

## Headteacher's Note:

Hi everyone,

I'm pleased to say we have been able to move away from bubbles again this week which the children and staff alike are extremely happy about.

We are for the time being, however still holding separate Key Stage assemblies to prevent too many people being in enclosed areas at any one time. We will also continue to refrain from having parents come in for events up to at least half-term. This means that unfortunately we will be unable to invite you in for our harvest celebrations or class hero assemblies for the time being. Parents evening w/b 18<sup>th</sup> October will be via Zoom but we sincerely hope that we will be able to invite you into school for our February meetings so that you can see all of the excellent work that your children have been doing.

We will write to you next week with further information on booking a slot.

Kind Regards

Julie Bratt

## Dates for your diary



**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October:**  
Harvest Festival  
(Don't forget your harvest produce)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October:**  
Special lunch menu, see attached

**Week Commencing 18<sup>th</sup> October:**  
Parents Evening - further details to follow

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October:**  
Break-up for half-term

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November:**  
Return to school

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Deadline for donation for Bag2School collection

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:**  
Break-up for Christmas

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:**  
Return to school

## Class Heroes:

Reception Rangers M:

Archie

Isabella

Reception Rangers S:

Liam

Reuben

Shooting Stars:

Millie

Poppy

Racing Rockets:

Elizabeth

Gruff

Cosmic Comets:

Theodora

Dylan

Well Done!



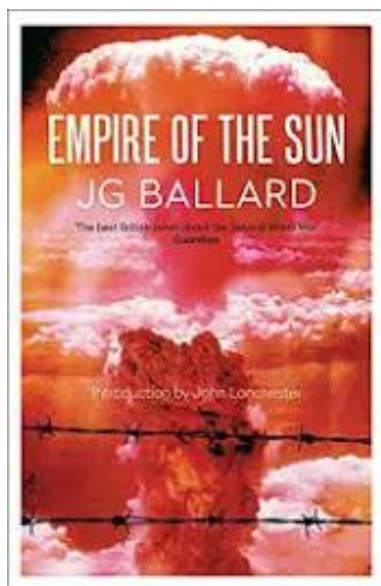
## Attendance:

**27<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Reception Rangers M	92.9%
Reception Rangers S	96.2%
Shooting Stars	91.7%
Racing Rockets	94.2%
Cosmic Comets	89.7%
Skyflyers	98.1%
Starships	100%
Stargazers	95.5%
Explorers	87.8%
Aeronauts	85.3%

Congratulations to Starships on 100% attendance.

## The Albrighton Book Worm



**Title:** Empire of the Sun

**Author:** JG Ballard

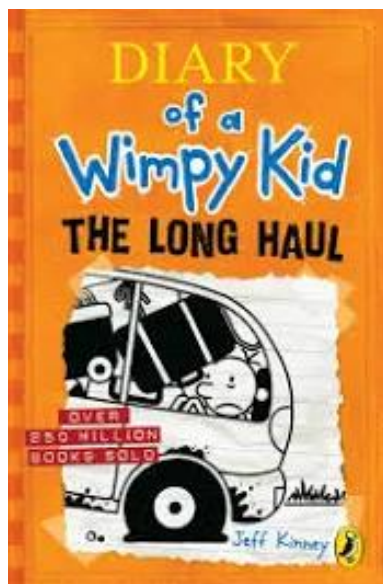
**Reviewed By:** Matthew in Explorers

### My Review

This book is about a boy called Jim who is in Shanghai, when it is invaded by the Japanese in WW2. He is separated by the soldiers from his parents. He is very interested in aviation. As he is British he gets taken to a prisoner of war camp (POW camp) for civilians.

The story explores Jim's feelings at the camp. It is a very emotional book. I give it 4 stars.

Check out the Hollywood film made from the book also.



**Title:** Diary of a Wimpy Kid - The Long Haul

**Author:** Jeff Kinney

**Reviewed By:** Lola in Explorers

### My Review

This book is an awesome story that I rate 5/5 stars because it is funny and I like to read the book and then watch the movie.

The story is about the Greg going on a road trip with his family but when they stop at a motel they get a room which has cockroaches and a whole in the bed. This is only the start of the adventure they have together as a family.

# Wellbeing

## The Power of Positivity

As a parent, it's never easy to hear your child express negative thoughts or to see her wallow in feelings like self-doubt, sadness, or anger. Unfortunately, science says it's natural for people to dwell more on negative thoughts than on positive ones, and this can be even more true for children. This negativity is usually driven by fear, doubt, or shame, which produce stress chemicals in the brain. Ultimately, a negative attitude can shape how a child sees herself and the world around her. But as parents, there's plenty we can do to help our children develop a more positive attitude about themselves and their world.

## 7 Activities to Help your Child Develop a Positive Attitude

### LOVING KINDNESS MEDITATION



Engage your child in loving kindness meditation. It involves thinking of loved ones and sending them positive thoughts. The four traditional phrases are, "May you feel safe. May you feel happy. May you feel healthy. May you live with ease."

### HELPING OTHERS



Your child could help others by assisting an elderly neighbor with yard work or chores, helping a friend with homework, or participating in a canned food or clothing drive. You could also make volunteering a family affair and regularly help out with a soup kitchen or other charitable organization.

### RECORDING AWE MOMENTS



Encourage your child to create an Awe Journal. In the journal, they will record sights or moments from their daily lives that they find beautiful or extraordinary: a rainbow, a kind act, or even the smell of freshly baked cookies. Your child can record these moments with drawings, descriptions, poems, etc.

### SETTING AND ACHIEVING GOALS



Encourage your child to set goals and visualize and plan for obstacles in advance. This is called the WOOP approach: Wish, Outcome, Obstacle, Plan. This approach makes it more likely that your child will actually achieve her goals, resulting in increased confidence and a more positive attitude.

### SHARING POSITIVITY



Share positive experiences with your child. Laugh with your child, hug your child, set aside time to provide your undivided attention, and enjoy positive experiences together.

### DEVELOPING NEW SKILLS AND TRYING NEW ACTIVITIES



Recognize your child's strengths and give her opportunities to develop them and experience success. If your child expresses interest in a new activity, let her try it out. You can even find new activities to try with your child in order to increase your shared positive experiences.

### PRACTICING POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS



Guide your child to come up with affirmations that are short, positive, and present tense: I am kind. I am enough. I am loving. Instead of giving your child instructions or requiring her to say affirmations, try to use them in a playful manner.



# What we've been learning in .....

## Maths



By the end of their Reception year, children should **verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system**. Recently, our Reception children have engaged in lots of fun Maths learning opportunities.

They have been learning to count carefully. They have been reading, writing and ordering numbers to 10 and beyond.

By the end of the end of Y2, children should **recognise the place value of each digit in a two digit number (tens, ones)**.

In Y2, children have secured their understanding of teen numbers as ten and more before moving on to larger two digit numbers. In both Y1 and Y2 children have worked with a range of concrete objects to represent amounts.



## Number & Place Value



By the end of the end of Y4, children should **recognise the place value of each digit in a four digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens, ones) & order & compare numbers beyond 1000**.

Y3 and Y4 children have been furthering their understanding of three digit numbers by representing amounts using place value counters and dienes.

Pupils have used their increasing knowledge to compare numbers using  $<$   $>$  and  $=$  signs.

By the end of the end of Y6, children should **read, write, order and compare numbers up to 10 000 000 and determine the value of each digit**.

In Y5 and Y6, children have used a range of Maths resources to represent 4 digit numbers and beyond.



# Purple Mash

We have just purchased Purple Mash, which is a whole world of fun and exciting learning opportunities in one safe online space, to support our pupils with both learning in school and at home. At some point over the next week, your child will receive a password. Class teachers will also be demonstrating how to navigate the site in class time prior to setting homework.

## What is Purple Mash?

Purple Mash is a comprehensive suite of online learning tools and content, designed for children aged 3 to 11 in the classroom and at home. Purple Mash supports learning through its resources, games and creative tools, tailored to the school curriculum; everything from core subjects such as maths, reading, writing and phonics, to all the other topics learnt in school. It will also support us in teaching the computing curriculum.



## How you can support your child:

To begin with, it's a good idea to log in to Purple Mash with your child's login and familiarise yourself with the menu icons and key areas of the site. You can also explore our parents' area on the 2Simple website which explains the powerful learning benefits of Purple Mash beyond the classroom all in under 3 minutes, including the parent portal if your school has enabled this.

<https://2simple.com/parents>

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

**Happy Purple Mashing!**

## *Information and Reminders*



### **Harvest Festival**

On Thursday 7th October, pupils will be taking part in our Harvest Festival where we will welcome Reverend Mary into school to lead a sermon. As part of this, each class will sing a range of Harvest songs with their key stage.

During this time of year, we talk about the gift of harvest and the generosity that we can show to others. With this in mind, we would like to encourage pupils to bring in either a tinned or packaged food item which will be donated to Albrighton Food Bank. All items are gratefully received by the food bank, but they are running particularly low on the following items:

- Tinned meat products (such as chilli, curry, mince and ham)
- Baked beans
- Tins of custard
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned pies

All pupils are welcome to bring their food item in on Thursday 7th October. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Home Learning**

We are updating our home learning class pages in case your child needs to self-isolate. Work will be updated on a weekly basis. If you require any further support with this work, then please email your child's class teacher. Email addresses can also be found on the class page.

We have published a document that is on our website which gives details of resources to support reading and book related activities at home. It can be found at:

<https://www.albrightonprimary.com/homelearning/websites-and-resources>

Just click on the book worm picture for the latest document.

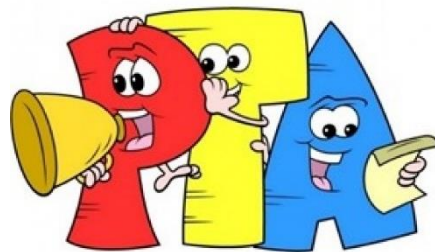
### **COVID 19 - LFT and PCR Tests**

Lateral flow tests can be ordered online following this link and are usually delivered the next day.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

To book a PCR test follow this link <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

## *Calling All Parents - Albrighton Primary School & Nursery Needs You*



We would like to set up our Friends of Albrighton Primary School group again, to support us in our fundraising efforts. If you have an hour to spare here or there or you would really like to make a difference to our school community then we need your help.

Mrs Tearle would like to invite willing parents, grandparents etc. to support her to form a committee that would arrange various fundraising events across the year, such as Christmas and summer Fairs, raffles, bake offs, discos, Mother's and Father's Day shops etc. If you do feel you have some time to spare either during the school day or after school, please get in touch with Mrs Tearle via the school office.

If you feel you don't want to be part of the committee, but you could support us at our events then please look out for further information in the future.

We can only hold these events and raise the funds that will support us in our endeavour to make our school the best and most exciting learning environment it can be, if we get enough volunteers.

*Thank you to those who have already contacted us to volunteer, we really appreciate it.*

### **What do PTAs do?**

A PTA (or Friends group) is a Parent Teacher Association, an organisation with a mission to make the school a better place for children to learn. It brings together parents, teachers, and children to raise funds and strengthen the school community. Money raised is usually spent on things that the school budget does not cover. Our school income has greatly suffered because of the pandemic. We have many projects that we want to create as they would really benefit the children, but due to funding can't afford.

### **Why should I join one?**

There are many reasons why you should join our PTA. From making new friends and getting to know the school environment, through to helping raise much needed funds and making a difference to the children and school community. All of these things help you grow in confidence as a parent and it feels good to know you are making a difference for your children and for generations to come.



## Fundraising - Please Help

As I'm sure you're all aware due to the pandemic we haven't been able to have some of our usual fundraising events at school. We rely on our fundraising to raise funds for some of the lovely things that help to make Albrighton Primary School the best and most exciting place it can be for our pupils, as funds are used for playground equipment, books for our library, games and IT equipment etc.



Easyfundraising is a great way that you as parents, grandparents and friends of the school can raise money without it costing you anything.

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause. Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. Retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you". There are over 6,039 retailers to choose from and so far we've raised £368.46 with our 52 supporters. It would be fantastic if we can get to over 100 supporters.

All you need to do is follow the link to the easyfundraising website and either sign up and start shopping straight away or download the app. Every time you are buying items online go through the website or app and we get a percentage donation from the retailer.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/albrightonpschlnursery/>

Thank you



### Bag2School

Following the success of our collection in the summer term, we are doing a 'bag2school' collection and all donations need to be in school by 4pm on 30<sup>th</sup> November. The more bags of clothing we get; the more money we raise as payment is based upon weight.

Bag2School will accept donations in any bags / bin liners but please ensure they are strong. We are able to start accepting donations from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October and will store them until Bag2School collect them.

Bag2School accept 'good quality' items for RE-USE, a full list of items that they accept can be found on their website <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Get sorting!



# Create Your Own Day Menu

Thursday 7th October 2021



## Pizza (v)

*Pick your own topping!*

*ham, pineapple, sweetcorn, sausage, salami, peppers*

## Loaded Burger

*Pick your own topping!*

*Cheese, ketchup, coleslaw, bacon bits, onion rings*



## Curly Fries

## Baked Beans



## Loaded Biscuits

*Pick your own topping!*

*Choose 1 from: icing, chocolate icing or biscoff spread*

*Choose 2 from: rainbow sprinkles, mini marshmallows,  
chocolate strands, raisins or chocolate chips*



## Fruit Kebab with a Yoghurt Dip

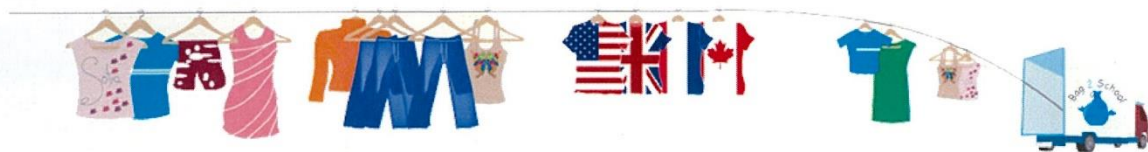




We are having a

# Bag2School

fundraising collection



Please give good quality:-

- adults' & children's clothing
- paired shoes
- lingerie, socks, hats, scarves, belts & ties
- handbags & jewellery
- soft toys
- household linen, curtains, towels & bedding (sheet, duvet covers & pillow cases)



**The more we collect, the more we raise!!**



Please return bag to school by

**4pm on**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021**