

NEWSLETTER SEPT 2018

Alexandra Infants School



All Learning and Working Together!

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a brand new academic year and a big welcome to all of our new families. I hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays. It was lovely to see all the children back with smiles on their faces and looking very smart in their uniforms!

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Nursery - 8.55am - 2.45pm (Nursery classes finish at 12.30 every Friday)

Foundation 2 - 8.45am - 2.55pm

KS1 - 8.45am - 3.05pm

Please ensure all children are in school on time. Any children arriving after 9 a.m. need to come into school via the office and have their names recorded in the late book.

A free breakfast club runs in the Community Room from **8.30 am** each day for those children who arrive in school early and would like to join their friends for breakfast.

STAFF NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome and to introduce you to two new members of staff. **Miss Stokes** will be working alongside Mrs Heath to teach the Year 2 Explorers class and **Miss McGraw** will be teaching Year 1 Spaceships.

APPOINTMENTS

If your child has a hospital or dental appointment please notify the school **in advance** wherever possible and bring the appointment card/letter to show to the class teacher or office staff.

DOWNLOAD OUR SCHOOL APP!

If you have a smartphone (Android or iPhone) you can download OurSchoolsApp from Google Play Android or the Apple Store for FREE.

It is a personalised app for our school and will allow us to keep you all updated with school information, news, calendar events. It provides you access to school information at the touch of a button.

Once downloaded, use the search bar within the app and enter ST3 4PZ or Alexandra Infants School.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

As many of you are aware, our school policy is that any holidays taken in term time will not be authorised and any pupil absent for more than 20 days will be taken off roll and we cannot guarantee that there will be a place available on their return.

However, the Education Welfare Department requires us to inform them of any long term absence under the Safeguarding Policy. We therefore still require you to complete an absence form for any extended absence such as holidays, etc., and you will be asked to attend a meeting with Mrs Shaw or Mrs Lupton

TODDLER GROUP

We hold a parent and toddler group every Friday morning in our Community Room from 9.15 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. and everyone is welcome to attend whether they have children at the school or not. The group will start again on Friday 14th September at 9.15 a.m.

PARENT PAY

We are now working on a new payment system for Nursery meals, fees and educational visits. Further information will follow in the next few weeks.

UNIFORM

We expect every child in school to be wearing full school uniform **and in the school colours** since this forms part of our behaviour policy. Uniform is available to purchase from the Trutex shop in Meir and is no longer sold in the school office. The uniform flyer is attached.

WELCOME MEETINGS

Parents will be welcomed to the school and will have a chance to meet the staff and ask any questions.

Year 1 - Monday 10th September 8.45

Reception - Tuesday 11th September 8.45

Year 2 - Wednesday 12th September 2.45

COFFEE MORNING

We welcome all parents to attend a coffee morning that will be held at Alexandra Infants School. You will be able to chat with the teachers and meet the staff at **Friday 21st September** at 9.15

END OF THE DAY COLLECTION

Can we remind all parents of **Year 1 and Year 2** children to stand behind the gutter when waiting for children at the end of the day. This is so that staff can clearly see who is collecting the children.



LABELLING CLOTHES

It is important that you put your child's name in each item of clothing that they wear to school. It is very difficult for staff to keep track of 30 identical sweatshirts, etc, and very upsetting for young children when they can't find their own clothes! It is also very difficult to track down any missing items if they are not labelled with your child's name.

SCHOOL MEALS

School meals are ordered for the children on a termly basis, therefore any changes to meals can only be made at the beginning of each half term. If your child would like to change from a school meal to a packed lunch or vice versa, then please inform us at the beginning of each half term. Changes can only be made midterm if there are special circumstances.

If there is anything that you wish to discuss with either Mrs Lupton, Miss Smith or Mrs Adams, then please telephone or call in at the office. If they are not available at that time, you will be able to make an appointment. We are always happy to meet with parents if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Shaw

Executive Headteacher

Mrs Lupton

Head of School

School Uniform

GIRLS UNIFORM

Navy jumper or cardigan with the school logo

Red Polo shirt

Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers

Grey tights or white socks

Black flat shoes

Girls may wear a blue gingham dress
in the summer



BOYS UNIFORM

Navy jumper or cardigan

Red Polo shirt

Grey Trousers

Black shoes

BOOK BAGS