



Altofts Junior School

Newsletter w/e 2/5/25



Dear Parents/Carers

Finally we are having some lovely weather! Please ensure your child is protected from the sun. They can bring a hat and please apply suncream to your child before school. Children can also bring suncream in to school if they need to reapply at lunchtime but this will have to be applied independently and not shared with other children. Due to the hot weather, many children are removing jumpers and cardigans so please ensure that these are clearly labelled to enable us to return any that are found. In addition, a named water bottle is more likely to be returned to its owner.

Academy consultation

Just a reminder that the consultation to join Waterton Academy remains open. Please email any comments or questions you have to the office.

VE Day

On Thursday we will celebrate VE day which marks 80 years since the war ended. We invite children to come to school dressed respectfully in red, white and blue (no football clothing, cropped tops or short shorts) and we will celebrate with a street party style lunch. Through the school dinner system, children can order a VE day lunch or bring their own packed lunch.

Esafety

[Support children with SEND talking to people online | NSPCC](#) This takes you to a NSPCC page which supports families of children with SEND in the online world. If any children are struggling with friendships and a sense of belonging in the real world, they may look to find friends in an online world which if not done correctly could be dangerous. This applies to all children and not just children with send.

PE Uniform

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When children are participating in indoor PE lessons, they will need the following uniform:

- Black or navy-blue Shorts (with no logo)
- White T-shirt (with no logo)
- Optional leotard for gymnastics
- Suitable trainers or plimsolls
- Navy blue / black Jogging/tracksuit bottoms (with no logo)
- Navy blue/black sports top, e.g. tracksuit top or hoodie (with no logo)
- Swimming trunks for boys and full swimming costume for girls
- A suitable towel and bag
- No leggings or cycling shorts to be worn

Pupil Voice

Our wonderful Student Council have shared that some children are not really bothered about getting Dojos and therefore don't try to get them. Through discussion with the children, it was established that it was more the reward system (bronze, silver and gold badges) that was the issue. In student council meetings next week, we will be working on a new reward system designed by the children. They are thinking they would like a Dojo shop where they can get to spend their Dojos or save them for a bigger reward such as a movie afternoon. This will give each child a choice which ties in with our British Value 'Individual Liberty.' Hopefully, as it is designed by the children this will provide more motivation for a small minority to work harder and the children who continually work hard and make the right choices will be rewarded in a way where they get a choice.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Joanne Vickers



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Reminders

School dinners

Increased price to £2.80 from 22nd April

Belongings

Please label all belongings so we can get them back to their owner.

Volunteer speakers

Our RE curriculum aims to ensure that pupils know about and understand a range of religions: Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism and Humanist communities. We are looking for visitors, who follow one of these religions, to come and talk to the children about their religion and to explain aspects of their religion eg festivals and places of worship. If you would be interested in talking to the children or know someone who is interested, please contact school via the office. The talks will really help to bring RE lessons to life.

Diary dates

7th/8th May Y4 Nell Bank visit

12th-16th May SATs week

22nd May Alton Towers

23rd May Last day of half term—finish 3pm

2nd June First day back

2nd June Class 1 and Class 3 Bagshaw Museum

3rd June Class 2 Bagshaaw Museum

3rd June Y5/6 Evening theatre trip

3rd June Class 7 inspire 1pm

4th June Class 8 inspire 1pm

5th June Class 9 inspire 1pm

9th—11th June Year 6 Bikeability

16th—18th June Bikeability

18th June Class 9 and Barley Hall

19th June Class 8 Barley Hall

20th June Class 7 Barley Hall

26th June Summer Fair

1st July Class 4 inspire afternoon

2nd July Class 5 inspire afternoon

3rd July Class 6 inspire afternoon

2nd—4th July Year 6 London residential

9th July Transition day

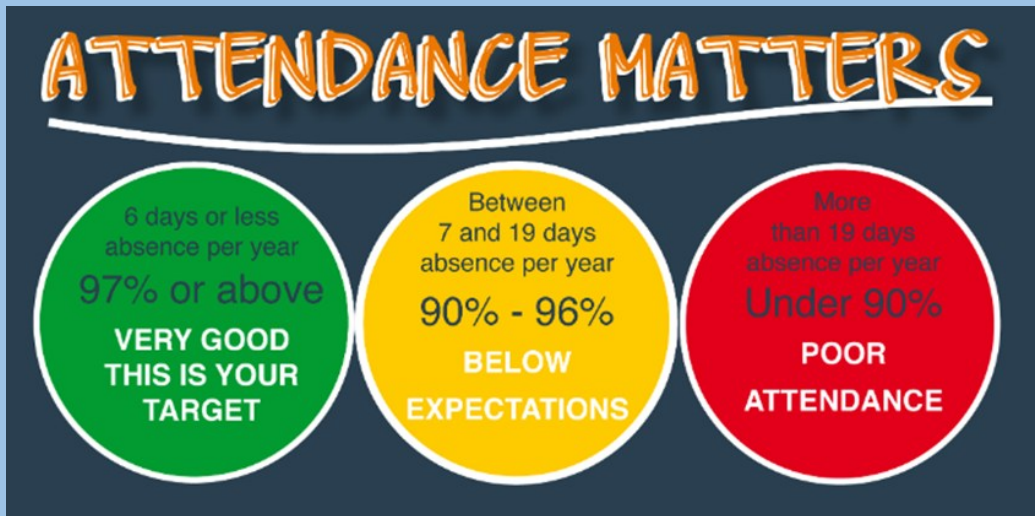
9th July Summer disco for Year 3,4 and 5

10th July Year 3 and 4 sports day 9:30, Year 5 and 6 sports day 1pm

Further dates will be added as events get planned in.



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This week's highest attendance goes to Class 8 with an attendance of 99.23%. Amazing attendance—very well done!