



Newsletter 9th December 2016

ALINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

Dear All

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre last Saturday. There was an amazing response by parents and families as well as members of the local community and beyond that. I spoke to people who had travelled considerable distances to come!

From 12.00 midday the rooms seemed to be full of people making purchases, joining in the games and tombolas, drinking mulled wine and taking refreshments in the Café. Thank you to all the Friends who worked so hard in the days leading up to the Fayre and to everybody who donated prizes for the tombolas and raffles as well as to those folk who prepared food for the Café.

What can be said about Santa's Grotto...? The grotto was so overwhelmingly magnificent, anyone who went into it, adult or child was filled with awe and wonder. Each time I went in I saw something different, even after the weekend the grotto was still attracting families who came either for another look or because they hadn't been able to make the Saturday. There was a meeting at the school on Tuesday afternoon of local headteachers and they were completely "gob smacked" by what had been achieved.

Congratulations to all those people who had a hand in putting it together, it was the brain-child of Jenny Rope and Emma Perfit and a very fitting swan-song for Emma whose youngest child leaves this summer. Jenny and Emma would like to say a special thank you to Lizzie Willmot who helped with the two day set-up and take-down.



The Fayre was another magnificent effort by the Friends but it wouldn't have been any use if no one had come along to enjoy the afternoon. I believe the final figure raised may be a new record for us, we will let you know once all payments are received. This money will go towards purchasing new electric blinds for our new school hall.

Dates for the rest of term:

Mon 12th – School Christmas Lunch
Mon 12th – 2.50pm, Class 3 short music performance
Tues 13th – 2pm Christingle Service
Wed 14th p.m. – Classes 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Thurs 15th – Classes 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Fri 16th – NO After school Multi-sports
Last day of term
Tues 20th – Gymfinity Activity Day
Thurs 5th Jan – Children return to school

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Christmas Counts – EYFS and KS1 Nativity play. Once again another wonderful achievement by the children and staff in Classes 1 and 2. If you wish for a memento or missed it, Mr Whitely has again kindly filmed it for us and you can order your DVD from school. All the children in Classes 1 and 2 have received an order form, **please return them to school by Monday 12th December.**



Class 3 will give a short performance to parents on Monday 12th at 2.50pm of this half-term's music.

Christingle – Tuesday 13th December at 2.00pm. All children with long hair **must** wear it tied back for safety reasons (lit candles). 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. There will be a collection for the Children's Society at the service or return your envelope if you prefer.

Christmas Parties – Classes 1 and 2 - Wed 14th December
Classes 3 and 4 - Thurs 15th December

This year the children will be eating their party food at lunchtime as in previous years there is so much party food the children don't eat it all as they have just had lunch. So we will be beginning with the eating and then onto the games.

Menu Change - On Thursday we have been informed there will be a change to the school lunch menu for C1 and C2 – Margarita Pizza or BBQ Quorn fillet, tossed pasta salad, peas and sweetcorn followed by a mini crispy bar with seasonal fruits.

Lunch Menus for the first two days back in January are attached. Week 3 of the menu will then resume as of Monday 9th January.

Christmas Cakes – Class 4 This was a successful couple of mornings with some amazing cakes produced! Thank you to all the parents/grannies who came to help.

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.

Gymfinity – Rachel Perry is running an activity day on Tues 20th Dec. Details are attached. Please note that Gym Club starts back on the first day of term Thursday 5th Jan.

Pro Coach – There will be no after school session on Friday 16th December

Lost Property – the box is overflowing again – please check the lost property before the end of term. Anything left will go to “Recycle with Michael” – The Salvation Army. The next collection date is 16th January.

This will probably be our last newsletter before Christmas. The staff and I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

Term starts again Thursday 5th January 2017.

Teresa Osborne

Attachments

- Gymfinity Activity Day – Tues 20th December
- Gym payment slips for next half-term
- Recycle with Michael, The Salvation Army donation bag
- Lunch Menus for Thursday and Friday 5th and 6th January