



# ALEXANDRA JUNIOR NEWS

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Welcome back to the start of this new school year! I would like to offer a special welcome to all of our new children and their families. It has been lovely to see them starting to get to know each other and becoming more confident in their new surroundings during the short time that they have been in! We hope that you all soon feel part of our growing Alexandra Junior family. We also welcome Miss Beardmore as a Year 5 teacher. As always, we have a very busy school year ahead, with all sorts of exciting plans for our children and we are very excited to get started!

### School Uniform

All children are expected to wear school uniform to school every day including black school shoes. Jewellery should not be worn with the exception of small studded earrings which must be removed by parents or carers on the days of PE and swimming lessons. Thank you for your help and support in reinforcing these regulations with your children. If your child attends an after school sports club, please can they bring their PE kit in a spare bag to school with them.

### End of the school day

We understand that emergencies arise. We also understand that traffic can be challenging or hectic, but expect all children to be collected on time. If a parent or authorized adult will be late, it is their responsibility to notify the school before 1.00 pm to make it possible to communicate with the class teacher before the end of the school day.

### Breakfast Club Opens at 8.15am at Alexandra Junior

#### School

| Year Group | Start Time | End Time |
|------------|------------|----------|
| YEAR 3     | 8:50am     | 3:20pm   |
| YEAR 4     | 8:40am     | 3:10pm   |
| YEAR 5     | 8:50am     | 3:20pm   |
| YEAR 6     | 8:40am     | 3:10pm   |



### Future School Visits

5LB Geography Visit to Longton Park on 03/10/2024

5SW Geography Visit to Longton Park on 04/10/2024

4FM Visit to Stanley Head on 15/10/2024

4SB Visit to Stanley Head on 17/10/2024

### Year 6 Visit To Stoke Ski Centre

On 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Year 6 visited Stoke Ski Centre to enjoy a ski lesson and tubing activities. Some children were hitting the slopes for the first time and were unnerved. They all overcame their fears of trying out something new which helped them grow in confidence, develop problem solving skills and have lots of fun whilst learning!

### Spelling Tests

Year 3 Monday

### Homework

Reading x 3 and 30 minutes on TT Rockstars each week

### PE Day

Wednesday 3CM  
Friday 3GD

Year 4 Monday

Reading x 3 and 30 minutes on TT Rockstars each week

Monday

Year 5 Friday

Reading x 3 and 30 minutes on TT Rockstars each week

Friday

Year 6 Friday

Reading x 3 and 30 minutes on TT Rockstars each week

Tuesday

and work set on Google Classroom

Homework – Please check your child's home school diary for their list of spellings.

| Week Ending<br>06/09/24   | Week Ending<br>13/09/24   | Week Ending<br>20/09/24   | Week Ending<br>27/09/24  |
|---|---|---|--|
|  |  |  |  |
| Eva   | Saynaa  | Ajwa  | Romeo  |
| Muzammil  | Eshil   | Zayaam  | Alzbeta  |
| Maya  | Emily   | Awais   | Mustafa  |
| Theodora  | Abbas   | Aminah  | Moinuddeen   |
| Fociano   | Abdulhaqq   | Sharon  | Zaina  |
| Hamza   | Musab   | Ali   | Ismaeel  |
| Umaiza  | Affwan  | Talha   | Hadia  |
| Ruby  | Emilia  | Hajra   | Aisha  |



Jude, Daniel,  
Thomas and  
Theodora  
**Well Done!**

### Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons have begun and will take place every Wednesday for all Year 5 pupils. Please do not forget to send in their swimming kits and towels. All children will be expected to take part as this is a life saving skill and part of the national curriculum for PE.

Data Collection Sheet • If you have not already returned your child's Data Collection Forms, please could we request that they are completed and returned back to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. If your forms are still in your child's bag or sitting at home, we would very much appreciate it completing and returning back to the school. Thank you

### Reading with your child

Please can you read regularly with your child (at least **3 times** each week) and sign their reading diary. Please can we suggest that this routine is kept up as well as practising times tables on TT Rockstars.

### School Lunches

Please pay all school lunches in advance of the following week on your child's Parentpay account. At this time too many children are swapping between a school lunch and a packed lunch brought from home. Can we ask that a choice is made between a packed lunch and a school dinner for the whole of the week. Please see our new lunch menus on the school website. It is our school policy that dinner money has to be paid up front on your Parentpay account. The cost of a daily lunch is £3.02 and £15.10 for the cost of school lunches for one week.

### School Diary Dates

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Half Term                                    | Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 |
| School opens for pupils                      | Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2024                                    |
| Children In Need Day                         | Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024                                    |
| Non Uniform day                              | Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024                                    |
| Year 4/Year 6 Parents Consultation Afternoon | Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2024                                   |
| Year /Year 5 Parents Consultation Afternoon  | Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2024                                  |
| Non Uniform day                              | Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024                                    |
| Non Uniform day                              | Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024                                     |
| Christmas Lunch                              | Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024                                  |
| Christmas Fayre                              | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024                                     |
| Christmas Jumper Day                         | Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024                                    |
| Christmas Holidays                           | School Closes   |
| School opens for pupils                      | Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 |
|  | Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                                      |

**IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE, PLEASE CAN ALL PARENTS AND VISITORS CLOSE ALL SCHOOL GATES BEHIND THEM WHEN LEAVING SCHOOL PREMISES.**

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

