



'AIMING HIGH IN ALL WE DO'

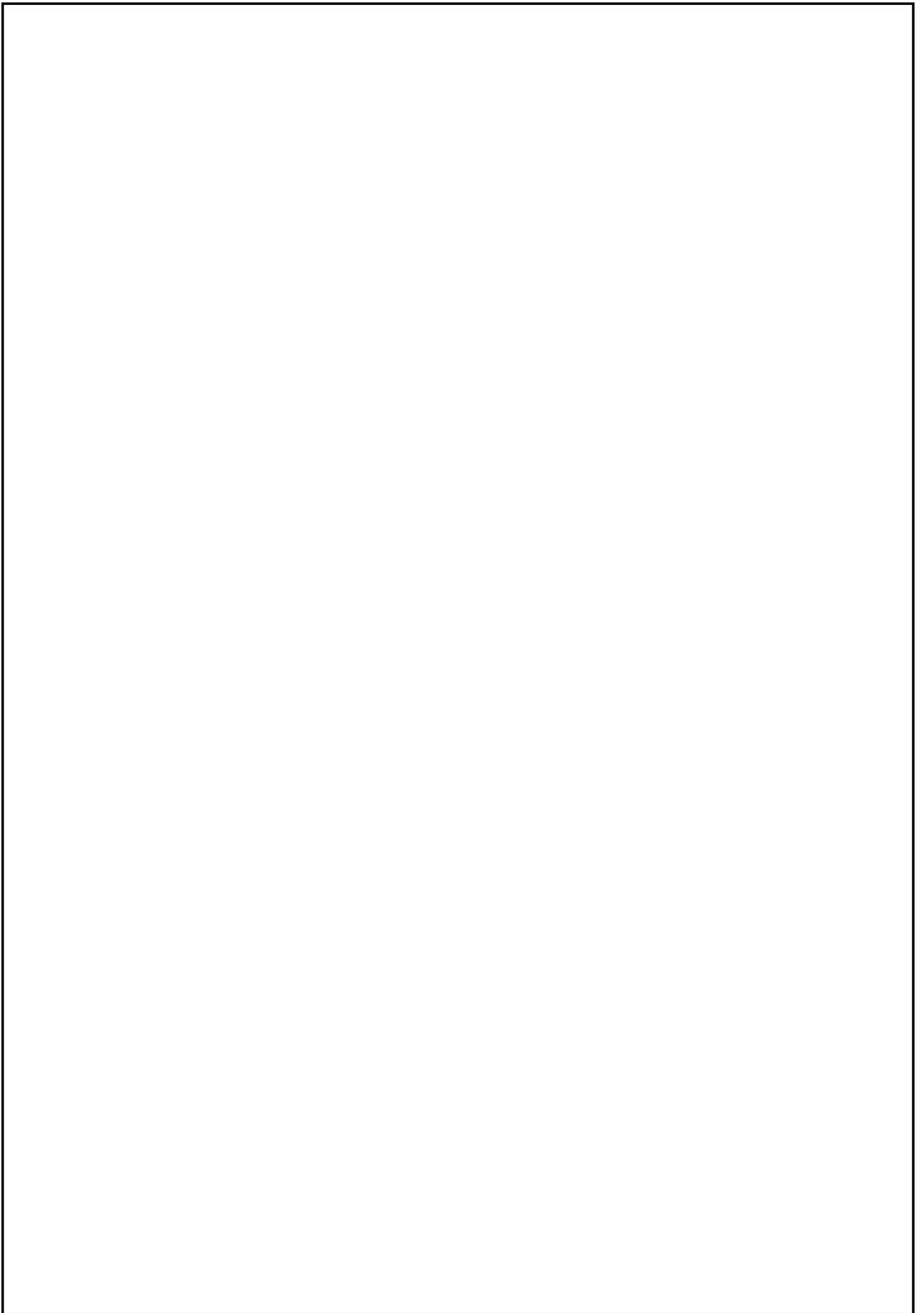
ALMOND HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

As you are guided round the school this evening you will meet teachers and children who can answer any questions you might have.

This booklet tells you a little bit about our curriculum and how we learn at Almond Hill.



OUR CURRICULUM

As you go round the school there will be examples of all the curriculum subjects we learn about.

English Reading

We understand that reading is key to accessing engaging learning throughout the curriculum. Good readers make better learners and at Almond Hill we want to ensure all children can do this and have fun with books and stories at the same time.

At our open evening you can be part of several different reading activities including 'Guess the author' and 'Teachers book match up'. You might even want to explore the books from the enchanted tree!



English Writing

At Almond Hill, we use exciting themes to motivate and encourage the pupils to become imaginative writers. To support their writing, we encourage pupils to read widely and in lessons, we promote the use of a varied range of quality texts that model how to write successfully for different purposes.



Maths

As we develop our maths skills we learn to apply them to real life situations. We use lots of resources to help us learn to secure efficient methods for calculation. We have challenges to learn our tables as this helps us with all areas of our maths!

Science

Here at Almond Hill we believe in making science a hands on experience. Teachers work alongside our dedicated 'Science Ambassadors' to provide fun and engaging investigations across all year groups. Your child will thoroughly enjoy practical and active lessons which will further enhance their scientific knowledge and understanding.

Computing

Come and see what computing looks like at Almond Hill. Our high-quality computing education equips children with a solid foundation for the digital future. We'll be showing how we code sprites, use Micro: Bits, create simple animations, present information with hyperlinks and much more, all this whilst learning about e-safety!



PSHCE

At Almond Hill, we pride ourselves on teaching and having excellent learning behaviours. All children learn about healthy living, relationships and living in the wider world through a range of lessons and activities. We aim to prepare and well inform children for living in the world both inside and outside of school. We learn about 'values' and focus on one of these every month. One thing we 'value' is pupil voice and every year we elect our Prime Minister – you will be able to meet the Prime Minister this evening.

RE

At Almond Hill we embrace all cultures and religions and celebrate learning more about those which are unfamiliar to us. Children enjoy a weekly RE lesson that encourages them to consider the lives and thoughts of others. We also have a weekly RE assembly that informs them about celebrations in other religions and encourages them to make links. We hope that by giving children more experience and knowledge our children will be tolerant and kind to all.

Geography

Children at Almond Hill have a rich heritage and their backgrounds come from all parts of our globe. Our children are growing up in a world where their workplace of the future could be anywhere. We aim to teach them about the physical aspects of our world and the impact man has on the environment so they learn to respect our planet and all it has to offer.

PE We know that regular physical exercise is essential to ensure we develop good health both physically and mentally and each child receives 2 hours of PE weekly. All PE lessons are differentiated and inclusive meaning every child can achieve to the best of their own ability. We develop skills in many sports, learn how to take part as a team player within school and local competitions. We pride ourselves in sportsmanship and our 'Sports Leaders' act as ambassadors for our school. We have access to the knowledge and expertise of a sports coach. We also have access to a wide range of extra-curricular sports clubs on offer.



History

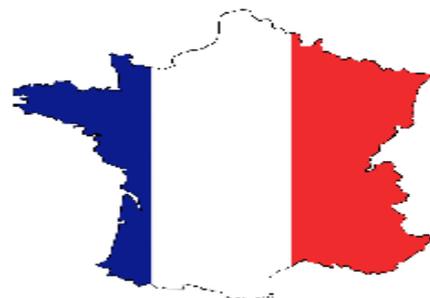
At Almond Hill we ensure that through history lessons children build an understanding of how past events have helped shape the world we live in today. We teach different historical times such as The Romans, The Ancient Egyptians and WW2 in chronological order through child led investigations and engaging lessons that link history with other subjects in the curriculum too.

Design Technology

DT at Almond Hill encourages children to work together; trying things out, finding solutions and learning through trial and error. They love to use their creativity and imagination to develop practical expertise, within a variety of contexts such as the home, enterprise or industry.

French

We use Language Angels – a computer programme to help us learn to speak and write some French.



'Bonne soiree'



Music Singing is a vital part of the music curriculum at Almond Hill. Pupils particularly enjoy our weekly singing assemblies and our highly commended school choir regularly takes part in community singing events. To support the objectives of the National Curriculum for music, we teach music lessons through the award-winning Charanga Scheme, which is highly interactive and very popular with the pupils.

Environment and Conservation at Almond Hill. Our school is situated in a fantastic environment. We have extensive grounds to play and learn in and have a popular gardening club. At Almond Hill, we are starting our journey for becoming a more ECO friendly school and want everyone to join me this important responsibility.



We already have a lot of positive initiatives and are fortunate enough to be situated in beautiful surroundings but we would like to do more. We have created an ECO Committee this year and our three focus areas are: **Litter** - Reducing the amount of litter in our school grounds through our litter picking team. **Energy** - Lowering the amount of energy we use through a "turn off the lights" campaign. This year we have planted a wild flower area to attract more insects and are just introducing our 'bird hide'.

Art

Children record their art work in sketchbooks that they take with them across the school. They are encouraged to express their ideas and work on developing specific skills. They also learn about artists and their work. Members of our popular art club are here tonight!



Including Everyone

At Almond Hill, we know everyone is an individual. Our uniqueness makes us all special and have something to offer.

Sometimes we all need a bit of extra help at Almond Hill and our SENCO Mrs Birchall helps along with our teaching assistants.

We have a Friendship Room that is open every lunchtime so if you have a problem you can go and see Mrs Burgess or one of our Friendship Mentors who are there every day to help us.

At Almond Hill, we aim to promote equality of opportunity for all learners for whom English is an additional language. All teachers deliver a broad, balanced curriculum which reflects the needs of children for whom English is an additional language. We also want to ensure all EAL pupils reach their full potential and celebrate their varied countries and cultures.

Transition

We have a substantial Transition Programme to support children transferring from their infant school. This transition work starts in the spring term and carries on until children start in September.

We do hope you come and join us for your junior education. If you would like any more information, please contact Mrs Judith Lovelock (Head teacher) at admin@almondhil.herts.sch.uk

For more information about our school please visit our website:

www.almondhill.herts.sch.uk

Important Dates:

4th November 2019 - **Online system opens for you to apply online.**

15 January 2020 - **Deadline to apply for a school place.**

You will find more information about admissions in Hertfordshire on the following website:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-admissions-and-transport.aspx>

