



## OUR WEEKLY NEWS

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### Messages and reminders

It has been an action packed week in Alwyn that started with a whole school focus on Internet Safety. Year 2 worked hard on their pirate topic by planning a route on a map and they wrote instructions on how to find buried treasure. Year 1, after reading Little Red Riding Hood, thought about town planning and have worked together to make their ideal town. Thank you so much to all the parents who sent in boxes to help with this project. Little Alwyn have been retelling the Story of Jasper's Beanstalk which has led them to think about the days of the week, height and length. As part of RE, they have also designed and coloured some beautiful Rangoli patterns.

#### Internet Safety, Miss Hynes

This week the children had a visit from Paul Hay. He came to share his expertise on how we can all keep safe while using the internet. He spoke about what the children may use the internet for and shared his 4 top tips of internet safety. The children enjoyed watching and discussing the 'Jessie and friends' cartoon. It was engaging and led to lots of class based discussions. The children enjoyed having a chance to share what games they play on their devices at home and were able to remember the 4 top tips! In the evening Paul also led a fantastic parent session in which he shared strategies on how to keep our children safe online. You can watch a recording of the session by following the link: <https://youtu.be/sVxbAl1d1M>. Thank you Paul!

Further information can also be found on our school website under the curriculum tab.

Another great source of information and help for parents is the BBC website as it is full of advice and videos <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curations/parents>



### The Alwyn Aims

These are the rules we all try to follow:

- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Look and listen
- Be careful and kind
- Always do your best



### Parking and Driving Outside School

We request that everyone drives and parks carefully and considerately around school. Please do not mount the pavements as many of our children walk to school on those pavements. Please do not park across the driveways of local residents. Please only use the disabled parking bays if you are entitled to do so, making sure your disabled driver permit is on display.



### Free Parenting Courses

There is a free online parenting course called 'Understanding your child', for parents of children aged 6 months to 18 years. For further information on the course, go to: <https://inourplace.co.uk/online-course-for-parents/>. You can register for free using the access code: parenting.



# Hooray, Our Book Weeks are Coming!

14th - 18th February and 28th February - 4th March

We have many exciting activities planned for our Alwyn School Book Fortnight to encourage a love of reading and the chance to talk about books, characters, settings, poetry and interesting facts.

There will be a **book sale** in the school hall straight after pick up time from Monday 14th February until Friday 18th February where you can browse and buy from a great range of reading books. This is a cash only sale so please come with change as we don't tend to have cash in school. A percentage of the sales goes towards the purchase of new books for our school too!

On Monday, your child will have a £1 World Book Day Token in their school book bag that can be used at the book fair. Alternatively, you could take the token to a book shop and exchange it for one of the special World Book Day titles.

**Half term challenge:** the children can make a collage/model based on a book of their choice over the holiday. Their work will be displayed in school for all to see!

On 1st March we will launch our **30 day challenge** event that was very popular last year. The children have a poster with different reading activities to complete and they colour it in to keep track of their achievements.

Towards the end our Book Fortnight and to celebrate World Book Day, the children can come into school **dressed as a book character** on Thursday 3rd March. It would be wonderful, if they could say who the character is and the book they are from.

There is no need to buy anything special for this day as it could be exciting to put together a home-made costume with your child from things you already have, which is great for the environment as it promotes the idea of reusing items.

**Happy Reading!**



# Healthy Sleep for Children

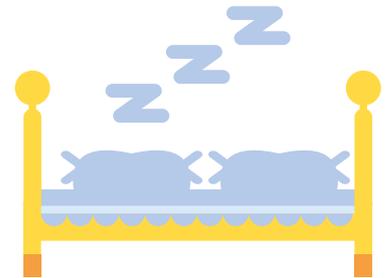
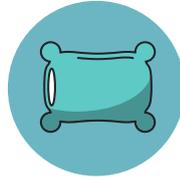
We are running a free 'Sleep workshop for parents'

Monday 7th March 2022 From 9:15-10:15am

At Alwyn Infant School

Delivered by Jane McFadyen, Senior Educational Psychologist  
and Ellie Newbery, Trainee Educational Psychologist

The session will include information and tips about healthy sleep routines and good 'sleep hygiene' for children. We plan to follow up with a further 'problem solving' workshop where you are invited to drop in and have an informal discussion with us. This will be held on Monday 21st March 2022 at 9:15-10:15am.



All welcome!

If you know you would like to attend then please email [senco@alwyn.org.uk](mailto:senco@alwyn.org.uk) so we know roughly how many parents to plan for.

This session is part of a series of workshops delivered with the Educational Psychology Service. Other dates to look out for:

Monday 4th April 2022 09:15-10:15am - Supporting children with eating

Monday 9th May 2022 09:15-10:15am - Healthy routines for children

More information on these sessions to follow.

# Messages from the Year Groups

## KEY DATES!

### RECEPTION LEARNING THIS WEEK

Ask me if I can tell you a word that has 'qu' in it

Ask me if I can tell you a word that has 'ch' in it

Ask me if I can write the word 'quit'

Ask me if I can write the word 'chip'

Ask me about the Hindu festival Holi

Ask me to tell you people that keep me safe - police, doctors, firefighters, teachers, parents

Ask me to name the days of the week

Ask me to retell you the story of Jasper's Beanstalk

### YEAR 1 LEARNING THIS WEEK

This week in maths, we have been practising counting in 2s and 5s.

- Ask me to show you how I can count in 2s.
- Ask me to show you how I can count in 5s.

In phonics, we have been revisiting the sounds that we have learnt so far. Ask me if I can use the following sounds to spell words: /oa/ as in goat, /ie/ as in tie and /sh/ as in ship.

In English we have been reading the story of 'the Three Little Pigs'. Ask me to tell you the main events of the story.

This week we have also designed and made a building for our ideal town. Ask me what type of building I made.

For internet safety, ask me what I can do to keep safe online.

### YEAR 2 LEARNING THIS WEEK

We have been continuing with our mini topic about pirates and we have been learning how to write **instructions**.

Ask me what sort of words we need to use when we write instructions.

Ask me to tell you 5 time words we can use when giving instructions.

Ask me to give you instructions for how to get ready for bed.

We have been having lots of fun drawing our own treasure **maps**.

Ask me to name 4 physical features that I could mark on a map using a symbol.

Ask me to name 4 human features that I could mark on a map using a symbol.

Ask me to name the 4 points of the compass.

In maths, we have been learning about **2D shapes**.

Ask me to go on a 2D shape hunt around the house and point out to you the shapes I find. Ask me to name the shapes I find.

In science we have been learning about **British habitats** and the animals and plants that live in them.

Ask me to tell you an animal and a plant that live in these habitats; pond, woodland, urban and at the coast.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!



A huge 'well done' to all the children who were in the Golden Book for their brilliant school work and to those children who had a kindness certificate or a polite parrot certificate this week.

**We are very proud of you!**

14th-18th February &  
28th Feb-4th March  
Book Fortnight

14th-18th February  
Book Fair, school hall

21st-25th February  
Half Term

3rd March  
Book Character Day

7th March, 9.15am  
Parent session on sleep

15th March  
FRED Workshop

15th & 17th March  
Parents consultations

18th March  
Red Nose Day

21st March, 9.15  
Parent drop in: sleep

22nd March  
Yr1 Trip to Odds Farm TBC

23rd March  
Yr2 Trip to The Look Out  
TBC

28th March  
PCSO visit for Yrs1 & 2

8th April  
End of Term