

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS



Welcome back!

It has been lovely to see the children settle back so well into school with big smiles and smart uniform. We hope that you have all had a lovely summer break.

To the parents/guardians of our new starters, thank you for entrusting your child to us. We promise to guide and nurture your precious little one in this new world that they have stepped into. They have made a wonderful start and we look forward to getting to know them.

We wish everybody a wonderful academic year.

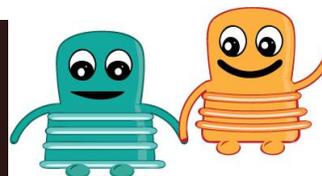
Mrs Pryce and Mrs Savage



WORKING OUR WAY TO WISDOM; LEARNING OUR WAY FOR LIFE

The class teachers will continue to use class Dojo for generic messages, reminders and updates from the classroom. However, we do ask that it isn't used to communicate about any incidents or children other than your own. Absence and appointments must be reported to the school office.

Celebration assemblies will continue to take place on a Friday at 9.00am. You will receive a text invitation to join us if your child has achieved an award.



We are proud of our happy school and children and they really do get on well and look after each other wonderfully. However, from time to time there will understandably be issues and concerns particularly as the children learn how to develop and sustain relationships. In the first instance, please request to come into school to sit down with the class teacher. Whenever possible we will do this straight away. Class teachers will always pass on relevant information or refer you to the senior leadership team in accordance with school policy. Whilst the playground is a convenient place to pass on informal messages it is not an appropriate or the best place for individual discussions. Do come in and see us. On the rare occasion of a more serious concern, please do make an appointment with the Senior Leadership team. We all believe in working together to resolve any issues to make school life happy and positive for your child. We do ask that parents always approach staff with respect and in a calm and considered manner.

So that we can start morning activities straight away with the children we have amended our morning routine slightly. As usual teaching time begins at 8.45am and the register is taken at 8.55am. **Each morning there will be one teacher from Key Stage One and one from Key Stage 2 on playground duty.** They will be able to greet the children and pass on any urgent messages to class teachers. It is helpful if you put any information in writing for the duty teacher to pass on. This includes: pick up arrangements, details of any appointments or injuries that we should be aware of.

You can provide general feedback and thoughts about our school via the website by clicking onto the 'Chatterbox'. The website address is <http://www.albertvillage.leics.sch.uk/> Please visit it regularly to see what we are up to and use it to check term dates and other key information.



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Please make sure that wherever possible all clothing is named. If items get misplaced it is so much easier to retrieve them. Additionally, we ask that coats are provided consistently as even in light drizzle on a wet play, it is great to be able to get the children out for a bit of fresh air for a few minutes. Every child also needs a labelled water bottle for use in the classroom. This must only contain water to encourage healthy habits but also as spillages do occur! This can be left at school. A lunchtime drink for those children having sandwiches must not be fizzy but is of your choosing. Also we would like to remind you that break time snacks need to be healthy choices (no chocolate or crisps please).



SOCIAL MEDIA

Our school does not advocate our pupils having Facebook accounts and is committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of the Internet and as such we feel it is our responsibility to raise this particular issue as a concern. Whilst children cannot access Facebook or other social networking sites at school, they could have access to it on any other computer or mobile technology. Websites such as Facebook offer amazing communication and social connections, however they are created with their audience in mind and this is specifically 13 years old and above. We urge you to carefully consider the risks involved with it. More information can be found about this at <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>.

We also ask that you use your personal social networking respectfully. Please do not name individual pupils or post school related issues on it. Come and talk to us, we are always here to listen and help make school life the best it can be.

Government guidance makes it clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. A form for this is available in the school office.

We aim to foster a lifelong love of reading and we will be enhancing our school library over the course of the year to make it a wonderful place to dive into a book. Reading at home is so important and to help encourage this we are introducing a reading reward system. This will involve your child receiving a reading reward when they have read a particular amount (more details will appear shortly in your child's reading record). Please support and encourage your child to read at home.



We always try to be at the forefront of educational research and practice and are proud to have been approved as one of the first approved networks of the national professional organisation, The Chartered College. The Network is led Mrs Pryce and many of our own leaders are benefitting from sharing the latest best practice in education. It's all about getting the best for our children! On September 18th we are also proud to be hosting an event to train teachers together with a world leader in education, Professor Rubie-Davies of New Zealand.

Our first open morning for Y1-Y6 will be on Wednesday 6th September between 9:15am and 10:00am. For anyone that hasn't been along to one before, it is an informal opportunity to come and see us in action and meet the teachers.

