

Winter Fair

THANK YOU very much for supporting the Winter Fair it was such a happy, festive occasion! It was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves. We raised over £900 which will go straight towards giving your children richer and wider opportunities for learning, and resources.



Winter Performances

Resource Base, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed a Snowflake Dance and 'Christmas Recipe' this week, the acting and singing was brilliant! The KS2 Singing Concert was amazing too, the children were in great voice and worked hard to learn the songs. Well done to all the children and staff involved.



Christmas Holiday

Children return to school on Tuesday 9th January. Please make sure your child is on time for school and in class at 8.45am for the register and first lesson. Punctuality is very important, it ensures your child is ready to learn and do their best each day.

January 2024						
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Sport and Health Academy Holiday Camp at The Alton School

The Holiday Camp run by Sport and Health Academy is action-packed with sports specialist coaches to ensure your child is safe and having lots of fun! The camp consists of a variety of games and sports, arts and crafts, food making, competitions and free play including daily prizes, medals and certificates.

Dates: Monday 2nd January - Friday 5th January 9am-5pm. Book online:

sportandhealthacademy.com

FREE places for children on free school meals.

Year 6 Trip

Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum last week learning about World War 2. Ask them about what they experienced and how they felt about it.



Staying Safe

Pedestrian Crossing Safety

Be alert and always look ahead when crossing.

Wait for approaching cars to stop before stepping out.

Don't use music players or mobile phones when crossing the road.

Internet Safety

If you are ever unsure about anything online, always ask your parents or a teacher for help.

Take care when visiting websites. Be careful about giving out your personal information!

Keep your passwords safe and never let anyone use your login details.

Have fun, but remember to stay internet safe!

When Playing Outside

Never approach or talk to a stranger that comes into the yard.

If someone makes you feel unsafe, go back inside and tell your parents.

Always play in an area where your parents can see you.

Know a Safe Zone

Like a...

If someone makes you feel unsafe, always run to a safe zone.

A safe zone is a place that has someone you can trust and can talk to.

School

Shop

Police Station

Friend's House

Take Care of Each Other

Always stay with your friends, family, or parents and never walk off alone!

Yell & Tell

Don't be afraid to say 'NO' to a stranger.

If a stranger makes you feel unsafe, always 'YELL & TELL'.

Yell 'HELP' or 'I DON'T KNOW YOU' to get someone's attention. Then tell someone you trust what has happened.



Changes to the Admissions Policy

The Quality First Education (Q1E) Trust welcomes any views on proposed changes to the admission arrangements for **The Alton School** for 2025-26.

The Trust is proposing the following change to the admission arrangements:

To amend the current admission criterion giving priority, regardless of the distance they live from the school, to children who have a sibling at the school at the date of admission.

Sibling priority is currently restricted to those families living within 800 metres of the school or where the family live over this distance but have moved since the last sibling was offered a place.

We feel that it is paramount that children from the same family are able to attend the same school where at all possible.

Here is a link to the full document:

<https://thealton-q1e.org.uk/admissions/>

To respond, please send written comments by email to Charlotte Meade, Director of Operations, at charlotte.meade@q1e.org.uk or by post to Charlotte Meade, Director of Operations, Quality First Education Trust, c/o Belleville Primary School, Meteor Street, London SW11 5NZ

Your response should be sent by **31 JANUARY 2024** when this consultation will close.



Challenge start date: 1 December 2023
Challenge end date: 19 February 2024

The Winter Mini Challenge is a free online reading challenge that tackles the holiday reading 'dip', encouraging children to keep up good habits or discover the joy of reading.

It's easy to join in! Head to wintermini.org.uk from the 1 December to sign up, find fun activities, and earn rewards for reading.

Read three books or more of your choice to unlock a limited-edition online badge and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep.

Please do tag us in your social media posts so we can see all the amazing stories and activities you are sharing!

#WMC2023 #ReadySetRead!



Thursday 21 December	Last Day of Autumn Term
22 December to 5 January	Christmas Holiday
8 January	School closed for Inset Training
9 January	First Day of Spring Term. School open for children
18 January	Y3 British Museum Trip
19 January	Y4 Class Assembly 2.50pm
2 February	Y3 Class Assembly 2.50pm
12 to 16 February	Half Term Holiday School closed
23 February	Y2 Class Assembly 2.50pm
8 March	Y1 Class Assembly 2.50pm
22 March	Y6 Class Assembly 2.50pm
28 March	Last Day of Spring Term
1 to 12 April	Easter Holiday. School closed
15 April	School closed for Inset Training
16 April	First Day of Summer Term
6 May	Bank Holiday. School closed
27 to 31 May	Half Term holiday. School closed
3 June	School opens for children

Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for helping with the Poppy appeal. You donated a total of £107 which goes to the Royal British Legion. They provide lifelong support to serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.



Well Done Everyone!

