



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

Happy New Year to all our families.

Unfortunately, we are going through the time of year when children and adults are struggling with flu and bugs. If your child suffers from a sickness and diarrhoea bug then we ask that you keep them at home for 48 hours after the latest "outburst."



**On a much happier note** we were very proud to receive an email from Theatre Royal Norwich commenting on the "impeccable behaviour" of our KS2 children who attended the performance of "Around the World in 80 Days". The theatre manager commented on their politeness and that their positive behavior allowed everyone in the theatre to enjoy the performance. I know that all the adults and children who went from Alington had a good afternoon!

**BIG SING** – the school has entered the Big Sing event at Carrow Road on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The whole school will be attending, there will be an opportunity for parents to purchase tickets. We were lucky to respond quickly as the event was very soon sold out and they have a waiting list of schools wanting to go.

Listen out for your children coming home singing snatches of – Ain't no mountain high enough, Happy, Shine, Heroes and many more as we start to learn them...

**Building project** I am very pleased to inform you that the Diocese have successfully bid for funding to enable us to re-surface and re-mark the playground as well as create a permanent partition in the old hall. This will create a 55m sq class space and a new technology/ withdrawal space with additional storage. Lack of storage is a continual headache for us and we are looking at all options.

The Governors and I have attended meetings with both Alington and Bergh Apton Parish Council where we have asked they give consideration to our request for some of the Community Infrastructure Levy both councils have received. This CIL funding is for improvements that need to be made to local infrastructure due to new housing in the locality. As a VA school we need to raise 10% of any capital project and so we are seeking to raise £8,000. We have requested £4000 from each parish council but have yet to have a positive response from either. It is worth considering that 10% from us will ensure 90% of money from central government is spent on our school.

**Maths Workshops** - a reminder that these will be taking place on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### Events:

#### February

- Mon 5<sup>th</sup>: Valentine cake sale
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 2pm - Kingfisher performance – Mermaids and Pirates
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> - Maths workshops for parents:
  - 3pm Years 1 & 2
  - 4.30pm Years 3 & 4
  - 5pm Years 5 & 6
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm – Kingfisher performance – Mermaids and Pirates
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> – Break up
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Back to school
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – bring bags to school "Recycle with Michael"
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – by 9am bring bags to school "Recycle with Michael"
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – BOOK WEEK
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Forensic Science Day at Hobart High
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> – Toy and Book Sale

#### March:

- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> & Wed 14<sup>th</sup> – Open Afternoons and Parent/Teacher meetings
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> – Quiz Night
- Tues 27<sup>th</sup> 9.15am - Easter Service at Bergh Apton church

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3pm - Y1/2. *We will offer childcare for this session.*

4.30pm – Y3/4.

5.00pm Y5/6

**Kingfishers' performance of Mermaids and Pirates** - this will take place on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb from 2pm. There will be a sign up list for parents outside Kingfisher class.

**Open Afternoons and Parent/Teacher meetings** – will take place for all classes on Tues 13<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30-5pm and 14<sup>th</sup> of March from 3.30–7pm.



**Cupboards and playrooms now bulging with new books and toys?**

**Wish you could make some space by passing on no longer needed items?**

The school are holding a sale of no longer needed **toys and books** on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. We are hoping to make it a learning experience for the children so different classes will be involved in sorting, pricing, displaying, selling and counting up the money.

The plan is for the children to come to school that day with a small amount of money, they will then go into the hall and spend it from 2pm with parents invited to join them at the end of the day.

Proceeds will go towards new books for the classrooms

### **Friends Events**

The school is very grateful for all the fundraising Friends does and for all the parents and families who support their work – the school is pleased that going forward this year Friends will support the whole class music provision and the purchase of Community Play Blocks for Robins.

**Friends dates for your diary include:**

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Valentine Cake Sale in new hall

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Recycle with Michael

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Quiz Night. £5 pp - bring your own food and drink – Further details to follow

Thank you.

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**Attachments:**

- New school menu commencing 19<sup>th</sup> Feb
- NHS booklet to Y6 – “Moving up to Secondary School – Info. for young people, parents and carers”