

Alexandra Primary School

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Message from the Head Teacher

Hello Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. This week the children have returned to school and have settled really well into the different routines and rules that we currently operate at the moment. It has been lovely to see the enthusiasm and smiles that children have come to school with.

I would like to thank you also for showing your support during the drop off and collection of children as this has been very different to how we normally operate. Please remember to use the information from the school website www.alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk and please leave extra time for your journey and be on time for collection.

Please wait and space yourselves out if you are able to. Only one parent on site and as our paths are quite narrow, we would appreciate no scooters and bikes at the moment. Pushchairs are ok, but please keep your children with you and leave the site as quickly as you can. We do review these procedures regularly.

We understand the anxiety of the situation we all find ourselves in. I would like to reassure you that children are washing and hand sanitising their hands in the classroom and whenever they leave the classroom or return to it without exception. This is one way we can keep the transmission of the virus as low as possible.

If your child has a temperature before school, the whole family should book a COVID19 test and self-isolate and not return until a negative result has been received. This is really important. Make sure to show us your test results. Negative tests mean children can return to school.

Teachers are currently ringing parents to discuss the report we sent out in July based on the survey carried out then. There will be an opportunity later this term to discuss progress with the current class teacher, although parent meetings will be different this term to usual.

You may want to discuss concerns and issues with class teachers and as face to face meetings are not possible just at the moment there are a number of ways of doing this. You can email the school – use office@alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk or telephone 0208 5706 826.

We have also set up Year Group Leader emails which can be used for general concerns or issues that you might have discussed at drop off or collection by the classroom door previously.

The Year Group Leader may answer directly or ask a class teacher to phone you. Please ensure school has at least two contacts and that you keep us informed of changes to mobile numbers and email addresses.

Year Group Leader Emails:

Nursery at Alexandra Primary School nursery@alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk

Reception at Alexandra Primary School reception@alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk

Year 1 at Alexandra Primary School year1@alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk

Year 2 at Alexandra Primary School year2@alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk

Year 3 at Alexandra Primary School year3@alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk

Year 4 at Alexandra Primary School year4@alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk

Year 5 at Alexandra Primary School year5@alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk

Year 6 at Alexandra Primary School year6@alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk

The APS All stars email address should not be used at moment. Please use the office or Year Group Leader emails.

P.E. days have been advertised on the website. Children come to school dressed for PE and this is the same for sports clubs. No backpacks for the time being. Children can wear trainers on PE days.

Uniform – we are aware of supply chain issues and although the majority of children are attending in uniform, items can be ordered through ParentPay.

Nursery had their first session of stay and play which went really well. The children enjoyed their time in school exploring the area and had fun playing and getting to know the adults in the Nursery.

Reception have been learning their routines and lots of nursery rhymes. They have been learning about germs and how to keep safe with good hand washing.

Year 1 have been counting and representing numbers with objects in Maths. In English we have started our class book, 'Only One You.' We have been creating work to show how we are all unique. In Art, we have been making self-portraits using a range of different media in Art. What a fantastic start!

In Year 2, we have started to read our class book, 'The Day the Crayons Quit.' We will soon be writing our very own version of the story. In Maths, we have investigated how to partition numbers up to 100. We have also been practising our sketching skills to draw self-portraits and have experimented with different styles. The year group have settled well and we are looking forward to all the super learning that will take place in Year 2.

In Year 3, we have been learning about place value in maths and adventure stories in English. We have been looking at the features of what makes a good adventure story. Our new topic for Year 3 is the Stone Age and we will be learning all about this

period of time in our topic lessons and we will be writing adventure stories using our knowledge from the Stone Age to do so. The children have started well in Key Stage 2 and we look forward to an amazing year of more learning!

In Year 4, we have been exploring place value and number composition in Maths. We have started to explore stories set in imaginary worlds and using language to describe them. Our class novel is 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' and we have been exploring the vocabulary, looking at unfamiliar words and broadening our vocabulary range. In RE we have begun to look at Hinduism and the symbols associated with this religion. In Art we are sketching Polar animals linked with our topic called 'The Frozen Kingdom.' A super start has been made by Year 4.

Year 5 have made a great start and have impressed us with their attitude to learning. We have recapped place value in Maths and have started to explore the Science Fiction genre. We have been using fronted adverbials to describe planets and applying them to begin writing a description of the planets in the Solar System, which will help us learn and remember more for our new topic of Space.

In Year 6, we have started to explore different types of Poetry, leading to learning about Victorian poets and the style in which they wrote. We have recapped place value in Maths and have started our Science topic of 'Evolution and Inheritance.' Year 6 have demonstrated maturity and an eager learning attitude. What a great start to Year 6!

Wow, lots of great learning this week in this first full week of school!

And don't forget:

Sunday is Roald Dahl Day celebrating Kindness

Thought for the week:

"Without rain, nothing grows.

Learn to embrace the storms in your life."

Question of the week:

Would you rather be a child or an adult? Why?

Have a great weekend, relax, rest, recover and do some reading.

