



Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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

Dear Parents

**We well done to Year 6 who spent last week working very hard at their end of Key Stage 2 tests. We are very proud of the way they all approached them and are confident that whatever the outcomes, they have all given their very best. We view children not just as learners of academic knowledge but as individuals with a wide range of skills, not all of which are tested in public examinations. Amongst our Year 6 cohort we have great sportsmen and gymnasts, children who are amazing artists, children who sing and play musical instruments as well as those who are kind and caring individuals who will grow up to be compassionate and valued members of society. Well done Year 6 we are proud of you!**

The children spent last Friday morning at Whitlingham kayaking as a reward for their efforts and I am pleased to tell you that the staff at the centre told us they were one of the best behaved groups they have had.

Results of the end of KS2 tests are due to be released to schools at the beginning of July and we will let the children and parents know the outcomes as soon as we have processed them.

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – afternoon at Carrow Road**

Thanks to Mr Ben Kensall the entire school will be going to Carrow Road and spending the afternoon playing on the football pitch before it is treated for the new season. Thanks to the many positive responses from parents to help, we now have sufficient helpers ... sorry for any disappointments!

- We are asking the children to arrive at school on Monday in their PE Kit **or** football strip of favoured team rather than having to change at school, leaving clothes behind etc etc!
- They must wear trainers or astro-turf boots
- Please bring a light coat – the forecast at the moment is a fine day...however??
- Please apply sun cream to your child and send them with a sun hat if the weather is sunny as it can be very exposed down on the pitch, so I am told!
- Plenty to drink – we will provide some additional drinks and some fruit snacks
- A packed lunch from home. School packed lunches have been ordered for those parents requesting them.

We will be back at school for 3.00pm pick up.

### **Dates this half-term**

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May – pm whole school trip to Carrow Road

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> – class photographs

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> - 3pm after school cake sale;  
No Gym Club;  
6.30pm Summer Evening Concert

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May – break up for half-term

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June – back to school;  
All Year 5 Basic Cycling Skills Course, NB bike and helmet required!

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**Class Photographs** – to avoid complications (the netball team are now competing at the UEA on Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May, the day we had originally arranged for class photographs to be taken), Deena will now be taking formal and informal whole class photos on Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Smart school uniform please.



**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Summer Concert**

This is taking place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May starting at 6.30pm. Please could the children arrive at 6.15pm, please don't come any earlier than this. We are delighted with the very positive response from children taking part. Please could the children wear school uniform.

**Please note there is NO GYM CLUB on this date as Rachel is not available.** (This session will be deducted from next half-term's fees.)

**Scooters and roller skates** – this proved to be very popular last summer so once again we will be offering children the choice to bring these items to schools on specific days and enjoy them at break and lunchtimes. In addition we will be putting up the short tennis nets.

Monday	Class 3	Tennis nets will be up and the children will use the <b>school equipment</b> to practice their tennis skills
Tuesday	Class 2	Bring your scooters to school day – must wear helmets
Wed	Class 1	Bring your scooters to school day. The school scooters and trikes will also be available for you. If you have stabilisers on your bike and wish to practice then bring it along – must wear helmets
Thurs	Class 4	Bring your roller skates and protective head gear. Shin, elbow pads are advisable but optional.

We have discussed these options with the children and have made it clear that the above is **NOT** compulsory, it is just an option and if you don't want to do it then you can use the rest of the playground and field as usual. **Parents are not expected to go out and buy equipment.**

Obviously the above is not without risk, we have taken a risk assessment and will be supervising the children, inevitably there will be a few bumps but hopefully nothing more serious than that.

We have stressed to the children the need for safety and the area of the playground will not be used for anything other than the prescribed activity for that day. In order to keep numbers manageable you can only do the activity that is allocated to your class on that particular day. We also will stop the activity if anyone tries to do anything dangerous; we have considered the risks and feel that small numbers of children enjoying themselves in a supervised manner ought to be an acceptable risk to take. However it is up to you as parents to decide if you wish your child to do this or not.



**Fun Run** – this was very well supported and Friends were very pleased with the way the morning went. £245 was raised.

**Winners:**

- KS1 Ellie and Luke
- KS2 Jessica and Sonny
- KS3 Emily and Barney
- Mums – Mrs Hooper
- Dads – Mr Nesar

**Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3** have trips planned for next half term which the Friends have subsidised meaning the cost will be £10 per child. We all appreciate the value of school visits but I am aware that this can be expensive if you have several children so we are very grateful for the subsidy from Friends. Please speak to Mrs Reeman or myself in confidence if this is a problem for you.

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friends Cake Sale** after school. Please support this if you are able to make a cake, then come and buy it back again!

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 6pm – School Summer Fete** Please see attached flyer. Please return order form by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you for your support.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day** – Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June is the reserve date in case of wet weather. We realise this is Norfolk Show Day but unfortunately there is something in the diary every day from then until the end of term which means we cannot choose another date. Let's hope for fine weather.

#### **Year 6 transition to Hobart and Framingham Earl**

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July – Intake day at Hobart followed by Y6 intake evening and Framingham Earl High School Super Learning Day (for all Y6 not transferring to Hobart)

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July – intake day at Fram

17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 intake at Hobart

**Dates for next academic year** – please attached Norfolk County Council model calendar which we will be following for 2017 -18.

Reception children for Sept 2018 – these families have been informed of the arrangements for their transition and start dates.

**Speeding down country lanes** – A parent informed us that she was involved in a near miss collision with a car being driven at speed along Nichols Road last week. She was very shaken and I know from recent experience how upsetting this is. Our first concern as always is for the safety of the children as they arrive and leave school. I was told it was a “young person” driving ie – not a parent, however we need to be continually vigilant and report to the police any motorists driving too fast through the village. I know both parish councils share our concerns about this.

**Finally** Congratulations to the Battle family on the safe arrival of their new baby girl Aurelia – We have seen her in school – gorgeous.

**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:**

- Newsletter from The Friends
- School Summer Fete
- Norfolk County Council school calendar 2017-2018