

1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of the term and what a term this has been. A HUGE thank you to all our staff, parents, children; the whole Alexandra Park Junior School community for inspiring and supporting one another through this tremendously challenging time. We wish everybody a restful holiday indeed.



### Free School Meals (Easter Holidays)

We will be issuing free school meals on the grounds of low income receiving a £15 voucher to cover the Easter holiday. As we have already used the Wonde voucher system, this will be fairly simple for us to administer again. A huge thank you again to Miss Corry for ensuring all our families who are entitled to this receive their vouchers over this period.

### Brain-builder Homework

Your child's Brain-builder homework for over the two week holiday period will be set via Class Dojo. This work will support their learning ahead of the Summer term.



### Staff Car Park

Please can we ask that parents and children do not stand around the cars in the staff car park. A member of staff has brought to our attention that their car was scratched whilst parked in the car park. Please can all parents and children remain on the pathway into and out of the school. We thank you for your support.



### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

We as a school have chosen to administer the optional MTC to year 4 pupils. This will take place between Monday 7 June and Friday 25 June and the check will take most pupils no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

The multiplication tables check (MTC) is a digital assessment intended to support teachers in ensuring that all pupils know their multiplication tables by the end of primary school. It will enable schools to identify those pupils who may need more support with their times tables.

This is an opportunity for our school to familiarise ourselves with the nature of the check before its planned introduction as a statutory assessment in the 2021/22 academic year. Pupils who trialled the MTC found the digital nature of the assessment fun to do.

At Alexandra Park Junior School, every child has access to Times Tables Rock Stars (we have used it for many years now) which is an online resource where children learn and practise their times tables and division. We encourage pupils, parents and teachers to use this resource to prepare the children. If you need help with log ins please get in touch with your child's teacher.

The STA have published a Multiplication tables check information video, which demonstrates what pupils and schools can expect.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ct5cDctLVTI&list=PL6gGtLyXoeq9eWA31dGs2Rm-sAM8jDhDXs&index=2>



Please also click the link for more information created for parents:

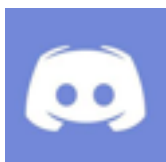
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## Ramadan

It is not long now before fasting begins and the holy month of Ramadan leading up to the festival of Eid. Please find a letter attached to this newsletter regarding information about children fasting.



## Internet Safety Advice for parents



We have recently come across a chat room application called Discord. This app is most commonly used by gamers whilst they are gaming. This application is easily accessible and it allows users to send direct messages to each other or join group chats. The app has an age restriction of 13 and above. All of our children in the school are under this age therefore should not be using it. Connecting with friends is easy. Users create servers that people can join. There is no restrictions as to who creates these servers. Anybody can create them which is why we feel you need to be aware so that you can be vigilant against any hidden dangers these types of apps can impose. This app does not have to be downloaded and can be accessed via web browser. This app was geared towards Adults and not children. However it has come to our attention that some children in school may be using this app. This can become a serious safeguarding concern. Attached to this newsletter is a poster with extra information about discord that was released by national online safety.

## Easter/Holiday Activities

Please find attached to this newsletter two leaflets with activities for children to take part in over the holiday period.



## Spelling Shed Winners

Congratulations to our top speller this week is Ibrahim Mohammed (Class 12) with an incredible 39,459,348 points. Well done!  
Keep practising children!

Place	Winners	Total points awarded for correct spellings
1st	Class 12	55,540,508
2nd	Class 2	14,371,626
3rd	Class 11	8,274,388



### Times Tables Rock Stars

Number of correct answers over the last week :

1<sup>st</sup> Place Rizwaan Hussain Class 5 - 1822

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Yousaf Khan Class 1 - 1438

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Nehan Ali Class 1 – 1416

How the battle of the band is going:



WE WISH ALL OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY A SAFE AND PEACEFUL EASTER/HOLIDAY.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday the 19th of April 2021.





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*To Learn, Be Happy and Achieve Our Best*

