



ALWYN NEWSLETTER

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A Fantastic Start to the new school year

The children are now settled into their classes and their new routines. It has been so lovely to hear them actively chatting about their learning and making new friends within their class and their year group.

The Year 1 children have particularly impressed us with how well they have adapted to life in Big Alwyn and the Year 2s help them by setting such a great example on how to follow the Alwyn Aims. We also need to say a huge well done to our reception children who have made such a brilliant start and show a real love of learning and curiosity.



School uniform

It is so nice to see the children looking smart in their school uniform. If you are unsure of our uniform policy, please look at the website for help. Just a polite reminder that for safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn in school. The only exceptions are watches. If earrings cannot be taken out, they must be small stud earrings that will be covered with tape for PE.

Punctuality

Please remember our morning start times. It is very important that children arrive in school ready for the start of the school day. It can be disruptive to children emotionally and educationally if they come into a classroom when the lesson has already started and there is not enough time in the day to catch up on missed learning; a lot of learning can take place in 10 minutes! If there is a special circumstance where you know you will be late, please let the office know.

All persistent lateness will be followed up!



We are so pleased to see the children using the playground markings, not just for playing but to practice their coordination skills, counting and letter and number recognition. We are very proud of our colourful, playground and the children do enjoy running around the trails and trying out the different activities. Look out for 'What's the Time Mr Wolf', as it's a particular favourite!

Open Door Policy

Here at Alwyn, we have an 'open door' policy so if you have any questions or concerns about anything at all to do with your child's education or well being, please do not hesitate to talk to the class teacher, phone for a chat or make an appointment if you would like a face to face meeting.

CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOLDEN BOOK!

Look out for stickers on clothing and certificates in your child's book bags. Don't forget to ask them why they have earned one! On Friday afternoons we have a special 'Golden Book' assembly where we celebrate each others' achievements and highlight children who have been exceptionally polite or kind. If your son or daughter has done or achieved something special outside of school, let us know so we can recognise and celebrate their achievements during this special assembly.

Social media <https://www.facebook.com/AlwynInfant/>

We are very excited to have launched our new Facebook page. It will be updated with posts about things the children have done and to celebrate our school values. Look out for the Alwyn logo and train to check that you are on our official page. Remember to follow, like and share!



KEY DATES!

24th September
Reception parents' coffee morning after the morning drop off

27th September
Reception class 'First Class' photos with Maidenhead Advertiser

29th September
PTA AGM & Quiz, 7.30pm

1st October
Parent Council, 9.30-10.30am in Courthouse hall

6th, 14th & 21st October
Zoom sessions for reception parents at 4pm

25th-29th October
Half term

1st November
INSET DAY

PTA Events to Look Forward To



We are collecting clothes (and other textiles) once again! So have a clear out and bring your donations bagged up to Alwyn (drop at the classroom doors) between 8.45-9.10am or to Courthouse (by the car park gates) at the times below: 8.30-9.15am, 3.00-4pm, 5.30-7.30

NEW RECEPTION PARENTS

Join us for a cuppa to meet other parents with children in Little Alwyn. It is a great way to meet, catch up or get to know everyone. 24th September, enter via the gate by the main school office. We look forward to seeing you there!



BIG LITTLE QUIZ & AGM

Wednesday 29th September at 7.30pm
Join us with our new quizmaster Mr Little. Bring your knowledge of music, tv, art and everything else in between for a fun quiz to test the braincells.

Form a team or play on your own to become our Alwyn & Courthouse Big Little Champions 21/22, there may even be a prize to win.

We will kick off the evening with our AGM where we share an update on how we did last year in terms of fundraising and spending plans plus a vote for the committee for the coming school year.

The quiz will start at 8pm so if you don't fancy the AGM you can join us just for the quiz. There is a bar available.

Tickets are £3 per player and you can book on the website:

<https://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/biglittlequiz>

If you are interested in joining the PTA let us know using this form

<https://forms.office.com/r/q72YRTEQNV>.

Community Events



Fun and Games

The Maidenhead Lions annual Duck Derby takes place at Ray Mill Island on the Thames below Boulter's lock on Sunday 19th September from 1 - 4.30pm.

This popular event starts at 1.00pm with a wide variety of stalls and local organisations offering goods for sale and games of chance. Activities will include Bouncy Castle; Face Painting; Moo Music; Story telling for children and the Lions ever popular fun train giving rides around the island.

The Duck Race will be started by the Mayor of Windsor & Maidenhead Cllr. John Story at 4.00pm. The Sea Cadets will release the ducks which can be seen drifting down the Thames. Tickets for the duck race will be on sale on the day at £1 each with cash prizes.

The Lions Club of Maidenhead raise money for local charities and the local community. They had to postpone their events due to Covid-19 so it would be great if we could support them by turning up and having fun.

