



# ALEXANDRA JUNIOR NEWS

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## Harvest Festival Donations

We have decided to donate our Harvest Produce to a local charity – the Food Bank which is based at the Sutherland Centre in Longton and gives help to those in need in our local area.

## Parents/Carers Telephone Consultation Evening

We were pleased to speak to so many parents at our recent Parents' Telephone Consultation Evening. If you were unable to attend, please could you make an appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress.

We have recently welcomed back classes 3RW and 4SW as it was necessary to temporary close both classes as the school sought advice and guidelines from Public Health England. We have a robust risk assessment policy and practices that have enabled the effect of any positive cases to be minimised. Online learning has also been available to all children in the event of the closure of a class bubble. Thank you to Miss Rowe, Mrs Wilton and Mrs Barnett for delivering our virtual lessons.

## Christmas cards and presents for staff

As we are limiting the amount of things that pass from school to home, we are asking you all **NOT** to send Christmas cards into school for your child's friends or teachers. Please remember that children are not allowed to bring items from home for birthdays to share with other children at this time. as we limit the items that pass from home to school.



Year 5 pupils recording information on the texture and taste of a selection of biscuits and pupils enjoying a class music lesson.

## Illness

Please do contact the school office if your child is feeling unwell and we can advise on any action needed. Should your child become unwell during the school day, the office will contact you to collect your child. Please ensure we have the correct / update contact details for yourselves and any other emergency contacts you have given us.

Well done to these children who have gone over and above to receive certificates

**Headteacher's Award** goes to **Gabriel Araujo Nunes and Rahim Mohammed**

## Homework

Please read regularly with your child (at least 3 times each week) and sign their reading diary. Please also support your child using Myon and with Times Tables Rock Stars. Please encourage your child to look after their reading books and homework diary.

**Please see lots of marvellous pictures on all school events on our school facebook site.**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alexandra-Junior-School/529483397177151>

## School News

### Year 3

P.E - Year 3 pupils are developing their football co-ordination skills

Science –This term's project is light

Art- The children are increasing their drawing skills by looking at St Basil's Cathedral, Taj Mahal, St Paul's Cathedral and other famous buildings. They are studying the patterns and learning about the artists' designs and choices together with the architecture.

### Year 4

Design and Technology – Pupils are enjoying currently making seasonal stockings whilst learning to follow a set of instructions they have individually written in their English lesson.

Science – The current topic is 'The Living things and their habitat'

R.E – Learning about Ghandi and his impact on modern day life

### Year 5

Science – Earth and Space – Learning about the planets and the solar system

Design Technology – The children are making their own biscuits and investigating different textures

English – The class reader book is Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

Music – The children are learning to play music together as a class in a jazz style using hand bells, glockenspiels and boomwhackers

### Year 6

SAT's – The children are working extremely hard for their first practise in mock SAT's examinations and are expected to bring in their SAT's revision guides into school everyday

History- World War 2 is their current history topic. The children have written individually to Mrs Bennett a 90 year old lady, who was Mrs Mountford's Year 2 Class Teacher as a child, to enquire how life was like for children in World War 2. Mrs Bennett graciously replied to each child.

Science – Light

.P.E – Sports providers ASM are developing the children's football and rugby skills



### School Diary Dates

Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Last day of term
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	School reopens
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Last day of term
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Half term holidays
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	School reopens
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	Last day of term
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021	Good Friday
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	School reopens
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Last Day of Term
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Teacher Training Day
Monday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Half term holidays
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	School reopens
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Last day of term

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### Free School Meals

We have had lots of successful applications for Free School Meals. Apply for Free School Meals if you may be eligible directly on [www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims](http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims) or request a paper copy form from the school office.

### Reminder

- Wear a face mask/covering at drop off and pick up
- Keep a suitable distance from others



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10<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch and optional wear a Christmas theme jumper

16th December

Christmas Party Day and party clothes can be worn

