

Alfred Salter Weekly

News from Alfred Salter Primary School

6th December 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

We are all very much in the Christmas spirit and began our performances with the Nursery Carol Concert on Thursday. We started today with a great assembly from Turquoise Class on the Snow Queen. The children have been reading and learning about the fairy tale in class as part of their English topic and will be writing their own stories.

Staff Consultation Outcome

As you are aware, we recently went through process to restructure our support staff. This decision was made after very serious consideration by the Governing Body and due to a national funding crisis affecting all schools. We have completed the consultation period of the restructure process and have a new Support Staff structure in place for January 2020. Eight members of staff chose to take voluntary redundancy which meant that there were enough posts for all the staff who applied for a role. We will be saying farewell to Sheila Mellish, Peggy Keane, Maureen Reene, Lynn Jerwood, Sue Darvill, Lesley Roberts and Jenny Bromley. Patrick Buckingham, remains at the school in his role as Premises Assistant but he will no longer be a Midday Meals Supervisor. I am sure you will join me in wishing all the staff leaving the best in their future endeavours and thank them for their hard work and dedication. We have kept the changes for the children to a minimum and letter have gone out to families whose children will have changes to the adults who support them.

Nursery's Carol Concert

Well done to all of our Nursery children who delighted their parents and families with beautiful singing of Christmas songs yesterday! The children



have worked very hard to learn lots of lovely songs and they all looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers! Thank you to everyone who came to watch and to all of the staff who spent so long putting the show together. Well done everyone!

Class List

There have been a number of requests from parents and carers for class lists for children wishing to write Christmas cards or for invitations to birthday parties. A form has been sent out for parents and carers to give permission to publish their child's first name of a class list which will be

displayed on the window is the classroom. If you are happy to share this information, please complete the

form as soon as possible.

REMINDER

London Youth Choir

Yesterday, the first auditions were held for a brand new choir which will be starting at Alfred Salter on Thursday nights in the new year. The London Youth

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Choir run a number of choirs across the capital, where children learn to sing at a very high standard. There are many performance opportunities and the children

would have the opportunity to progress to senior choirs once they have left Alfred Salter. There will be another set of auditions in the first week back, on January 9th. If you would like your son or daughter to take part (KS2 only, unfortunately!) please visit the website for details of how to register: <https://www.londonyouthchoirs.com> - we hope that lots of Alfred Salter pupils will be able to join!

Chinese New Year Assembly



We will be marking Chinese New Year next term. We are looking for parent and carers to help us plan, lead and deliver the assembly. If you are interested in helping us,

please contact the School Office.



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Santa's Grotto



Bookings for Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fayre are now open. Children can have their photo taken with Santa

and can let him know what they would like for Christmas. Tickets are £3 per child and time slots can be booked through the School Office.

Raffle Tickets

Christmas raffle tickets are now on sale. We have some incredible prizes including four tickets to the London Bridge Experience, two adult and two child tickets for a coach trip, a free MOT with collection and drop off, two tickets to a Milwall game, a huge sweet tree and many, many more! Tickets can be purchased every day from the Foyer. The prize draw will be held at the Christmas Fayre on Tuesday 17th December.



Christmas Performance Tickets



Please book your Christmas Performance tickets via ParentMail. The options available are on the form. The deadline to book tickets for **KS1 is Friday 6th**

December and **KS2 is Friday 13th December** at **noon**.

Excellent Learning

Our Excellent Learning animal this week has been **Willing Wolf**. Willing Wolves are willing to have a go and think 'I can do it' when trying out new challenges. They look for challenges and cope with change.

Our next Excellent Learning animal is **Discovering Dolphin**. Discovering Dolphins have particular interests and explore using their senses; embrace open ended activities and show curiosity in the world around them.

School Gates

We have placed doorbells on the pedestrian and car park gate so the School Office are aware that someone is at the gate needing attention. Next week, contractors will be working on both gates to remedy the problem. We will avoid any work taking place during key times of the day and the doorbells will still be in operation until the new system is in place.



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Attendance (%)

Rainbow	91.67
Violet	95.48
Magenta	97.62
Indigo	94.44
Amethyst	94.75
Cyan	98.61
Turquoise	95.37
Emerald	96.38
Juniper	90.28
Ochre	96.47
Honey	97.02
Coral	96.91
Amber	96.84
Garnet	90.18
Crimson	95.54

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
10/12/19	Reception and KS1 Nativity
11/12/19	Nursery Christmas Lunch
12/12/19	Reception – Year 6 Christmas Lunch
12/12/19	Nursery Closed
12/12/19	Breakfast and After School Club Closed
13/12/19	Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children
18/12/19	KS2 Christmas Performance
19/12/19	End of Autumn Term
20/12/19 – 03/01/2020	Christmas Holiday
06/01/2020	INSET Day (closed for children)
07/01/2020	Beginning of Spring Term

Total attendance this week is 95.01%

Well done to Cyan, Magenta and Honey Classes for winning this week's attendance award

House Points

Rotherhithe	408
Brunel	391
Mayflower	366
Thames	329

