



Newsletter 28th April 2017

ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

Many thanks to all the children and parents who filled the mini eggs boxes with change over the Easter hols, I hope the children did some useful jobs for you all. Just over £100 was raised – well done and thank you.

I hope all of you will have seen the letter sent home earlier this week explaining the new class structure for next September and the successful appointment of a new teacher for Year 3, Miss Jessica Langlands.

We have also decided to name each class in the school after a British bird so the children will be playing a part in the choice of names for their new class.

Watch this space.

Goodbye..

We are saying goodbye to our caretaker Jeremy Petch. Jeremy has been a good friend to the school during his time as caretaker but has decided that he needs to hand in his keys due to work commitments.

Handy – man or woman

We are now looking for someone to be a “handy man” and to undertake basic maintenance tasks during the year. Examples might be to mend something, to creosote the sheds, clear guttering etc.

The job doesn't entail a regular working pattern and you will have the flexibility to undertake the tasks when it suits you. If you think you might be interested in taking on these sorts of tasks, or if you know someone who might, please contact the school office.

We will also be saying goodbye to Liz York at the end of May as Ms Betts will be returning from maternity leave after half term. Although we are very pleased to welcome Ms Betts back we are very sorry to see Liz go as she has been such a super member of staff and has fitted in fantastically, not just with C2 but with participating in all aspects of school life from school productions to Christmas parties and Fayres. In addition Mrs York has helped run a Year 6 booster group on Wednesday mornings over the past term for which we are very grateful. We hope that we will still see Mrs York in school from time to time as she is an ace supply teacher too! She says she will keep in touch.

Summer Concert

Charlotte Cork is organizing our annual summer concert on the evening Thurs 25th May at 6.30pm. As well as Charlotte's music pupils the school choir, Samba and recorder group have also been invited to take part as well as any other pupils who have music lessons outside of school. Please see attached letter.



Dates this half-term

Mon 1st May – May Day
Public Holiday

Mon 8th – KS2 SATS week

Fri 12th – Year 6 SATS trip to
Whitlingham

Sun 14th 10.30am Run4Fun

Friday 19th – Class 4
photograph

Thurs 25th May – Class
Photographs;
3pm after school cake sale;
6.30pm Summer Evening
Concert

Fri 26th May – break up for
half-term

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KS2 tests and assessments

Y6 tests in reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS or SPaG!) and maths will commence the week beginning 8th May. The tests are Mon to Thurs morning. Please could parents of children in Y6 ensure that the children get plenty of rest the weekend before and during the week of the test. It will also be helpful to eat a healthy breakfast, we will as always be making toast before the tests. In previous years the parents have made a “cake rota” and provided the children with a small cake/bun as a mini treat after the morning tests.

On the Friday morning all Y6 are being taken to Whitlingham kayaking, a letter will be sent home with details and a permission slip. This “treat” for the children is at no cost to parents.

The children have worked extremely hard and we know they will do their best. Since 2016 the tests have been made much harder which is not helpful to the children. The results will go to high schools and their progress during high school is measured from the grades they get in the KS2 tests.

Mon 8th – Reading test

Tues 9th - GPS

Wed 10th - Maths Paper 1 arithmetic and Paper 2 reasoning

Thurs 11th - Maths Paper 3 Reasoning

KS1 tests, assessments and Year 1 phonics tests

These tests will take place during May and June, unlike the KS2 tests they can be held at a time to suit the school and the children, ie they don't all need to do them on the same day but it is a statutory obligation to test the children in reading and maths. The marks they get will be reported to parents and they will help inform the class teacher judgements as they make the end of KS1 assessments in reading, maths and writing.

The school will receive the results of the KS2 tests in early July when we will then report to parents the raw scores, scaled scores and whether or not your child has met the expected standard, exceeded it or is working towards it. Assessment outcomes for KS1 parents will be issued with their reports. I apologise in advance for the language used to describe the test outcomes; it is not my choice but that of the DfE.

As far as I am concerned all the children are meeting our expectations.



FUN RUN – this will take place on Sunday 14th May, 10.30am. 3Km for all. Cost of entry £3 adult, £2 children (under 16 year olds to be supervised)

The route is shorter than previous years, there will be medal winners for the four age groups boys and girls. Entry forms are attached **please return by Friday 5th May.**

If you are unable to run but would like to help out please see “A Friend” about offering to be a Course Marshall.

The Friends are planning a cake sale on Thurs 25th at 3pm so any bakers – put it in your diary!

Congratulations to the netball team who played in the Cluster competition earlier in the week and are now through to the next competition at the UEA on 25 May. Good luck.

Class 4 school photograph – as the netball team will not be in school to have their formal class photograph taken, Deena will come into school on Friday 19th to photograph only Class 4 formal picture.

Sainsbury's Vouchers - We are now collecting these, there is a box in the corridor for your vouchers. Please support this as we have had a very good response in the past which has bought us playground equipment for the children to use.

Thank you

Teresa Osborne

Attachments:

- Letter re class changes for September 2017
- Tennis coaching reply slip – there are a few spaces available
- Summer Music Concert letter – 6.30pm Thurs 25th May
- Year 6 letter re trip to Whitlingham – Friday 13th May
- Hobart High School – The Blowfish 'Live Science Demonstrator' Science Lecture – 11th May 2017
- Scholastic Book Club magazine – if ordering via the school please hand your order into the school office by Friday 12 May
- Run4Fun – 14th May
- Gym payment slips