



Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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

Dear Parents and Carers

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** - will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am at Yelverton Parish Church. If you would like to come to school and help us walk the children to the church you will be very welcome. Alternatively we will see you at the church. We ask that all children come to school first that morning. This year food donations will be going to the Foodbank which is a charity our school regularly collects for. We are asking that the children each bring a "gift" of food to the church next Thursday morning which they will take up to the altar at the beginning of the service. These items will then be sent with the church's own donations to the Foodbank. The usual food items the children bring are tins and packets of dried goods. The Norwich Foodbank is particularly short of the following items:



UHT Milk  
Long life fruit juice  
Tinned fruit  
Tea bags (esp 40's)  
Tinned meat  
Tinned tomatoes  
Biscuits

### School Council

The School Council are particularly keen to further our school vision of "Let Every Light Shine" and are motivated to show how important it is to be a good neighbour by raising funds for a defibrillator. All the school staff recently refreshed their First Aid training, part of which involved the use of a defibrillator; when the School Council learned of this they began to make plans to organise a variety of fund-raising activities this term to purchase and install an Automatic External Defibrillator for use by the school and anyone in the local area.

**Please see the attached letter from the school council for ways in which they are seeking to raise funds for the defibrillator whilst at the same time promoting healthy lifestyle choices.**

**These include:**

Collating a Healthy Eating Recipe book  
Delivering a "keeping healthy" lecture  
Making smoothies  
Inviting parents to "Sip a Soup"  
Selling fresh salad wraps and fruit kebabs

### Dates for this/early next month:

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Cycling Course  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y2 parents invited to lunch  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> – KS2 trip to Norwich Theatre Royal  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> – Y1 trip to Poringland library  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> – 9.15am Harvest Festival at Yelverton church  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Cross Country at Langley School  
Sat 13 – Deena Images – Family Portraits  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> – Open Morning, 9.30-11.30am  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Break up for half-term

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – Autumn Term 2 commences

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In addition the whole school will be taking part in a sponsored “run” around the field during the week of 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Please read the attached letter and consider giving the children’s efforts your support. Thank you.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** – Many thanks to everyone who supported the Coffee morning by either making cakes or coming and buying them back again! £222 was raised for Macmillan.

### **Open Morning**

We will be holding an Open Morning for prospective parents on **Tues 16<sup>th</sup> October** from 9.30am to 12 midday in Class 1. Please come along if you are interested in a place for your child.

We will be taking part in “**Operation Christmas Child**” again this year. Only mentioning it at this stage so that any shoe boxes you may have at home you might like to keep for the moment please.

**Eagles Residential trip** – please find information about the residential trip to Brancaster next July. This is a very popular trip and the children always have a great time.

**Deena Images** – Deena will be taking Family Portraits on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> October between 9.00 – 12.00 noon. Please book your appointment with the school office.

### **PE Kit and Girls Socks**

Please make sure your child’s PE kit, and all clothing, is named. We already have an overflowing Lost Property box, any unnamed clothing will go to Recycle with Michael.

Ms Betts also suggests that children might want to wear tracksuit tops and trousers for PE now the weather is getting cooler. Please could we remind parents to put socks in PE bags for girls as many of them come to school in winter tights and then do not have any socks to wear with their trainers.

**Reminder** – School will end for half term on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, resuming again on Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Teresa Osborne

### **Attachments:**

- Friends flyer
- Letter and sponsor form re raising money for a defibrillator
- Letter to parents of Y5 and Y6 re Brancaster residential



The Friends would love to hear from any parents or family & friends who would be interested in having a stall at our Christmas Fayre. This year the Fayre is on **Saturday November 24th** - it is the most popular event on the school calendar & always well attended by families as well as locals from the village.

Please spread the word and if you are interested in having a stall, or know someone who may be, please speak to one of the Friends or Mrs Reeman in the school office.

In the past we have had stalls ranging from arts & crafts, cosmetics, decoupage, clothing, cards, gifts, handmade local pottery, jewellery, Christmas trees, raw milk & much more!

**Recycle with Michael** – Now is the season to discard all those items you haven't worn all summer and those winter ones you no longer love ... if you are clearing out cupboards and wardrobes please fill the bag your child is bringing home with your unwanted clothes and return to school from **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October or by 9.00am Mon 15<sup>th</sup> October**. (Black bin bags etc. are also welcome.)

**Nearly new School Uniform** – If you have some school uniform or children's clothing you no longer require but it is still in good condition, **Friends** will be holding a uniform/clothing sale after Christmas. Please put into your Recycle with Michael bags any worn out/washed out items but anything that your child has grown out of and is in good condition would be suitable for the clothes sale.

**Next Friends Cake Sale – Wed 31<sup>st</sup> October** after school in the central Atrium.



Following a very successful AGM meeting last evening the Friends are pleased to welcome new members to the committee and have started to put together some future events. If you were unable to come along to the meeting but would like to support the work of the Friends please do speak to them as they are always grateful for help parents can give them. You are all members of the school team.

**Joint Chairs**            **Sonia Rush (Y4 and Y2)**

**Marianne Roper (Y5)**

**Secretary**            **Michelle Barber (Y2)**

**Treasurer**            **Karen Mallet (Y5)**

**Communications** **Becs Harris (Y5 and Y2)**

**Future events planned so far include:**

Christmas Fayre – Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> November – more details of help required to follow

Uniform/Clothing Sale – Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> January

School Disco – YR 1,2 3 – after school til 5pm Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> February

Valentines Cake sale – Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

School Cinema – Y4 ,5 6 – 5pm – 7pm Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

Quiz night – Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Summer Fayre – Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> June