



Newsletter 26th May 2017

ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

Dear Parents

Just a short round up of news this week.

A wonderful time was had by everyone at Carrow Road on Monday. The weather was fabulous and the children and adults thoroughly enjoyed the occasion, going through the tunnel, sitting in the stands and of course playing on the pitch.

Thanks once again not only to Mr Kensell for arranging the opportunity but also to Mr Colbeck, ably assisted by Mr Gilding, for setting up the equipment and organizing the drills and games. We are also grateful to all the parents who were able to come along and help us out. We had an amazing response.

Further photos will be on our website shortly.



Continuing the sporting theme ... well done to the netballers who represented the Cluster at the S.Norfolk competition at UEA. It was a blisteringly hot day but despite this you all played your hearts out.

Thursday 25th May - Summer Concert



This was a wonderful musical evening, and I couldn't be more proud of our children. We experienced such a wide range of musical talent ranging from Samba drums, to woodwind orchestra and soloists, strings and percussion culminating in the choir's rendition of Sing and Happy. It certainly left us all feeling very happy. Many, many thanks to Charlotte and Laura and also to John Cann the Samba-man.

Dates next month:

Mon 5th June – back to school;
All Year 5 Basic Cycling Skills Course, NB bike and helmet required!
after school tennis tennis continues
Tues 6th – NO gym club
Wed 7th - after school cricket continues
Thurs 8th – Year 6 Group 1 cycling proficiency
Fri 9th – FEHS family interviews; Bring your "Recycle with Michael" bag to school or by 9am Mon
Wed 14th 2-3pm meeting for Sept. Intake parents
Thurs 15th – C3 Wild West Trip
Tues 20th – Year 6, Group 2 cycling proficiency
Thurs 22nd – C1 trip to Banham Zoo
Fri 23rd – C2 trip "Fantastic Mr Fox"
Mon 26th – Year 6, Group 2 cycling proficiency
Tues 27th – Sports Day
Wed 28th – Reserve Sports Day
Thurs 29th – NO Gym Club
Fri 30th – Year 5 Sports Day at Hobart

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If you missed it then they will be playing again at the Summer BBQ on 23rd June. There is a reply slip for the children in C4 attached to this letter as we do need to have a commitment from the children to play.

I have estimated that in KS2 we have over 70% of pupils who take on extra curricular music such as choir, recorders, individual music tuition, Hoot n Toot and Huff n Puff. This is in addition to the whole school music teaching throughout C2, C3 and C4.

We are hoping to offer the opportunity from September for children in Y4 and Y5 to have guitar tuition from Ian Cooper. Mr Cooper has been associated with our school through the County Music service for many years but is now available for private tuition during the school day. More details to follow.

Unlocking the school gates – we no longer have a school caretaker to unlock the gates each morning. Mr Colbeck will be arriving in time to open the small black gate and the school for breakfast club. However we do ask parents not to arrive before 7.40am if possible as you won't be able to gain entry to the premises.

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 school equipment 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.

Sun Hats – another reminder that the children do need water bottles and sun hats. Please apply sun cream before school.

Mon 5th June – Year 5 will need their cycles and helmets in school for “Basic Cycling Skills Course”.
Thurs 8th – Year 6, Group 1 will need their cycles and helmets for “On Road Cycling Course”. (Group 1 = those children who had cycling proficiency on 18th May.)

Mon 5th June – The plan is for Miss Langlands to be in school on this day, to meet staff and the children. I am hoping that there will be an opportunity at the end of the day for parents of children in Y2, ie Y3 from September to briefly say hello at the end of the day.

Tues 6th June – NO GYM CLUB

Friday 23rd June, 6pm – School Summer Fete Please return order form by Friday 9th June. Thank you for your support.

Tuesday 27th June – Sports Day – Wed 28th 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.

Mrs York has asked me to thank all the parents for their many kind comments, cards and generous gifts. She hopes to keep in touch and see us all soon.

Year 6 transition to Hobart and Framingham Earl

Thurs 6th 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 7th July – intake day at Fram

17th 18th and 19th July – Y6 intake at Hobart

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

Attached:

- Monday Tennis payment slip
- Tuesday Gym payment slip
- Wednesday cricket payment slip
- Thursday Gym payment slip
- C4 Samba reply slip