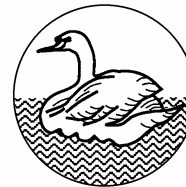


Aldersbrook Primary School

Headteacher:
Mr. Alan Wright



Spring term

NEWSLETTER

11th January 2008

Best wishes for a very happy and peaceful 2008 to everyone!

Dates

There are a number of dates for your new diaries as follows:

Wednesday 16th January- School **closed** for staff training day.

Friday 15th February- close at 3.00 for half-term

Monday 25th February- re-open 8.50am

Thursday 6th March- Parents' Evening

Tuesday 11th March- Parents' Evening

Friday 21st March and Monday 24th March- bank holidays

Thursday 27th March- Redbridge Schools Choral Festival (Albert Hall)

Friday 4th April- close at 3.00 for Spring holiday

Tuesday 22nd April- re-open 8.50 am

Thank you

A big thank you for your generous donations to the Gulu Primary School Blind Annex appeal at our Seasonal Concerts. Over £200 was raised!

We have also received thanks from the Royal British Legion for the school's sale of Poppies in November. £150.46 was raised.

Golden Book Awards

This week's awards went to Georgia Palmer and Aliyah Ahmed of 3T; Kamron Patel and Robert Lameirinhas of 3R; Oscar McGing and Hugo Chabenes of 2B; Nicole Panayiotou and Thomas Pearson of 2M; Isaac Clarke and Asad Asad of 1S; Madeleine Shergold-Willis and Sun-Chul Mingala of 1R; Ilina Jha and Esther Steel of 1N; Well done everyone!

School Profile

The on-line document giving brief details of the school, with performance data, is now available on <http://schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk/3172042/school-profile/>. If you need a translated version of this, please enquire at the school office and we will endeavour to assist.

Please also remember to visit our school web-site at www.aldersbrookschool.co.uk

Security

The school has recently suffered the loss of several valuable items as a result of "walk-in theft". This has happened at the beginnings and ends of the school day, when the buildings are open for the children to enter and leave. These are our "highest risk" times. If property is at risk, there must also be an enhanced risk to the children.

Without wishing to develop a "fortress" mentality, it is essential to minimise the number of people entering and leaving the buildings at these times. We, therefore, ask your co-operation by not entering the buildings without essential reason. The children will be able to find their own way inside, and will be brought out by the teachers at the end of sessions. Teachers can usually be seen on the playground at the end of the day. Otherwise, appointments can be requested in a note, or via the school office.

Wet days

On wet mornings the children should come into the school halls and wait to go into class, but, we prefer that parents DO NOT come into the buildings unless essential.

It is not necessary for parents to wait inside with children, as the halls will be supervised, and congestion is increased, along with the extra water dripped onto the floors by so many adults.

Buggies/ Pushchairs

Please remember that buggies, pushchairs, etc. are not allowed in the building for safety reasons. They may be "parked" under any of the covered areas in the small playground. Please ask at the Reception desk if you have particular need in this respect.

Winter Walk

St Clare Hospice has asked if we could give notice of their 5K Winter walk on 27th January, at Hastingwood. Details and registration are available on www.stclare-hospice.co.uk or on 01279773750.

School Meals

Please remember that if your child has school meals they **must be paid for in advance** and children must stay for the full week. They **cannot** change between packed lunch and school meals within the same week.

The cost of meals for the week is £8.00. This should be put in an envelope marked "school dinners" with your child's name and class on it and given to the class teacher on a Monday morning. If possible please pay by cheque which should be made payable to the London Borough of Redbridge. Payments in cash must be the correct money as change cannot be given, any over payment will be carried over to the next week.

Wanstead Netball Club

A new netball after-school club has been Wanstead Netball Club organised at Wanstead High School, Redbridge Lane West. This club will take place on Tuesdays starting from 8th January 2008 until 1st April 2008, excluding half term (19th February). The club will run at the new time of 3.45pm until 5.45pm, with the first hour for children in Years 7 and 8 and the second hour for children in Years 5 and 6, from local schools.

This club is designed to encourage children from the nearby area to participate in netball, to learn new skills and to develop their existing abilities, at a minimal price of £2 per session. Two highly qualified and enthusiastic netball coaches will deliver the sessions. More information from 02087083087

P.T.A. UPDATE

First of all the P.T.A. would like to wish all the children, parents, carers and staff of the school a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Our next P.T.A. Meetings are being held on : -

Evening Meeting

Date : Thursday, 24th January

Time : 7.30 - 9.00pm

Venue : Staff Room

Daytime Meeting

Date : Monday, 28th January

Time : 9.00 - 10.00am

Venue : Reception Hall