys. **Have you got some spare time during the day and would like to help this invaluable service in your community?** You can choose to do as many journeys as you like each month. 45p mileage costs paid.

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