

Alfred Salter Weekly

News from Alfred Salter Primary School

8th November 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

The children have settled back in to classes very well following the half term break and they are working hard! The staff have been planning our Christmas activities and events and you may have already heard your children singing some of the songs we are singing in our performances at the end of this term. While the run up to Christmas is exciting, and the children need time to learn their songs and lines for the performances, we try to keep the tinsel and glitter under wraps until December! More information about specific events and dates for your diary follow in this newsletter.

School Gates



We are currently experiencing technical difficulties with our gates. The connection between the intercom system at the

gate and in the office is not working. We are trying to get this fixed but it may require us to dig up part of the pathway and so we will need to do this outside of term time. If you are at the gate outside of the usual pick up or drop off times please call the office if a member of staff hasn't noticed you are there and let you in. Thank you for your patience while we resolve this.

General Election 2019



The school will be used as a **Polling Station on Thursday 12th December 2019**. Nursery will be closed that day as the

Nursery is used for the Polling Station. We are able to secure the school site and direct voters to an alternative entrance so that they will not be able to access any other part of the building. Maintaining the security of the site during the extended hours of breakfast and after school club is difficult at the moment due to the problems with the gates and so there will be no breakfast and after school club on this day.

Show stopping Macbeth Performance



On Thursday evening last week, our keen thespians from Years 4 & 5 took to the stage at Greenwich Theatre to put on a show stopping performance of Macbeth. The children involved have been committed to attending all the rehearsals and have worked so hard which was evident from their performances on stage. They were amazing and we are very proud of them. Macbeth is not an easy play to perform and most children would not tackle it until secondary school so it is a real achievement! Thank you to the parents and carers who came to the show and a big thank you and well done to Sophie Alcock, Deputy Headteacher, for leading the rehearsals and working with the children.

Tackling Air Pollution



Here at Alfred Salter, we are very keen to do our bit to tackle air pollution and would like the whole school community involved. Fumes from cars and air pollution can cause very serious health conditions with long lasting effects. We are asking parents and carers to support us to make our school a healthier place by switching off idle engines when parking outside of school. Thank you for your support.

Autumn Disco

On Friday 15th November, we will be holding our Autumn Term Disco. Years 1, 2 and 3 will be at 4pm to 5pm, followed by Years 4, 5 and 6 at 5pm to 6pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Tickets are £4 and can be purchased from the foyer.



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Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Please come and join us at our first AGM on Wednesday 20th November at 9am. We would like to create a



'Friends of Alfred Salter' group and looking for parents and carers to volunteer their time to help raise key funds for the school. There are a number of roles we would like to fill including Chair, Treasurer, and Class Reps. If you have any ideas of suggestion on fundraising and/or are interested in taking on a key role, please come to the meeting.

Children in Need



We will be celebrating Children in Need day on **Friday 15th November**. Children, if they wish, can come into school in non-uniform and contribute £1 to the cause. In the lead up to the day, there will be a number of fundraising activities, including a bake sale on **Tuesday 12th**

November. Year 1 will be on a trip on 15th November and will need to wear school uniform on the trip so they will have their non-uniform day on Thursday 14th November.

Christmas Performances

Nursery parents and carers are invited to a festive concert of Christmas songs and carols on Thursday 5th December at 2:30pm.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing their Nativity "**The Angel Express**" on Tuesday 10th December. Performances will be at 10am and 2pm.

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be performing "**The Snow Queen**" on Wednesday 18th December. Performances will be at 2pm and 6pm. Tickets will be available via ParentMail for all performances.

Christmas Lunch



Nursery Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 11th December for children who usually

have lunch at school.

Reception to Year 6 will be having their Christmas Lunch on Thursday 12th December. If your child usually has packed lunch and would like to have a Christmas Lunch, please contact the school office. Children will be able to wear their Christmas Jumpers on that day.

Christmas Fayre



On **Tuesday 17th December**, we will be holding our Christmas Fayre from 3-6:30pm. We will have stalls and

games and we hope that Santa will visit to see the children! We would welcome volunteers to help out beforehand or on the day. We are also collecting the following items

- Small packets of sweets
- Items for the tombola
- Chocolate coins
- Bottles of wine for the bottle tombola
- Clean, empty glass jars
- Cakes for the cake sale
- Christmas Jumpers that have been grown out of

End of Term Parties

The children will have their end of term parties in the last week of term. More information from class teachers will be sent out nearer the time.



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Excellent Learning

Our Excellent Learning animal for the last two weeks has been **Memorising Monkey**. Memorising Monkeys are good at remembering information; joining in memory games; demonstrating their understanding and helping others and seeking extra information to help with understanding.

Our next Excellent Learning animal is **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.

Attendance (%)

Rainbow	95.31
Violet	93.79
Magenta	96.99
Indigo	92.81
Amethyst	94.23
Cyan	98.61
Turquoise	96.3
Emerald	93.67
Juniper	95.83
Ochre	96.75
Honey	96.73
Coral	96.3
Amber	96.39
Garnet	93.75
Crimson	98.51

Total attendance this week is 95.57%
Well done to Cyan, Crimson and Magenta classes for winning this week's attendance award

House Points

Brunel	289
Mayflower	203
Thames	188
Rotherhithe	132



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
15/11/19	Coral Class Assembly
20/11/19	Universal Children's Day
22/11/19	Emerald Class Assembly
12/11/19	Children in Need Cake Sale
15/11/19	Non Uniform Day for Children in Need
15/11/19	Disco for Years 1-6
20/11/19	Friends of Alfred Salter AGM
29/11/19	Cyan Class Assembly
05/12/19	Nursery Carol Concert
06/12/19	Turquoise Class Assembly
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

