



ALDERSBROOK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Let's Learn Together....

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Message from Mr Hughes

Welcome back – I hope you have had a good summer holiday. All children have settled well into their new classes and are excited about all the new learning coming this year. We would like to welcome all our new members of staff, pupils and parents to Aldersbrook.

Some parents have already noticed some of the changes we have made to the school over the holidays. These include:

- Progress on the bus– the interior of the bus is now almost complete and the new books have arrived! We are now finalizing the decking, sail and planting for the outside of the bus and we hope to officially open in October!
- We have installed a living wall in our new ‘Serenity Garden’. We will be adding furniture and resources to this area which is a chill-out zone for those children that would like to have a quiet moment during the hectic play times.
- We have installed LED lighting throughout the entire KS1 building and some of the KS2 building on a rolling programme.
- Refurbished floors in the KS2 building and a bright new hallway upstairs!
- All classrooms have new computers to run at super speed!
- The leaking chimney stack is now repaired and good as new.
- New hand dryers and sinks in some of the pupil toilets.
- Internal telephones in all classrooms in case of any emergencies.
- Our amazing new website will launch next week!

Thank you to Mr Griffiths and Mr Raynor for their hard work over summer. We also say goodbye to Mr Griffiths as he moves on to a new school and we look forward to welcoming a new site supervisor in the coming weeks.

Message from the Chair of Governors

I hope everyone had a lovely summer and are looking forward to a new school year. I am excited and honoured to be taking on the role of Chair of Governors and I look forward very much to continuing the hard work of Lady Tracy Adebowale-Jones. As you may be aware there will be elections for parent governors this term, so please take the time to vote. These roles are key to ensuring smooth communication between parents, governors and school and it's important to me to make sure everyone's voice is heard. I look forward very much to supporting Mr Hughes and his staff at this awesome school.

Chris Patsalis

Save the Date!

Friday 19th October will be our Pupil Conference Day where you will get a chance to meet your child's teacher and discuss their learning with them. We have booked a fantastic guest speaker, Jon Taylor (former policeman working undercover on online behaviour) who will be presenting information about online safety and how to encourage this at home. He will be speaking from 9-10:00am in the large hall and we would love to see as many parents & carers there as possible.

7th September 2018

Forthcoming Events

- For regular updates please take a look at our website www.aldersbrook.redbridge.sch.uk
- 17-19/09 - Year 5 Camping
- 19-21/09 - Year 3 Camping
- 28/9/17 - Macmillan Coffee Morning: 8:50am - 9:30am
- 3/10/18 - PTA meeting @ 7:30pm at Wanstead Bowling Club
- 19/10/17 - Pupil Conference Day - Non pupil day
- October Half Term 22/10/17 - 26/10/17

Our Value of the month: is...



Clean Team

This year we are introducing 'Clean Teams' for each class. Every child in the school will lend a hand to clean their classroom once a week on a rota. This is not because the cleaners don't already do a great job!! We really want the children to have a sense of pride, ownership and responsibility for their classroom and school, and to help develop their independence.

Parent & Teacher Association Meeting

When you join Aldersbrook Primary you are automatically a member of the PTA. The first PTA meeting will be held on **Wednesday 3rd October at 7:30pm** at Wanstead Bowling Club. Please come along and support us, as all of the fantastic events that happen for your children across the year cannot happen without parent help.

Term dates 2018-2019

We have been informed by Redbridge local authority that there was a mistake on the holiday dates sent to all school for the 2018/2019 academic year. The amended dates would see our pupils finish for the summer holidays on Monday 22nd July, which we understand would be inconvenient for many families. We have therefore decided to amend our term dates and staff training days (see website) so that pupils now finish on Friday 19th July and staff training day will be moved to 22nd/23rd July 2019. Pupils will attend 190 days school days across the year.

New Management Information System

We are using a new information management system, Arbor, which will allow all aspects to be administered through one platform. We will be sending out more information next week which will allow parents access to the information that we hold, make changes, give consent and view their child's attendance. Please note that this is a new system for staff and it will be a learning curve for all of us.

ISS School Dinners

Please ensure you pay for your child's school dinner money in advance, unless they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as they are entitled to the Universal Free School Meal. The cost of a meal is £2. All payments need to be made online. The school does not accept any cash payments for school dinners. If the account does not have sufficient funds, your child will not be able to receive a school meal. It is important that if you are in receipt of any support benefits, please visit the website for details. www.redbridge.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. If you require any support please contact Mr Gibson.

Safety Reminder

Please remember that the Key Stage 1 play area is not to be used before or after school as there is not a member of staff there at those times to supervise. Please do not ride scooters as in the playground before or after school.

Medication

If your child suffers from any medical condition e.g. asthma, allergies, you will need to collect a form from reception. You must complete and return the form. If these forms are not completed your child may be at risk and may not attend educational visits if we do not have the appropriate information and medication. Please remember children must not bring any medication to school unless prescribed and signed in at the office.

Attendance

Full attendance and punctuality at school is essential in ensuring your child gets the very best education they can. Please phone in on the first day of your child's absence and also put the reason for absence in writing or use our absence email address: absence@aldersbrook.redbridge.sch.uk. As part of our target to improve attendance we will not be authorising any leave during term time in line with local authority guidance.

After School Club Provision

Club registration details and information will be sent out on next week. Please look out for the letter so that you don't miss out the chance to apply!