

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the new school year. Your children have settled in well and we are all looking forward to the rest of the academic year.

We will all be working hard to ensure that your children have a happy and successful time here at Alwyn.



As the roots spread so the tree grows

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Please ensure teachers are aware of any medical conditions that affect your child, e.g. asthma and allergies.
- Please do not allow your children to ride their bicycles and scooters in the school playground before and after school as it is not safe.
- Please take any medicines to the office. We can only administer medicine if it has been prescribed by a doctor.
- As we have a number of children with a nut allergy I request that you do not put nuts in your child's lunchbox.
- I politely ask that everyone be particularly careful in the cloakrooms which become very congested in the mornings with people and pushchairs? Please be careful not to block entrances.

**Helpers in School**

All teachers look forward to having parent/carer helpers in their classrooms. If you are able to participate, please see your child's class teacher as it is necessary to carry out a mandatory police check on all volunteers in school and a simple application process needs to be completed.

**READING AFTERNOON**

Tuesday 23rd September at 2.00 p.m.

Alwyn Hall

Come and find out about reading in school.

See you there!!



Grandparents
Into School Day
Friday 3rd October
Please collect a form from the class teacher
and return as soon as possible.



Dear Parents & Guardians

Our names are Gill Lovell and Helen Green and we are *writing to you* on behalf of Girlguiding Maidenhead.



As a result of the *extremely long waiting lists* for Rainbows, Brownies and Guides throughout the division (which stretches across Maidenhead and surrounding villages – Cookham, Bray, Knowl Hill, Waltham St. Lawrence and Holyport) we are very keen to welcome more adults to our unit teams who could act as a *Unit Helper* or perhaps even train to become a *Unit Leader*.

Our waiting lists have become *so long* that the only way for some girls to experience guiding will be if more volunteers come forward - it would be such a shame if these girls were to miss out on the fantastic opportunities that being a Rainbow, Brownie and Guide offer.

Being part of Girlguiding is great fun and very rewarding; you become part of a unit team and can get involved in planning the activities that the girls participate in. *Guiding is flexible* and we encourage those who would like to volunteer (but can't commit on a regular basis) to consider coupling with a friend and helping out alternately.

Meetings last for around 1 hour 30 minutes a week with lots of interesting activities organised for the girls on a termly basis which can vary from boating to baking, crafts to camping, sports to stories and indoor to outdoor.

We love what we do and the joy you get watching the girls have fun and grow in confidence. Volunteering is also a great way to meet people, make friends and become involved in your local community. We have a *fantastic network* of fellow Unit Leaders, Unit Helpers and Trefoil Guild members within Maidenhead Division who all support each other throughout their guiding journey.

We would love to hear from you if you're interested in volunteering, even if it is just for an initial chat and to answer any questions - our email address is: maidenheadgirlguiding@gmail.com. Alternatively you can register your interest in volunteering via the link below and we shall get be in touch with you shortly: <https://enquiryv.girlguiding.org.uk/>.

We look forward to hearing from you.

GENERAL REMINDERS

- * Please ensure your child has their full P.E. kit (including plimsolls) in school every day.
- * Remember book bags need to come to school every day.
- * School fund is an entirely voluntary contribution and helps us to provide extras at school such as cooking and sewing equipment, plants for the wildlife area and craft materials. All contributions are gratefully accepted and the suggested amount is 25p per week.
- * Please name all articles of clothing, especially sweatshirts and cardigans, as they frequently go missing!
- * A calendar of events is available on our website.

YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 parents/carers are invited to our Harvest Festival assembly which will be held on Thursday 23rd October at 2.30 p.m.

