



## Newsletter

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News, information and events  
from Alexandra Primary

Our value of  
the month is  
Humility

### SUN SAFE

As we move towards the summer months and expect (hopefully) to see the temperature rising it is important for your children to be kept safe and healthy.

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle that they can bring each day to school refreshed with cold water which they can drink throughout the day. There are water fountains around the school and water provided at lunchtime that we will also encourage the children to drink from regularly.

On those days where it is forecast to be hot and sunny can you also put sun cream on your child's exposed skin before they come to school in the morning as well as providing them with an appropriate hat to help them to keep cool outside during the day, particularly at lunchtime.

### SCHOOL OPENING

**School gates open** in the morning at **8.45**—children should not be arriving at school until this time unless they are attending Breakfast Club or other clubs run by the school staff before school.

Children should not be left unsupervised in the playground before school—they must stay with their adult until collected by the class teacher at **8.55** when the children move into school to begin their learning for the day.

Please continue to encourage your children to cross Western Road using the crossings close to the two school entry points and not cross between the cars parked along Western Road.

### PE KIT

All children have been informed on the recent class curriculum newsletters of the days that they will be having PE—if you are not sure please ask your child's teacher for confirmation of the PE days.

PE is a statutory part of the primary curriculum and it is expected that all children participate fully in all PE lessons.

It is also important for safety and hygiene reasons that the children are wearing the correct PE kit which is:-

**White PE T-shirt**

**Blue/black shorts or blue tracksuit bottoms**

**Blue tracksuit jacket or jumper**

**Black plimsolls or trainers**

If there is a medical reason that your child is not able to take part in PE, you must send in a signed letter or doctor's note confirming the reasons for exemption.

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## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Class assemblies are on Friday morning in the main hall at 9.05.

During the summer term every class from yr 1 to yr 6 will have an assembly to showcase their work and learning.

Towards the end of the summer term in July we will also have the end of year celebration assemblies—more details to follow in the coming weeks.

## SPORTS DAY

Sports day is scheduled to be during the week beginning Monday 25th June; we will share the details once arrangements have been confirmed in the coming weeks by our PE and Healthy Schools lead Ms Bruce.

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer has been booked to come into Alexandra Primary on **Wednesday 2nd May** to take the class photographs for this year.

## TESTING AND ASSESSMENT

Summer term is the time assessments take place for many primary school children across the country. The statutory testing that the school needs to undertake are for:-

- Yr1 phonics check between 11th June and 15th June
- Yr2 testing of reading and maths between 1st May and 25th May
- Yr6 testing of grammar, punctuation and spelling, reading and maths between 14th May and 17th May

Information about testing arrangements have been shared widely already; if however you do have any further questions please speak to your child's teacher.

## ENABLING ENTERPRISE

Enabling Enterprise is a very exciting new venture that is being undertaken by the school this term. It is focused in Reception and year 4 at this time and includes a ten week project. Parents of children in those years who have questions about what it entails please speak to your child's teacher.

This project is being coordinated by our assistant headteacher Ms Seymour who will provide a summary of the expectations and expected outcomes in the next newsletter.

## READING MORNING

Our **Thursday Reading Morning** is continuing this term. It is a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to come and read with your child to celebrate the love of books and the joy of reading together.

Evidence clearly shows that the more children read for pleasure and enjoyment the better prospects they have for higher attainment as they continue through the education system—the joy of reading is an invaluable gift to give to your child.

Reading morning is every **Thursday** between **9:00 and 9:30**—please try to make the time to support your child and the school with this extremely worthwhile initiative.

We are also offering those who attend an opportunity to win a **£20 Love to Shop** (*who doesn't love to shop?*) voucher in a special assembly at the end of term.

Best wishes,

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin

**Leadership Team**

| Date                          | Class         |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April | 5 Venezuela   |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May    | 4 Nicaragua   |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May   | 5 Puerto Rico |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May   | 3 Bolivia     |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May   | 3 Argentina   |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June   | 6 Espana      |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June  | 6 El Salvador |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June  | 2 Colombia    |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June  | 2 Chile       |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July   | 1 Costa Rica  |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July  | 1 Cuba        |

## KEY DATES

### Summer Term 2018

School closed -  
**Bank Holiday**  
Monday 7th May

WC 21st May—  
Families Week

Half term ends  
Friday 25th May

School closed  
Monday 28th  
May—Friday 1st  
June

Staff INSET—  
**school closed**  
Monday 4th June

Return to school  
Tuesday 5th June

WC 25th June—  
Health , Fun and  
Fitness Week

Summer Term  
ends Friday 20th  
July at **2pm**

### Autumn Term 2018

Return to school  
Wednesday 5th  
September

