



Newsletter 28th March 2018

ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

Dear Parents

First of all I would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who sponsored my sleeping rough with the YMCA. It was a very humbling experience and made one think long and hard about how truly terrible being homeless must be. As I told the children at school, people are homeless for a variety of reasons, including making poor choices, but it was startling to learn how quickly someone can go from having a home, job and a family to finding oneself without any of it.

With your support I have managed to raise almost £2,000 and counting for YMCA Norfolk. I could not have done that without the kind people who sponsored me and who asked me questions about how it went etc. Although it rained all night, including the time we erected our shelter, I managed to keep dry and warm, so a special thanks to the parents who donated their unwanted cardboard boxes. They were brilliant. We are hoping to hold a sleepover here at school later in the summer term. The idea is embryonic at the moment so more details after Easter.

Easter Service at Bergh Apton Church – this was very well attended by parents, many thanks. It was a tight squeeze this year, thank you to Friends for the Easter Eggs, the children are being asked to fill the egg boxes with small change (in return for undertaking small errands!!) and then bring them back to school. Instructions are on the boxes.

Competition Winners

Easter Eggs designs – we had a tremendous response and it was a tough decision for Ms Godbold to choose the winners:

EYFS winner – Freddie from Robins

KS1 winner – Leah from Kingfishers

KS2 winner – Cordelia from Eagles

Each of these winners is taking home a “goody” bag

Most original winners

Robins – Hugo

Kingfishers – Matilda

Skylarks – Bertie

Owls – Violet

Eagles – Toby

Each of these winners is taking home an Easter Egg. Thanks to Friends for donating the prizes and making up the bags.

April

- Mon 16th – return to school
- Thurs 19th, tag ruby team competition
- Thurs 19th 5-6pm Framingham Earl High School Y6 Parents' Information Evening

May

- Wed 2nd, Year 5 & 6 parents invited to lunch
- Thurs 3rd, whole school taking part in “The Big Sing”
- Mon 7th, school closed Bank Holiday

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Story Writing Competition

We had 35 entries from across all year groups which is a very good response. Once again, the entries were of high quality.

The winners are as follows:

Reception Benjamin ; **Year One** Izzy; **Year Two** Amy; **Year Three** Bertie; **Year Four** Olivia; **Year Five** Imogen; **Year Six** Maddie

NB : Due to safeguarding concerns it is our policy now not to give full names on documents that are put on our website.

Building works

Skylarks are now back in their classroom which they are enjoying after the refurbishment. We have also gained a small withdrawal space. The playground should be completed by the end of this week and we will then start to get it re-marked.

As you imagine all of these things are expensive and we are grateful for the funds released through the Community Infrastructure Levy which I referred to in my last newsletter. At the moment we have an expectation of receiving £4,000 from Yelverton with Alington PC with a further £2,000 from Bergh Apton. Watch this space for the final amount. It is good to know that the local communities value the work of the school in their villages.

As you may be aware, school budgets are being increasingly squeezed and we are grateful to the tremendous fundraising carried out on behalf of the school by Friends. Without their support we would not be able to fund things such as specialist music provision and to replace books at the rate we do. We are looking to raise a further £1,000 to help offset the costs of the playground re-marking. **If anyone has access to match funding through the workplace PLEASE speak to either myself, Mrs Reeman or Karen Mallet Friends treasurer.**

The Big Sing at Carrow Road on Thurs 3rd May. Please help the children practice the songs by downloading the Big Sing lyrics and performance tracks. You can do this by **following the link below:**

<https://www.norfolkmusicclub.org.uk/site/events/event/the-big-sing/>

Scroll down to “What is the repertoire?” and access the learning resources on “click here”

The Password is singup

I hope you find the songs and enjoy singing along with the children at home.

Come along and join us if you can...details were in a previous newsletter.

All the children will require a packed lunch on the day.

Governors Dig Deep Day – Thank you for popping in and speaking to governors. They found your comments and conversations very helpful.



Worriers – does your child get angry or worry? Do their worries impact on their school and home life? If you feel this is something you might like further advice and support on please see the attached flyer about the Worry Stop.

SPORTS

Sport Relief last Friday – This raised £117, thank you for your generosity.

Swimming - Skylarks will begin swimming after Easter starting Tues 24th April. The children will need to go in for an early lunch as it is an afternoon session. Any child in Owls or Eagles who has yet to swim 25m will also be asked to go. The DfE has a target that all Y6 pupils need to be able to swim at least 25m. As we are a County with lots of water it does make good sense to have this as an aspiration. Please speak to your child's teacher if there is a problem with this.

Netball - Congratulations Alington high 5 netball team who won the Cluster tournament last Tuesday evening. They all played really well and have now qualified for the next round.

Tag Rugby - Report from Tommy, Year 4

"The first team we went up against was Seething who we lost 6-3 to. They were Years 5-6. Miss Betts really encouraged us in every game we played. We won 2 and lost 3 out of 5 games we played. Woodton came 6th, Glebeland came 5th, we came 4th, Thurton came 3rd, Seething came 2nd and Loddon came 1st. We all really enjoyed it and we had a lot of fun. We also went through to the next round as a large school with Loddon. Seething and Thurton are representing small schools."

School Dates 2018-2019

The school will be keeping to the Norfolk Model calendar, this is attached.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/term-dates/term-dates-and-school-holidays>

Some parents are interested to book holidays for October half term. May I remind you that we are required to monitor closely attendance and that holidays in term time are not sanctioned. An absence of 10 consecutive sessions can trigger an attendance enquiry and that each morning and afternoon counts as two sessions. Therefore 10 consecutive absences is only one school week.

Attendance

The following children have 100% attendance from September:

Robins: Alice, Tyler, Hugo, Noah, Nell, Cleo

Kingfishers: Louie, Samuel

Skylarks: Lily, Luke, Cassie Jonathan

Owls: Sam, Charlotte, Louisa

Eagles: Eva, Hannah, Jake

School Uniform

We have been informed by our uniform supplier, Price & Buckland, that **with effect from 1st April 2018** certain items of school uniform will be increased in price.

"Over the years, like many other businesses in the UK, we have experienced rising fabric and production costs and severe exchange rate conditions. It has been a challenging period, and during this time we have managed to hold our prices, whilst continuing to invest in both people and systems."

DESCRIPTION	COLOUR	CURRENT PRICE	NEW PRICE APRIL 2018	DIFFERENCE
Hoodie	SAPPHIRE	£14.00	£14.50	£0.50
PE Polo Shirt	ROYAL	£7.75	£8.00	£0.25
PE Bag	ROYAL	£3.50	£3.75	£0.25
PE Shorts	NAVY	£4.50	£4.75	£0.25
V Neck Sweatshirt	NAVY	£10.00	£10.25	£0.25
Bookbag with Strap	ROYAL	£8.00	£8.00	£0.00
Crew Neck Sweatshirt	NAVY	£10.00	£10.00	£0.00

You may wish to place any orders before 12.01am, 1st April! Please visit our website:
<http://www.pbuniformonline.com/>

Mrs Reeman still has size age 3-4 hoodies in stock in school. Not sure of the sizes, she also has “sample” items in the school office if you would like to check you are ordering the correct size.

Wishing all our families Happy Easter holidays.

Yours sincerely

Teresa Osborne

Attachments

- Norfolk County Council School Calendar 18-19
- Summer Term Gym Club payment slip
- Summer Term Tennis Club payment slip
- Flyer – “Worry stop” information and advice for parents/carers – Loddon Library, 10th May