

# Alverstone Infant School



September 2023

*Belonging, Respect, Responsibility*

Dear Parents/Carers

## Welcome back!

We are pleased to have welcomed you back to school this week and what a glorious week it has been!

Our new Year R children have had a wonderful week, getting to know their teachers, making new friends and learning new routines.

Years 1 and 2 have made a fantastic start to the new school year, demonstrating excellent behaviour and positive attitudes to learning.

We are very proud of them all and look forward to sharing their super learning with you throughout the term.



Welcome family picnic – open to all year group, everyone welcome!

**Friday 29th September from 4.30pm**

Further details will follow

## INSET Days 2023/2024

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

## Attendance Matters



**Good school attendance is essential in ensuring your child makes the progress they deserve.**

For further information regarding attendance, please contact the school office or see our Attendance policy on our website.

**Thank you for your support.**

## Medical appointments in school time

We understand that sometimes children will need to attend medical appointments in term time, as often these appointments are allocated without any choice.

Please notify the school office if your child has an appointment, showing the appointment letter/card or email. We thank you in advance for your support.

## Extra curricular achievements!

In school we like to celebrate children's wider achievements such as learning to swim, ride a bike, scoring a goal for their team!

We would love to hear about these so we can share good news and celebrate these on our Celebration board and in our celebration assembly!



## PE kit request

We would really appreciate donations of pre-loved PE kit, particularly for Year 2 aged children. Thank you in advance.



## Dates for your diary 2023/2024

### AUTUMN TERM

#### September

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**

Diversity and Inclusion celebration – further info to follow

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

8.45am McMillan Coffee morning (in the hall)

**Parent/Teacher meetings will take place the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> October** – sign up details will be available nearer the time

#### October

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Book browse 2.45pm

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Inset Day – School closed to children

**Last day of half term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas jumper day

**11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas performances – further details will be given nearer the time



**Please  
park  
responsibly  
and be  
courteous to  
our neighbours.**

We have already received complaints from our neighbours, with several incidents of driveways being blocked.

Please allow plenty of time to park and walk.



**12 WAYS**  
**To Make YouTube**  
**Safer For Children**

We know that children enjoy watching Youtube and that there is some great content available. However, there is also a lot of inappropriate content that we must protect children from accessing. Please find below “12 ways to make Youtube safer for children”.

1. Monitor: watch what they watch while they're watching
2. Help children self-monitor
3. Disable search
4. Adjust the content level
5. Pause watch history
6. Add a custom passcode
7. Block inappropriate content
8. Use restricted mode
9. Remove distractions
10. Create custom playlists
11. Use content filtering
12. Have children keep an access or usage reflection journal.