



**Aim High No Limits**  
**Newsletter Spring 5     6<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
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Dear Parents & Carers,

We break up at the end of this week for half term. School will finish at the normal time. The children are due back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. The children have worked hard this half term and we have seen some excellent progress as a result of this. We hope that you all have a lovely break.

### **Alice in Wonderland**

The drama group did two performances of Alice in Wonderland last week. The children in the performance were amazing, their singing, acting and dancing were so enjoyable to watch. Thank you to all who came along to see it and for your donations at the end. We raised £161.00, which will go towards costumes for future performances and props/scenery.

### **ALFI – Alton Local Food Initiative**

This Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am – 12.30pm, ALFI are having their ‘Seedy Saturday’ event in the Methodist Church Hall, where you can swap or buy seeds for a small donation. There will be refreshments available.



### **Half Term Activities**

We are sending out flyers with this newsletter about activities we have been told about for half term. Some of these will accept the Reach Out and Have a Go vouchers. An additional activity is listed below:

Alton Martial Arts Academy is running **FREE HALF TERM SESSIONS FOR KIDS** again this coming half term.

FREE sessions on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.**

10.00 - 10.30     3 to 6 years Taekwon-Do

10.45 - 11.30     6 to 12 years Taekwon-Do

11.45 - 12.30     6 to 12 years Kickboxing

Please contact us to arrange your free session: [www.altonmaa.co.uk](http://www.altonmaa.co.uk) or call 07932 058059. Children should wear jogging bottoms and a t-shirt and should bring a bottle of water with them.

### **Parents’ Evenings**

Parents’ evenings take place this week, we look forward to seeing you to discuss the progress of your children. Please call the school office if you have not made an appointment yet.

### **Year 6 SATs Information Evening**

There is a meeting on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm** for parents of children in year 6 where you will have the opportunity to find out about the different SAT papers, the timetable for the week (14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May), the types of questions that the children will have to answer and how the papers are marked.

I have been asked about whether we are running an Easter school for year 6 children this year. We have decided that we do not need to this year. There are four weeks between the end of the Easter holiday and the start of SATs week, which will be plenty of time to get the children ready for the tests. We ran the Easter school last year as there were only 9 school days between the end of the holiday and the first test.

The children did a Mock SATs week last week to help to prepare them for the week in May. They all approached the tests with an excellent attitude. They sat the same papers that the year 6 children took in May last year. The teachers are really pleased with the results. In reading and maths and reading, writing and maths combined, the percentage of children achieving the expected standard was higher than the national percentage for the actual SATs last year.

### **Cake Sale**

The PTA are holding a cake sale on Friday after school. Please send in cakes (bought or homemade) on Friday morning (please remember we are a nut free school). Please also come along and buy some cakes at the end of the day!



### **Lost Property**

This is my usual notice at the end of a half term. On Friday, we will put all the lost property items out and get the children to have a look and we will also have it laid out at home time for parents to have a look. After this, we will donate any items left to Phil the Bag.

### Phil the Bag – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Please fill as many black bin bags as you can with any unwanted textiles that are in reusable condition: clothes, shoes, curtains, bedding, etc. The full bags can be left by the seating area at the front of the school on the morning of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February before 9.30am. We would like as many full bags as possible as the school will receive money for the donations. Have a good sort out over half term!



### PTA Discos – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

The PTA discos are on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February in the school hall. CM Sports will be the DJ's for the evening. Tickets will be on sale at lunchtimes on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and also on the door on the evening itself. Tickets cost £3.50 and include a drink and snack. The Year 3 and 4 disco will be from 5.15 – 6.30pm and the Year 5 and 6 disco will be from 6.45 - 8.00pm.

### World Book Day

World Book Day is coming up and Anstey is holding an event on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. To celebrate this event, we would like everybody to come in dressed as their favourite book character. Throughout the day, every class will be focussing their learning around a chosen book. In the past, World Book Day has always been a really fun and exciting event for both children and staff. There will also be a costume competition on the day where the best dressed boy and girl from each year group will be awarded a prize. Thank you in advance for your support with this event.

### Times Tables

This week the children in years 4, 5 and 6 will be tested on their 6 - 12 times tables as part of the rock star challenge.



### Gold Book

Congratulations to the following children who were recognised in the Gold Book during celebration assembly:

<b>3B</b>	<b>4M</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>6L</b>
Oscar	Gabriel	Dylan	Lola
<b>3S</b>	<b>4W</b>	<b>5W</b>	<b>6M</b>
Alice	Jack R	Logan	Joel

### Sam the Frog

Congratulations to 3B and 5C who achieved 98.7% attendance last week and will share Sam the Frog this week.



Letter Alert!	
The following letters have been sent out today/recently ...have you received them?	
<b>January</b>	
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Transition Questionnaire letter (Year 3 parents only)
<b>February</b>	
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	SATs Information Evening letter (Year 6 parents only)
<b>February</b>	
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening 4.00 – 6.30pm
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Cake Sale after school
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	Phil the Bag clothing collection a.m.
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Meeting 2.00 – 3.00pm
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	CM Sports Discos – Lower School 5.15 – 6.30pm, Upper School 6.45 – 8.00pm
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs Information Evening 6.00pm
<b>March</b>	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day event
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> – Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Mothers' Day Gift Sales at lunchtimes

With all best wishes to you and your family,

Jenny Jones  
Headteacher