

ALEXANDRA JUNIOR NEWS

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It has been a very positive return to school for all of our pupils. They are all looking extremely smart in their Alexandra Junior School uniform and it is wonderful to see their happy faces. The pupils are also continuing to access their core areas of learning in reading, writing and maths. We are ensuring that the pupils stay in their year group bubbles and they have been very readily adapting to the school day again.

Drop off and pick up

We appreciate the cooperation of parents and carers during the drop off and pick up arrangements for the pupils. Please can you ensure that you wear a face mask on the school premises and keep your social distance in order to keep everybody safe. During the morning if your child is able to walk to their class on their own, please, say goodbye to them at the gate as this will alleviate congestion in the playground. A member of staff is always present on the school gate. Please can you also not block the gate entrances so that Parents/Carers can enter and exit the school premises safely and leave the premises promptly once you have dropped off or collected your child.

Spelling Tests

Year 3 Friday
Year 4 Monday
Year 5 Monday
Year 6 Friday

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 ensure that your child brings their book bag, reading book and homework diary into school every day as this also allows the teacher to read any messages from home written in their homework diary book.



Design an Easter Egg using a hard boiled egg. The funnier the better! Judging is on Tuesday, 30th March 2021.

Safeguarding Lead in school: Mr R Müller and Miss J Rowe

Star of the Week



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

Headteacher's Award goes to **Jasmina Kokyova**

Class 3DO	Class 3RW	Class 4CW	Class 4SB	Class 5CV	Class 5SW	Year 6
Tommy Murphy	Anayah Hussain	Husain Ali	Usmaan Ahmed	Subhan Hussain	Fatima Bushra	Usman Salim Idrees

School Meal Price Increase

Currently meal charges are £2.40 per day, £12.00 per week. As of **Monday, 19th April, 2021** meal charges will increase to **£2.42 per day, £12.10 per week**.

Free School Meals – Is this you?

We believe there may be more families out there who are entitled to Free School Meals and are not claiming them. Please ring and speak to the office staff if you receive any benefits. Not only will you receive FSM for your child but we, as a school, receive extra funding to go into our pot for the children and it will also help us claim for things like free laptops if we have to close a bubble. Claiming FSM therefore not only helps you as a family but it really helps our school too – so, if you think you may be entitled to FSM, please apply directly on www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims



Year 3 Friday Year 4 Monday
Year 5 Wednesday Year 6 Friday

Please send your child dressed in their P.E kit and wearing their trainers as the children will not be getting changed back into their school uniforms.

After School Clubs From 15th March 2021- 2nd April 2021

Monday	Youth Club	Year 6	3.10-4.00
Monday	Multi-Skills	Year 4	3.00-3.50
Tuesday	Yoga	Year 3	2.40-3.30
Tuesday	Forest Schools	Year 5	2.50-3.40
Tuesday	Gardening	Year 5	2.50 -3.40

Please contact your child's class teacher if your child wishes to join an After School Club as we still have lots of spaces available. Please see your child's class teacher if your child wishes to join a club.

School Diary Dates

Thursday, 1 st April 2021	Last day of term
Friday, 2 nd April 2021	Good Friday
Monday, 19 th April 2021	School reopens
Monday, 3 rd May 2021	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday, 6 th May 2021	Polling Day
Thursday, 27 th May 2021	Last Day of Term
Monday, 31 st May 2021 – Friday, 4th June 2021	Half term holidays
Monday, 7 th June 2021	School reopens
Wednesday, 21 st July 2021	Last day of term

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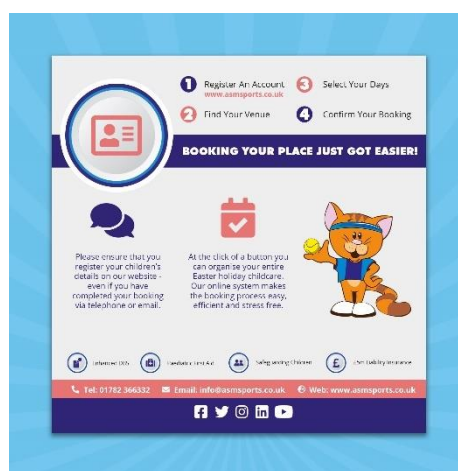
Reminder

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



Keep Warm In School

Please ensure that your children come to school in a school jumper. Due to COVID 19, although the heating is on, we do have windows and doors open in order to circulate the air.



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

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

Year Group	Start of the day	If attending Breakfast Club	End of the day
Year 3	8.25am-8.35am	8.15am	2.40pm
Year 4	8.45am-8.55am	8.35am	3.00pm
Year 5	8.35am-8.45am	8.25am	2.50pm
Year 6	8.55am-9.05am	8.45am	3.10pm

Year 3 Live Zoom lesson from the Animal Man



Year 3 and Year 4 pupils had an interesting lesson from The Animal Man on Thursday, 18th March 2021 learning all about animals, bones and their skeleton. Lots of interesting questions were asked and answered, currently linked to their science topic.

School News

Year 3

Science – Animals, bones and their skeletons.

There current class book read is George’s Marvelous Medicine by Roald Dahl and they are enjoying comprehensions and also re telling the story.

Music is being composed on our new Glockenspiels in the classroom and learning about fractions in maths.

Ancient Egyptians is the history topic, where they are learning new facts on Egyptian artefacts and how they are used in everyday life.

The year group are busily preparing recording an Easter video for parents/carers and the rest of the school.

Year 4

Science – Animals, bones and their skeletons.

Electricity is their current science topic and they are understanding how electricity is created and how appliances are powered by electricity.

Treasure Island by Louis Stevenson is the class read where the children are understanding the text and re telling the story with fractions in maths.

Roman Britain and typical roman Life is being discussed as part of their current History topic.

Year 5

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens is being read as their English text and applying their comprehension skills. The story is captivating the class and they look forward to each instalment with excitement and re telling it.

The pupils are learning about the six towns and their physical features of Stoke on Trent in geography and learning to read OS maps.

There current science topic in science is changing materials with chemical reactions, melting and re heating.

All year groups are practising their athletic skills in PE in preparation for a possible Summer Sports Day Event.

Year 6

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone is their current class read.

The children are participating in very lively Rainforest debates on the topic of deforestation and should it or not happen and on its effects on our planet. There are lively debates on both sides of the argument.

Fractions are being taught in maths and their science topic is also animals and humans.

When dropping off or picking up your child from school, please DO NOT park on any part of the painted yellow lines or zigzag crossings. These lines are there to protect your child's safety. Can we also request that the Staff Car Park entrance is not used for reversing or making any u -turns in the road. Please use the roundabout at the end of Meir Road if you wish to turn around. We have also had a number of complaints from local residents that cars are obstructing their drive ways! Our concern is the safety and wellbeing of our children around the school site. Please remind your children that they should only be using pedestrian zebra crossings, when crossing over a road.

