



ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our last term has been extremely busy with many engaging and exciting activities taking place around the school and I hope you enjoy reading about them all in the next few pages of this newsletter.

You may be aware of several articles in the press recently about the expansion of Addington School. This is a result of many children with special needs needing specialist provision but failing to get it – not just in Wokingham, but around the whole of Berkshire. I am working with the Council to ensure that the expansion will cause the least disruption to our normal working day as possible, whilst meeting with architects to ensure the new building provides excellent facilities. The plan is to build a modular FE/6th form block on the field for our 16-19 learners, providing them with a state of the art common room, café, vocational classroom and outdoor seating area. Relocating FE will free up classrooms in the main school to provide much needed places for younger children. This is all obviously subject to planning permission and I will keep you informed throughout the process. There will be an information evening at school very shortly and I will be sending out the date for this during half term once I have received confirmation from the Council. Our Chair of Governors has been involved throughout and will be attending planning meetings as frequently as possible.

In the meantime, have a restful half term and I look forward to seeing the pupils back on Monday 25th February.

**Sara Attra
Headteacher**

Dear Parents/ Carers

It has been a very exciting half term for Parent Support. I am happy to announce that the department is expanding!

We have been hoping to increase the number of services that we offer to support our young people and their families, but this has proved difficult as a part time department of one! Addington is committed to providing the best outcomes for its pupils and their families, so the decision was made to expand the department.

From the beginning of the Easter half term, I will be joined in Parent Support by Ellie Robinson. Many of you will know Ellie from her work in the Behaviour Support Service, and as one of our trained Aromatouch therapists. She is a very experienced member of staff and much valued for her welcoming approach with our young people and their families.

Both Ellie and I will be working 3 days a week in Parent Support, with the aim being that there is always someone available in the service to talk to. My days will remain as Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, while Ellie will work more flexibly around the needs of parents and students. This means she will be able to continue with her Aromatouch work. I'm sure you will agree that this is very exciting news! Ellie and I are looking forward to all the opportunities this will open up for working with our parents, and expanding what the Parent Support Service can offer.

If you need to contact us, and are unable to reach us by phone, please use the PSA mailbox to contact us by email. This is;

psa@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

Also, please remember that the Parent Support page on the Addington website can provide you with a good starting point for accessing clubs, services and charities.

We look forward to seeing you in the Easter term!

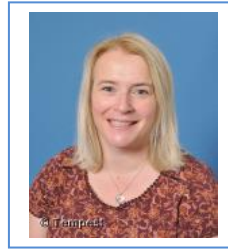
Best Wishes,

Lucy & Ellie - Parent Support Advisers

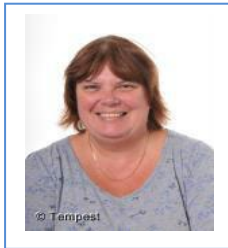
Our Senior Leadership Team



Sara Attra
Headteacher



Lynda Wood
Deputy Head



Eirfron Watkinson
Assistant Headteacher



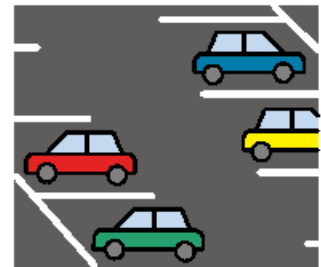
David Maycock
Assistant Headteacher



Sue Tod
School Business Manager

CAR PARKING REMINDER

1. All drivers **must** use the one-way system marked out by the cones and road markings
2. **Only** park in marked spaces and not on the end of rows
3. All pedestrians **must** use the zebra crossing and the pavement when walking children to and from the site. DO NOT WALK on the road by the side of the gates where there is **no pavement** as a short cut. This is very dangerous and could result in an accident



School Dinners

This is to inform you that all school lunches must now be paid for online. The school will no longer be able to collect cash on a daily basis.

You will need to register online if you have not done so before. **A letter with your personal log on details has been sent home with your child.** If you have previously logged on to the Tucasi system but have forgotten your password, please follow the instructions on the login screen.

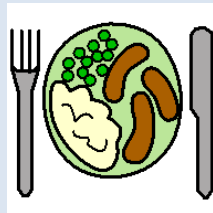
As a reminder:

Primary lunch is £2.05

Secondary lunch is £2.25

Please remember that money for school dinners should be paid **in advance**.

If you have any problems, please contact Wendy Dixon on
office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.



Addington Youth Club

Managed and staffed by
Wokingham Bracknell & Districts Mencap

Wednesday evening 7pm to 9pm
Fun for all youngsters from Year 9 up

Look out for the activities planned for the current term,
come along and try a session.

Contact Wokingham Mencap on 0300 777 8539 for more information.

Parent Contact Information

We want to cut down on the amount of paper we send to parents and to get in touch more electronically via emails, texts and our school website www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk).

Apart from the money saved on printing costs, electronic communication is instant. In order to do this we need to be kept up to date with your latest email address and mobile numbers.

If you need to update us please email: office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk

School Mobile App

Our School Mobile App can be downloaded from the links below.

[iTunes](#)

[Play Store](#)

Once you have downloaded the School Jotter app **you will need to select “Addington School” from within the app.**

The school mobile App is **FREE to download** and enables you to receive news updates and alerts on your phone or other mobile device. You can also view our newsletters and see photos of the students.



Headteacher's Award Winners



Congratulations to the following students who achieved awards for the first half of the Term:

Key Stage 2

Alyan Kayani
Fabio Mozzarella
Finn Bedford
Kelsie Kemp
Lewie Cheeseman
Maria Sherwill

Key Stage 3

Adem Barhoumi
Joseph Kenneh
Josh McDonald

Key Stage 4

Charlie Manning
Zoe Maunder

Sensory Classes

Amber Jutla
Amelie Ledger
Ben Felton-Hodson
Finlay Bennett
Lauren Simmonds

Well done everyone...keep up the great work!



SPORTS PAGE



POLYBAT INTERHOUSE RESULTS – 23rd & 25th of January 2019

The inter-house Polybat and Table Tennis has been a great success, with **74 secondary/FE** and **43 primary** students competing. The students were amazing in terms of skill, sportspersonship and enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to also see so many students working independently in the games. They really enjoyed the event. Thank you to the House Captains: Chanique Watson, Luke Adams, Daniel Skeates, Piers Heys, Tylier Lynn, Conor Lashbrook and Daisy Cripps who did the scoring for the primary games.

Secondary/FE

1st place – **Red Eagles** (34 points)

2nd place – **Yellow Tigers** (30 points)

Joint 3rd place – **Blue Sharks** (28 points)

Joint 3rd place – **Green Crocodiles** (28 points)

Primary

1st place – **Green Crocodiles** (34 points)

2nd place – **Red Eagles** (33 points)

3rd place – **Blue Sharks** (28 points)

4th place – **Yellow Tigers** (27 points)

Thanks you to all the staff that made this event such a success. I asked the managers and scorers to choose their **most improved players** (MVP's). Here is the list:

SECONDARY/FE

Green Crocodiles: Benji Winter
Jack Healey

Red Eagles: Angelina White
Saalih Akyldiz

Yellow Tigers: Thabiso Motlegelwa
Lloyd Locke

Blue Sharks: Josh MacDonald
Christopher Smith

PRIMARY

Green Crocodiles: Riley Farmborough
Dylan Bourne
Sophia Gould-Seymour

Red Eagles: Alex Henwood
Mannat Kaushal

Blue Sharks: Daniel King
Anamol Rai

Yellow Tigers: Leo Van Cao
Maria Sherwell

We look forward to the next inter-house – Scooter Hockey (yr5 upwards) on the 15th February.

Mel, Danny and Ian





Berkshire Panathlon Challenge Swimming Gala



On Wednesday 30th January, Addington took six Swimmers to the London Aquatic Centre at the Olympic Park to compete in the Berkshire Region Panathlon Swimming Gala against other SEN schools from Berkshire. It was such a privilege to be able to use the Olympic Pool and all the competitors had fun. It was a very close competition and we finished in 2nd place, just 2 points behind the winners. All the members of the team received silver medals.



Football Tournament at Madejski Stadium

On Thursday 17th January we took 2 6-a-side football teams to Reading football club's Madejski Stadium. The competition took place on their out-door training pitch in cold but bright weather. The Amber Team played 4 matches and the Green Team played 6 matches against other SEN schools in the area. The Green team finished 3rd, scoring 5 goals. The Amber team played well and scored 2 goals. The standard of opposition was much higher this time, our players were matched against much older, stronger students and battled very hard. Well done to all the players.



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Football Tournament at Madejski Stadium



On Thursday 7th February we took 2 6-a-side football teams to Reading football club's Madejski Stadium. The competition took place on their out-door training pitch. The

Amber Team played 6 matches and the Green Team played 4 matches against other SEN schools in the area. Unfortunately, neither team won a game as the standard was higher again from the last tournament. However, the green team played some really good football, scoring 7 goals. The amber team were happy when they scored their only goal in the last game. Well done to all the players who put in so much effort.



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Early Years



This half term in Daisy class we have enjoyed exploring our 'Transport' theme. We have had great fun with this topic, learning about different types of transport whilst working on our individual goals. We have learnt many songs about transport and used these to explore different sounds and



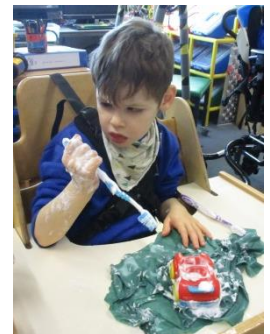
movements, Row, Row, Row the Boat was very popular with the class! We have enjoyed a class train ride and delight in going through the black tunnel we made whilst making lots of clickety clack and choo choo noises. As always we have been developing our sensory tolerance levels and learning about new textures by having different transport themed sensory trays. The



most memorable ones being the trains on the tracks running through the soil and around real log and pieces of bark, buses in baked beans after we read the story 'Naughty Bus' and boats in blue shaving foam.



We have also had a focus week for 'Chinese New Year'. The children loved watching images of the dragon and lion dance, which we recreated ourselves with some lovely bright, shiny, fabrics. We also enjoyed a sensory story of 'Chinese New Year' and had our own animal race around the classroom! The children enjoyed a sensory tray of red rice with toy animals in, gold bells, chopsticks and Chinese bowls etc. They loved manipulating salt dough to make their own dragons which they have brought home along with drums, fans and lanterns.



We have continued with our weekly hydrotherapy sessions, trampolining sessions in PE and a space theme in music.

Next term we will be beginning with the story of the Three Little Pigs and exploring different ways of building. We will be looking at homes and celebrations

Jo & Yvonne & Daisy class team





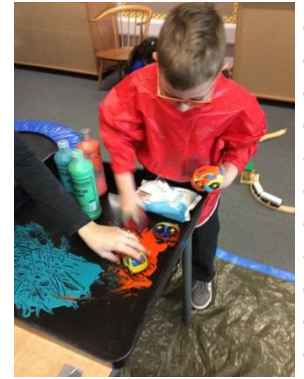
Pupils in Sunflower class have been keen to participate in a variety of activities this term that link in with our theme 'Transport'. Examples of these activities include making vegetable trains in our cooking sessions,



painting and creating pretend vehicles out of junk modelling and recycled materials. Pupils have also been encouraged to learn and use the Makaton signs for different forms of transport.



This term we have listened to and experienced various sensory stories that link in well with Transport, a particular favourite was 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy. The pupils enjoyed listening to the sound effects on the slideshow and engaged well with the props used in the story.



This term we were fortunate to go on another school trip to Thames Adventure Playground in Taplow. On the journey we sang lots of transport songs and the children were calm and transitioned safely. The class had a brilliant day exploring the different facilities and some children enjoyed watching the trains zoom past, over the bridge as they played outside!

This term we have also begun 1:1 Waldon sessions with the children. The Waldon Approach is a structured programme following specific movements and activities. During these sessions staff physically support individual children and encourage them to develop 'learning to learn skills' through various work type, table top activities. Children are encouraged to explore different resources and utensils using a variety of physical movements, as well as develop their sense of where they are within their space and environment. This approach enables staff to teach skills such as matching, sorting and seriation, as well as developing skills including persistence and patience when completing these adult-led tasks.

Shannon and Sunflower class team





This term we have enjoyed listening to stories about different modes of transport, with We're Going on a Bear Hunt being a firm favourite! There were lots of sensory trays to explore as we



read the story, and the children especially loved hiding from the bear in the dark den! We loved the story Naughty Bus and had a great time pushing buses through the mixture of baked beans and chips before cleaning the buses with a toothbrush.

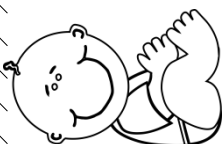
We have been very creative and made some beautiful boats that are on display in Reception



using paper plate, and made train collages using different 2D shapes. We have also made collages in the shape of cars using tissue paper and created rockets using foil. In Maths we have been looking at big and small, sorting big and small vehicles, and ordering several objects from biggest to smallest.

In cooking this term we have been mixing ingredients together to make oatmeal cookies and cheese muffins, and have been working really hard on our chopping skills and learning how to use knives safely. We chopped vegetables to make vegetable trains, and made a Chinese stir fry whilst learning about Chinese New Year.

Katie & Tulip Class Team



We welcome back Steph Cardno next half term, she will be returning to work after being on Maternity leave. She will be part time, teaching in Oak class Tuesdays and Wednesdays and job sharing the role of Head of Early Years with Yvonne Wilson, who has been covering her Maternity Leave.

Save the Date – 'Stay & Play'

March 2020	March 2020	March 2020	March 2020
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We would like to invite all parents, carers and siblings to Individual classes 'Stay & Play' sessions.



Daisy Class: Friday 29th March from 9am to 10am



Sunflower Class: Thursday 21st March from 11am-12 noon



Tulip Class: Thursday 28th March 2pm-3pm

We hope you can all come along; letters will be going out nearer the event to confirm if you are able to attend.

Have a wonderful Half Term

The Early Years Team.

Middle School News

Years 5 and 6 have brightened up the darkest months with their curriculum topic 'Carnival'. They have been finding out about Brazil.

They enjoyed a fabulous workshop from Team Tempo and tried out some of the instruments including drums and bells.



Willow and Rowan class also enjoyed a trip to the living rainforest



Key Stage 3 pupils took part in a Polybat competition.



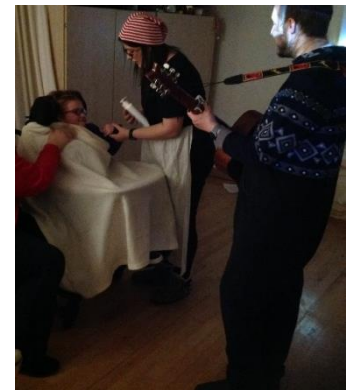
They have also been learning how to care for a casualty—the recovery position, CPR and making an emergency call.



Maple class are enjoying their horticulture lesson. Here they learned how compost was made and made their own mini compost bins with soil, newspaper, green cuttings and old vegetable peelings.



This half term Poppy and Cherry Classes have been experiencing immersive theatre, through 'A Night in the Nursery'.



The classes have explored the ritual of going to sleep in the nursery through their senses. Through the weekly repetition they are now beginning to anticipate the soft and gentle feel of the blanket and are showing their enjoyment through their body language, facial expressions and vocalisations.

Finally, members of Holly class have been out and about. Here they are walking to Woodley.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable half term

Yvonne Edwards
Head of Middle School





UPPER SCHOOL

Upper School students are enjoying this terms project 'Planet Earth - What a load of rubbish!' The theme is very topical with issues being highlighted in the media around sustainability, ecological awareness and our shared responsibility to look after our planet.



Students have been 'reducing, reusing, recycling and refusing' wherever they can.... they have even been taking metal cutlery to Reading College to 'refuse' the less environmentally friendly plastic cutlery there, and shopping for local seasonal produce. We have even 'gone green' at our café by changing all disposable products used to recyclable versions. They have also been helping the local community by litter picking in the area.



Students have been investigating local community recycling bases such as the 'True Community Co-op' in Emmer Green where they refilled their old washing up liquid and surface cleaner bottles to cut down on waste plastic; however, the highlight of the visit was probably filling glass jars with organic chocolate buttons to 'weigh and pay!'



Upper school students have also taken inspiration from current TV programmes such as 'Money for Nothing;' they have turned their usually pristine and tidy classrooms into re-risk assessed DIY zones where they have been using decoupage and chalk painting to reinvent old furniture destined for the skip! Parents and family may even be able to acquire this furniture; the students intend to sell it at the Addington Auction which they are organising for Thursday 14th March. We look forward to seeing you there!



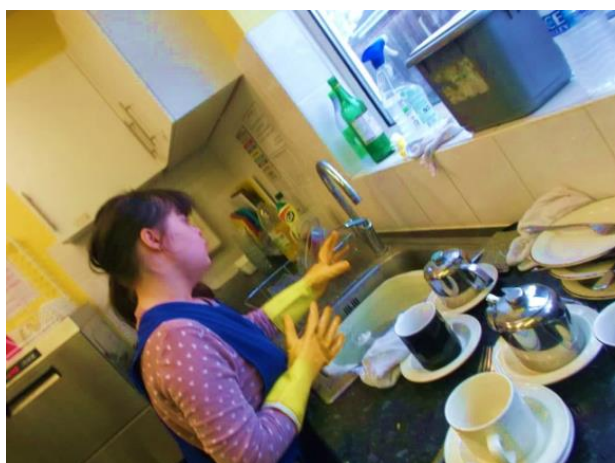
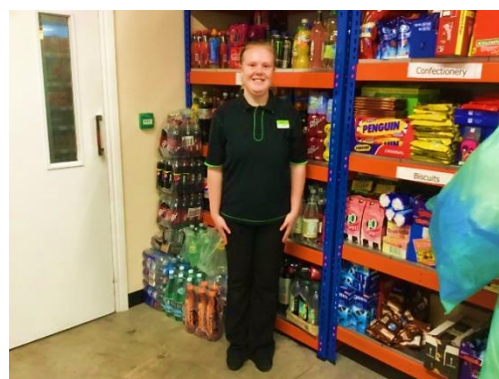
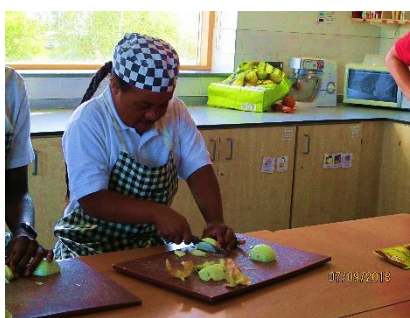
The upcycling / recycling project activities have created plenty of great opportunities to re-visit independent skills with a creative slant. In order to 'refuse' plastic shopping bags several students have tie dyed cotton bags to use on weekly shopping trips! Students have enjoyed cutting felt letters of their initial to personalise their bags, and to practise sewing skills!



This part of the project has involved lots of home management skills, including washing and ironing. Hopefully parents and carers should see this reflected at home!



In work experience retail students have been working in Marks and Spencers, Asda and Co-op. They have been building skills around customer service, time management, stock replenishment and display. One student who has an interest in working around trains has been had job shadowing experience with a train conductor. He has been answering customer ticket enquiries, checking tickets and completing platform duties along the Waterloo line. Meanwhile, students who are interested in working in Hospitality have been working in local cafes and restaurants; they have been working front of house, serving customers as well as food preparation and kitchen duties. Well Done everyone!

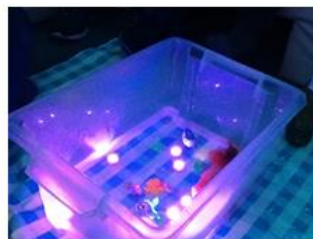


The Ridgeline



Owl Class have been enjoying our weekly sessions at The Ridgeline. We have been working on a project about birds – making bird feeders, bird houses, bird collages, scattering seeds for the birds. We have also been making our own compost.

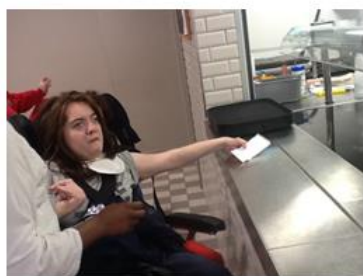
Under The Sea Sensory Story and Sensory Craft



Owl Class have been exploring an Under The Sea sensory story and making a variety of sensory crafts to use in the story. We have made sensory umbrellas, sensory pouches, ocean bottles, sensory sea creatures, shark masks, a submarine and colourful fish.



Café at The Birches



Owl Class have enjoyed our weekly trips to The Birches Café. The students choose their food and drink, using symbols and communication boards. The residents from The Birches have made our class beautiful sensory mits which we absolutely love.

The Internship at Johnson & Johnson is now live! After interviews and placement trials, five of our students are working at the Johnson & Johnson offices as part of the Sodexo team.

Two students share a role in the security team, and are responsible for ensuring the building is safe, logging delivery drivers and doing a daily car park count.

One of the interns has become master of the post room. He is already navigating his way around the building delivering post independently to J&J staff. Another intern works in the staff shop on a Wednesday and it is like he has been there forever. He does everything from printing off orders, picking orders and customer service.

Finally, one of our Hospitality graduates is wowing everyone as pastry chef in the kitchen. Her role has already expanded...she is not only making cakes but is already helping with food prep, working on the tills at lunchtime and is an onsite Costa barista too!



Already, she has been introduced to the Sodexo global executive chef.

He spent some time with her showing how to display her cakes, giving tips about cutting tray bakes and offering customers tasters to help sell more products. He also tried her famous Malteser tray bake! In his words 'Wow that is really good. Such a great tasting tray bake.'



In keeping with the theme of sustainable lifestyles, our students have ensured that all of their recipes used only seasonal, local produce. They have enjoyed a range of winter root vegetable curries, pies, apple and rhubarb crumble and a risotto. Peeling skills have improved as a result.... always a useful skill at home!

We had another session with Jan from the Education Department at Newbury showground, and in keeping with our project made a delicious root vegetable soup.





It has been another fantastic and enthusiastic start to the term with new themes in our curriculum and concerts taking place.

Music

Our main scheme this term's is 'The Magic Number' and students have been performing 'One Way or Another' by Blondie and 'Another One Bites The Dust'. They have been learning different rhythms, and exploring how to play the bass guitar. In the sensory theatre classes have been going on an underwater adventure, exploring songs about going in a submarine and swimming with fish. Our younger students have been exploring songs and activities based upon space.

Throughout the year we give opportunities for students who are having instrumental lessons to share some of their work with their friends in our Addington Music Series. This half term we have enjoyed concerts from our brass, guitar and drum students. Students enjoyed sharing their music with friends and it was great to see how their skills and confidence have continued to grow.



Art

Our art teacher Beccy continues to work with different classes and art work is being displayed around the school. Classes have been exploring printing using foam.



Drama

This term some of our complex and sensory needs classes have been taking part in Immersive Theatre Sessions. This is a fully sensory session which this term is based upon a scene from Peter Pan and is called 'Last night at the nursery'. As students become more familiar with the session they anticipate and interact more with each activity.

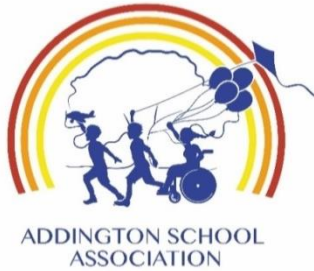
Our drama project group has been working with Chris our drama teacher on Monday mornings this term on work based around 'Beauty and the Beast'. They performed their work this week to students and should be really proud of their final piece.

Arts Award

We are really proud of our 14 students who achieved their Bronze Arts Award this term - well done to all!

We hope you all enjoy half term!

Rhona, Sean, Jules and Martin



News from the Association

Email: AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

We're very pleased to say that the combined Christmas fund raising from all our events in the lead up to Christmas raised over £2000.00 a lovely to boost to our sensory garden project.

We are also pleased to say that we have been selected as one of John Lewis token scheme charities in Reading. Please do ask family and friends to vote for us in store, for our share of £3000.00. Also, we've been chosen as one of Asda's charities for their green token scheme in April; again, please do ask family and friends who use the store to vote for us.

As this newsletter goes out, we are putting together our Easter Raffle, watch out for our letter for tickets after half term. I'm pleased to say that we will be holding an Easter Coffee morning in school on Wednesday 3rd April; details will follow after half-term; the Easter Raffle will be drawn at this.

We are looking into starting up an Association craft group to make things for fund raising; there is still time to let us know if you are interested in getting involved. Please see below how you can contact us.

Our next committee meeting is on Tuesday 26th February where we will be planning our events for this year; please do come along if you want to be involved or if you have any ideas please do pass them along to us; again, contact details are below.

Suky has been busy getting this year's ball organised; details are below on how to get your tickets. It was a really enjoyable evening last year, a great night out for couples or a group of friends. We are also seeking prizes for the raffle for this event so if you can donate an item or work for a Company that could donate something please do get in touch with Suky or drop donations into reception for her attention.

We still have a very long way to go to raise the money for the Sensory Garden, so please do support our efforts we are a very small group trying our best to make this happen for everyone's children.

Our AGM will take place in March please watch for details after half term; we would be very happy to welcome some new faces to the team.

Lastly thank you to everyone who has been donating unwanted Christmas gifts; we have a fabulous start to prizes for this year's fund raising, please keep it coming.

Have a good half term.

Yvonne Thrower - Chair Addington School Association

You can contact us either via

School on 01189669073

Email AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

Our Facebook page

You can donate to the Sensory Garden project via our JustGiving page.

Summertime Ball

Please join us at the Addington Summertime Ball to raise money for the Addington Association and The Thumbs Up Club.

Date: Saturday 29th June 2019

Venue: Holiday Inn Hotel, Winnersh

Time: 6.30- Midnight

Dress code: Evening wear

Early bird tickets £40 pp

(On sale until 24th April 2019)

Standard ticket price (after 24th April 2019) £43 pp

Tables of eight £312 (group booking)

The evening includes a three course meal, followed by music and dancing, with the hotel bar available until late. It also includes exclusive access to a prize draw. Last year's star prize was a flat screen TV. Everyone is welcome, so please invite friends and family.

Tickets may be purchased by completing the slip below and enclosing cash or cheques (made payable to "Addington School Association") in an envelope marked "Summertime Ball". These can be left at reception or sent into school in children's communication books. If you have any queries or would like to pay by bank transfer, please contact Suky directly at Sukysehgal@hotmail.com

Ticket booking slip

Name

No of tickets

Email address

Dietary requirements

Names of people you wish to be seated with

Child's class/school contact



ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES
2018 - 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Staff Training - Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 September
(school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 5 September - Wednesday 19 December

Half Term: Monday 22 October - Monday 29 October (inclusive)

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3 January - Friday 5 April

Half Term: Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February (inclusive)

Summer Term 2019

Staff Training - Tuesday 23 April (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 24 April - Tuesday 23 July

May Day Holiday - Monday 6 May

Half Term: Friday 24 May - Friday 31 May (inclusive)

190 days for pupils



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Thursday 5 September - Friday 20 December

Staff Training: Friday 25 October (school closed to pupils)

Half Term: Monday 28 October - Monday 4 November (inclusive)

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 January - Friday 3 April

Half Term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February (inclusive)

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20 April - Tuesday 21 July

May Day Holiday - Monday 4 May

Half Term: Friday 22 May - Friday 29 May (inclusive)

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