



# Newsletter

## This Week.

The summer has flown past and the staff have been delighted to see the children back in school. The children have settled in really well and we are looking forward to an exciting half term.

The gate off the Year 1 playground into Alton Park field has been closed this week and unfortunately will be for the foreseeable future. This is due to staffing related issues at Alton Park. Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.



## The passing of Our Lady Sovereign Queen Elizabeth II

Sadly, we experienced the loss of our beloved Queen on Thursday afternoon. We will always hold her dear in our hearts and send our prayers and condolences to her family at this very sad time. Essex County Council have released an official statement which a copy of can be found on our school website.

## School Times

Please can we remind you that the Year 1 and 2 classroom doors close at 8.35am. If you arrive after that time, you must drop your child off at the school office. Please do not go to your child's class after 8.35am as the Teachers have been asked to close their classroom doors at that time.

Next week Reception children are in school until 12.45pm. From Monday 19th Reception children can start to make their way to their classrooms from 8.35am. The Reception classroom doors open at 8.40am and will close at 8.55am. If the Reception children arrive after that time, they must be dropped off at the school office. Thank you.

## School Newsletter

A paper copy of the Newsletter will be sent home with your child every Friday. A copy will also be uploaded to the school website each Friday afternoon.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan  
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
September	
15th	The Great Fire of London Workshop – Year 2
19th-23rd	Multicultural Role Models Week
27th	Parents Phonics Workshop
30th	Election of School Ambassadors
Menu	WC September 12th Week 2

## Main Nursery / Reception Entrance Gate (within alley)

There is a drain as you enter the school at this entrance. It is currently broken and has been reported to Essex Highways as a safety concern and is now awaiting repair. Please take care in this area.



## Reminders

Please ensure your child has the following (fully labelled):

- a water bottle containing only water in school
- A full PE kit
- A bookbag

Please ensure you read with your child every day and complete their reading diary.

Thank you for your support.

## Safety on the Premises



Please do not allow your child to play on the play equipment outside the classrooms before or after school. This equipment is only for use during school time.

We would also ask that they do not play ball games on the playground before or after school, as we do not want the children to have any accidents.



## Welcome back

### Message from the kitchen

If your child has any allergies or food intolerance please can you let the office know, so that their information can be kept up to date. If there are any problems, please contact the school office. Next week is Week 2 of the school menu.



### Reception

I am very pleased with the way the children have settled into their new classes. Please remember to label all school uniform items, P.E. kit, book bags and water bottles. Please can you make sure that your child only has water in their water bottle.

### Year 1 Pirate Dress Up Day

On Monday the Year 1 children will be dressing up as Pirates. Letters have gone out to their parents.



### Year 2

The Year 2 Teachers would like to remind you that hoop earrings are not suitable to be worn in school. Please can you make sure that all your child's uniform, P.E. kit, book bag, lunch box and water bottle has your child's name on them. If you do not have a permanent marker to do this, then we are happy to do that for you.

## Parking



Can you please make sure you park considerately and do not park on the zig zag lines or grass verges outside the school.

## Change of Contact Details



If any of your contact details such as phone number, address or email address have changed over the summer break, please can you inform the school office.

Thank you for your support.

## Extra Information

### Nut Free School

We are a nut free school, so please ensure your child does not come to school with any food containing nuts. Thank you for your support.



### After School Clubs

Letters giving details of after school club opportunities will be sent out shortly.

### Free First Aid Courses

CVST are offering FREE First Aid training to residents of Clacton and surrounding areas. Gain knowledge of emergency procedures and basic skills and attain a recognised qualification in First Aid.



*The following dates are available:*

*Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022*

*Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022*

*Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023*

*Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023*

*Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

These one-day courses run from 9am - 4pm and are held at Sam's Hall, Rosemary Road, Clacton on sea CO15 1NZ and they are free to attend. Please book your place either by calling 01255 425692 or Email [Richard.perkins@cvstending.org.uk](mailto:Richard.perkins@cvstending.org.uk)

### Relief Midday Assistants and Volunteers

If you or anybody you know is interested in joining Oakwood as a relief Midday Assistant, please contact the school office. We are also interested in hearing from anybody who would like to become a volunteer within the school to read with the children.