

# Alfred Salter Weekly

News from Alfred Salter Primary School

4th October 2019

## Dear Parents & Carers

Year 6 school journey group had a wonderful time at Nethercott last week and the staff at the farm have said what a lovely group they were to work with. Residential trips are very important to us at Alfred Salter but they do take a lot of organisation and staff give up their own time to enable the children to go. Many thanks go to the staff who accompanied them and also to the office staff for all of the admin support. Our next school journey is next week when Year 4 will be off to the Isle of Wight. I am fortunate to be going with them this year and Josie and Sophie will be sharing the role of acting Headteacher in my absence.

## School Budgets Update

You may be aware that schools in England have been experiencing cuts in their budgets over the last few years. We are not immune to these and have had to make difficult decisions in order to manage our finances in an environment of smaller budgets but growing costs. We have been involved in campaigns to raise the issue of school funding through communication with our local MP and collectively with other Southwark Schools. The government have recently announced an increase in spending for schools, however we do not have any details about when this additional money will be available or what it will be aimed at. We do know that it will be unlikely to reach us this financial year. We are currently in a consultation process to restructure staffing. This decision was made after very careful consideration by the Governing Body and following significant other measures had been taken. At present, I am unable to give you specific information about the proposed structure, but as soon as the process ends, we will of course inform you. Our priority is to maintain stability for the children and if your child has additional needs, any changes to their support will be communicated to you with plenty of notice.

## Swimming Sessions

Seven Islands Leisure Centre are offering families free swimming sessions for the whole family. If you are interested in this offer, please see the School Office for a voucher.

## Corrections



Our report on the success of our Cross Country runners in the newsletter of 20<sup>th</sup> September did not include mention of

Harvey, who came 6<sup>th</sup> in his race. Many apologies for this error and a very big well done for such fantastic effort!

## Cards and Toys in school

The children are currently very keen on bringing cards and beyblades into school. On the whole the children are very sensible with these, however, there have been difficulties in the playground that have arisen from children trading or swapping cards and beyblades. Some children have a very large collection of cards and are unable to keep track of all of them. Therefore, we have decided that the children must only bring in a maximum 10 cards each and they must not be traded or swapped. Children may bring beyblades in to play with in the playground. We reserve the right to stop children from bringing these in if they begin to disrupt the calm learning atmosphere in the classroom or if dealing with problems that come from them being in school start to take up a large amount of staff time or interrupt lesson time.

## Parent/Carer Evenings

Our Parents' Evenings will be held the week before half term. Booking will be available from Monday.



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## Excellent Learning

Our Excellent Learning animal for the last two weeks has been **Persevering Parrot**. Persevering Parrots are particularly good at trying hard and showing determination, understanding that there are different types of mistakes, accepting that learning isn't always easy and doing their best and knowing that effort counts. Please share with us examples of your children being Persevering Parrots at home!

Our next Excellent Learning animal is **Thinking Therapod**. Thinking Therapods are able to self-assess their performance; help peers with tasks; identify ways to improve their work and understand their strengths and areas to target.

## Attendance (%)

Rainbow	96.89
Violet	93.5
Magenta	95.99
Indigo	92.31
Amethyst	90.38
Cyan	98.21
Turquoise	94.75
Emerald	98.67
Juniper	95.83
Ochre	95.19
Honey	98.51
Coral	99.38
Amber	98.72
Garnet	99.11
Crimson	99.07

Total attendance this week is 96.4%  
Well done to Coral, Garnet and Crimson classes for winning this week's attendance award.

## House Points

Rotherhithe	761
Mayflower	581
Brunel	469
Thames	394



## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
04/10/19	Year 4 Trip to Institute of Imagination
04/10/19	World Dyslexia Awareness Day
11/10/19	Crimson Class Assembly
Wb 14/10/19	Parents'/Carers' Evenings
18/10/19	Garnet Class Assembly
21/10/19 – 25/10/19	October Half Term
08/11/19	Ochre Class Assembly
15/11/19	Coral Class Assembly
20/11/19	Universal Children's Day
22/11/19	Emerald Class Assembly
W/C 28/10/19	Year 5 Cycle Training
05/11/19	Year 6 Trip to Imperial War Museum
08/11/19	Fire Brigade Workshops for Year 2 and 5
29/11/19	Cyan Class Assembly
06/12/19	Turquoise Class Assembly
19/12/19	End of Autumn Term
20/12/19 – 03/01/20	Christmas Holiday
06/01/20	INSET Day (closed for children)
07/01/20	Beginning of Spring Term

