



Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

Dear All

Thank you so much for generously filing so many shoeboxes. John Ling from Bergh Apton tells me he had over 100 shoe boxes, the vast majority of which came from this school. Thanks also to the families who went along to the service last Sunday at Bergh Apton parish church when the boxes were blessed and sent off on their way to Novi Sad.

Our Children in Need contribution also raised just over £150 from the non-uniform day. In addition to this you have sent in a vast array of chocolate and bottles for the Christmas Fayre. I do hope to see you all there next Saturday when you will be able to buy it all back again!!!


As you know we do have a very active Friends committee but on Christmas Fayre day the committee is looking for parents who are prepared to help out for a short while on one of the stalls or to bake some cakes/savouries for the Café. A map of the activities and where you can find them is attached.


Please see the note from the Friends below:


*The Friends have been busily organising the Christmas Fayre and can promise all the sights, smells and sounds of the season. In the spacious new hall you can relax in the Café whilst checking out the fabulous prizes to be won on Rudolph's Raffle and throughout the rest of the school you will enjoy a variety of market stalls (selling top quality gifts, clothing, skincare, crafts, cards and wrapping), many fun games and tables full of tombola. Sitting happily amongst all of this will be Santa in his amazing grotto – with wonder, magic and gifts for all!*

*This is our most enjoyable and elaborate fundraiser of the year and your support is always greatly appreciated – we can't do it without you!*

*If you are able, could we please ask for contributions of ;*

 *your time on the day – anything from 30mins on a stall, game or in the café (please add your name to your preferred slot on the rota in school foyer)*

 *cakes or bakes for the café (again, add your name in the foyer)*

 *donated teddies/cuddly toys for the Teddy Tombola (bear box in school foyer)*

*We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December from midday – perfect festive fun for all ages, please come along and bring family and friends to enjoy the day with us!*

**Christmas Tree decorating** – the “big tree” is going up in the school hall and the children in Year R are asked to donate a Christmas bauble to hang on the tree during the Christmas tree dressing during Collective Worship on Monday.

### Dates for the rest of term:

#### November

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> – Dress the Christmas tree

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> – Class 4 Christmas Cakes

#### December

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> 12-3pm - Christmas Fayre

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Nativity dress rehearsal, toddlers to attend this performance please

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> a.m. – C4 Christmas Cake making

7<sup>th</sup> 2pm – Nativity performance

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm – Nativity performance

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – School Christmas Lunch

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Christingle Service

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> p.m. – Classes 1 & 2 Christmas Party

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> – Classes 3 & 4 Christmas Party

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – NO After school Multi-sports

Last day of term

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> – Gymfinity Activity Day

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Jan – Children return to school

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## The Posada

The All 4 service this Sunday at Yelverton will be the Advent service when the Posada will leave the church on their journey around the parishes. Many of you will be familiar with the Mexican tradition where Mary and Joseph go from house to house looking for somewhere to stay. The children sign up to take the figures home for a night and record in a scrapbook the things they have done that evening. i.e. eating pizza, watching TV or playing lego etc while Mary and Joseph “join in”. Please feel free to include a photograph of these evenings! The Posada and scrapbook is then returned to school the next day where it is displayed on the table in the corridor until the next family takes it home for that evening. Finally the Posada is returned to St Mary’s on December 11<sup>th</sup> for a candle lit service where they wait for the birth of baby Jesus on Christmas Day. Please sign up if you wish to take part ... the journey rota is on the church noticeboard in the school corridor.



**Christingle** – The Children’s Society envelopes are coming home today. Please return them to school before our Christingle service on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm. There will be a collection on the day. Parents are welcome to come in earlier to help walk the children to school. All children must return to school after the service in order for staff to be certain they have gone off with the correct adults.

**Christmas Cakes – Class 4** will be making Christmas Cakes as usual on the mornings of Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov and icing them on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. Parents, grandparents are very welcome to help - Year 5s before break, i.e. 9-10.20am and Year 6s after break 10.45-12.15pm.

**Collection for Mrs Colleen Gotts** – we will be making a presentation to Colleen on our last day of term. Any donations may be handed into the school office in an envelope clearly marked “for Mrs Gotts”. Thank you.

**Deena Images – Final reminder** – please bring your photograph orders in by first thing Monday morning, 28<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Tea Towels** - a few are still available. Forms are available in the foyer.

**Gymfinity** – Rachel Perry is running an activity day on Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Details are attached.

**Thursday Meal Change** – Reminder the meat menu for Thursdays of w/c 28/11, 9/1 and 30/1 has been changed to sweet and sour chicken served with rice and broccoli.

## Safety

The new car park seems to be working well and I hope is relieving the congestion around the school at drop off and collection times. I have reminded parents not to park on Nichols Road as it makes the pavement un navigable for pedestrians. Parents are very welcome to stand and chat in the playground after drop off rather than block the pavement as some children have been observed stepping off the kerb to get round you and into school.

May I also remind you that all the children need to be in school by 8.45am. It is a statutory duty to ensure your child arrives on time and we are required to record late arrivals.

## Staff Vacancies

We are looking for a cleaner for 20 hours per week plus and a MSA for 10 hours a week. Interested? Please speak to Mrs Reeman for further details.

Teresa Osborne

## Attachments

- Christmas lunch order form
- Christmas Fayre map
- The Children’s Society – Christingle envelope
- Gymfinity Activity Day – Tues 20<sup>th</sup> December
- Posada details
- Messy Makes – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm Alington Village Hall