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Let's Learn Together....

Attendance Cup Winners

Congratulations to classes 3J and 4W on winning the attendance cup for week ending 18.12.17

Welcome Back from Mr Hughes

Happy New Year

Welcome back to a new year! Can I take this opportunity to wish all of the families and staff at Aldersbrook a Happy New Year and the very best wishes for 2018.

A reminder to parents and carers to please ensure your child arrives promptly to school any time from 8:30-8:50am so that we can get all pupils off to a great start to the day.

We look forward to kicking off our 'build' section of the library bus project from the end of this month and are all excited to see our new library transform before our eyes.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome back Mrs Adam from maternity leave and to welcome new members of staff, Miss Shilson and young Mr Gibson.

May 2018 be the best year yet for you all!

Mr Hughes

Allergies and Illnesses at Aldersbrook

Please be aware that we have several new pupils starting with us this year that have particular allergies or conditions that could be easily triggered if they were to come in contact with children with other illnesses such as flu, chicken pox, measles, shingles or stomach bugs. While the contagious stage of many of these illnesses are without obvious symptoms, we would ask you to contact the school office as soon as you notice any symptoms for the aforementioned illnesses. Could we also ask parents to refrain from sending nuts in school packed lunches as we have several students and staff with severe nut allergies.

'Life in Likes': A report into social media use among 8-12 year olds by the Children's Commissioner

Most social media platforms have a minimum age limit of 13, but research shows a growing number of children aged under 13 are using social media, with **3 in 4** children aged 10-12 having their own accounts.

A new research report (<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Childrens-Commissioner-report-Life-in-likes-Jan-4-2018-.pdf>) highlights issues around the impact of young children using social media.

While much is known about how teenagers use social media, this research provides the missing piece to the story, exploring the social media lives of children before they reach the teenage years.

We would recommend all parents & carers to read this report in order to help us to safeguard children while they are online at home and at school.

Our Value of the month is...



5th January 2018

Forthcoming Events

- **For regular updates please take a look at our website www.aldersbrook.redbridge.sch.uk**
- **18/1/18 - ISS International Day themed food menu**
- **24/1/18 - PTA meeting at the School @ 7:30pm**
- **25/1/18 - 3B Sharing Assembly @ 2:30pm**
- **1/2/18 - 6F Sharing Assembly @ 2:30pm**

After School Club Provision - Spring term

The club timetable will be available on Monday 8th January 2018 and parents will be able to apply for clubs online from 4pm. Places will be allocated on a first come basis. Children will receive an acceptance slip on Friday 12th January to confirm their place. Please check the timetable for the start and end dates for the clubs.

Winter Fair

Thank you to all of the PTA and staff volunteers for running such a wonderful Winter Fair before the holidays. They raised well over £4000 for the bus library project, which will be getting started over the next month. These events add so much to the experience of school that our pupils get, yet are difficult to recruit people to come along and help to run. The next PTA meeting will be held at the school on **24th January at 7:30pm** and we would love to see any new faces there.

The PTA would like to thank all the wonderful local retailers and businesses that made the Winter fair such a success due to their generous donations. These include Provender, Lillies of Wanstead, Images in frames, The Ginger pig, Bambini, The Art shop, Luppolo, Wanstead Golf club and pro shop (Dave Hawkins), Sweet Health, Jo and Kesi, Le Petit Corner and Laura Lea Designs. We would also like to give a special thanks to Mark Hadayah from Prontaprint in Russell Square who covers all our flyer, ticket and poster printing (all year round) and to Pie Republic and Rajan Caterers for providing the amazing food.

Library Bus Update

Work is due to start very soon to convert the bus into our school library, we are very grateful to Mr Bashir for a very generous donation of **£1,000.00** to go towards purchasing new books for the children. Please encourage your family, friends and local businesses to get involved and help us get this bus created - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/aldersbrookprimaryschool>. Thank you to all of the families that have previously given donations via this site.

Reminder - 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.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

Your child(ren) may be eligible for Free School Meals if you are in receipt of one or more of the benefits listed.

ISS our lunch provider, create delicious and nutritious meals for children to enjoy. For more information on our lunch menu, please collect a menu from the school office. Please see the attached leaflet for information on Free School Meals.

Can you Help!

Mr Bezant and Mr Gibson's curiosity shop is 'Flick to Kick'. Do you have any Subbuteo at home that you do not use? If so, Flick to Kick would love to have it. Please bring any donations to the school office.

