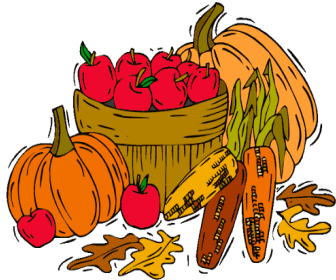




Newsletter 7th October 2016

ALINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

Dear All



Harvest Festival Our Harvest Festival will take place at Yelverton Parish Church on **Wed. 12th October at 9.15am**. You are all very welcome to share in this time with us, we always ask for some willing parents to walk with us from school up to the church to help us make a safe trip. The children are being asked to bring some tinned, dried or packet goods to the church which will then be given to the Salvation Army in Norwich.

Important change of date - our School Christmas Fayre has been moved to Saturday 3rd December. Please amend your school calendar.

Friends AGM

The Friends recently said farewell to some of our members as their children left to attend high school and we would love to meet some new parents/grandparents/carers, from across the school year groups. Informal meetings are held at the school (approx. 6 per year) and there is no obligation to attend all meetings or events. If you can help at any of the fundraisers we will be pleased to welcome you, many hands make light work and it's always fun and rewarding!

If you would like to become involved, please contact any member of the Friends or join us to eat, meet, mingle and chat at the AGM to be held on Tues. 11th October from 7pm. It would be great to have parents from every year group.

Thurs 20th October Cake Sale – Friends are organising a Cake Sale after school in the “old hall”. This time the money raised will be going to support the work of the orphanage in Kathmandu which was destroyed during the earthquake in 2014. We have established a link with the organiser of the orphanage, Dr Monica Placzek who is an old school friend of Joy Shreeve. Joy is now a member of our Governing Body after working here as a SENCo for a number of years. She still comes into school to garden with the children on Tuesdays and stays to help with readers in the lower school. As a school we are very blessed and feel that at times our fund raising should support others. Please bake some cakes if you can, drop them off on the morning of the 20th and then come along and buy some to eat at 3.00pm! As well as cakes there will be a second-hand school uniform sale, so the Friends are keen to collect unwanted school uniform in good condition – a box will be in the corridor next week. Thank you.

Dates for this half-term:

Tues 11th Oct – Years 1 and 2 trip to Elizabethan House
Tues 11th Oct 7pm – Friends AGM
Wed 12th Oct 9.15am – Harvest Festival at Yelverton Church
Thurs 13th Oct 9.30-11.30am – Open Morning for prospective parents
Thurs 13th Oct – Children's Disco, please see attached for details
Tues 18th Oct – Year 6 Code Breaking Morning at Hobart
Thurs 20th Oct – Friends Cake Sale in aid of Nepalese orphanage
Fri 21st Oct – Break up for half-term

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Parent Support Advisor

We are fortunate in this school Cluster to have the services of Sally Hitchcock to support parents. Please read the attached sheet about the work Sally does with parents. She is very reliable and easy to engage with and many of our parents have found her advice and support very helpful. Her contact details are on the bottom of the leaflet, however I have reproduced them here for you.

Sally Hitchcock – Contact at Glebeland Primary 01502 677354

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Shoebbox Appeal - Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest Christmas project. Each year the families from our school wrap and fill empty shoeboxes with small gifts for a boy or girl. These are then distributed to needy children world-wide. We have always had an amazing response to this appeal; I am sure this year we will all be even more aware of those children who are in greatest need. Shoeboxes are given based on need, regardless of background or religious beliefs, it is an unconditional gift of love.

Leaflets detailing how to fill your shoebox appropriately are available from the school foyer. If you have any spare empty shoeboxes please bring them in so others can take one and fill it up! The date to bring your shoeboxes into school is by **9am Friday 18th November. The Shoebbox Service is at Bergh Apton Church on Sunday 20th November at 11.00am.** It is a moving service and lovely to see the children presenting the boxes. All Welcome.

The driver of the Framingham Earl High School bus has advised us that as visibility is poor at this time of the year parents may want to bear this in mind when walking along with their children.

School Disco - Thursday 13th October – Classes 1 and 2 5.00-6.15pm and Classes 3 and 4 6.30-7.45pm. Please see attached booking form.

Gymfinity Activity Day – Tuesday 25th October. Booking forms are available from the school foyer.

Yours sincerely

Teresa Osborne

Attachments

- School Disco – Thurs. 13th Oct.
- Parent Support Advisor – Information Sheet
- Sleep counselling workshops- flyers
- Friends leaflet
- Gymfinity Activity – Tues. 25th Oct.