



Newsletter 2nd November 2018

ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a good half term break ... coming back to school for this half term is when we start thinking about the long dark nights and winter mornings. We are always grateful for the clear, bright and dry days.

Please ensure your child has warm clothing for outdoor PE sessions. We do have school PE sweatshirts/hoodies but these are optional so if you have a suitable dark coloured sweatshirt then this is fine. A pair of tracksuit bottoms is always a good idea too.

Please, please, please ensure your child's clothing is named. You would be surprised at the number of lovely new garments that appear in the lost property box.

Cross Country

Good luck to the children who will be representing this Cluster at the S. Norfolk Cross Country Event being held at Old Buckenham on Wed 7th November. The top ten finishers in each race qualify to represent South Norfolk at the School Games at Holkham Hall on 6th March.

Safeguarding – we will once again be talking to the children about being safe, especially online. We are also reminding them that bullying in any disguise is unacceptable and talking to the children about what they should do if they find themselves in this situation. We will once again be sending home the Child Friendly Booklets and one for parents in Robins class. Keeping Safe and Anti Bullying is continually referred to throughout the year; it isn't something we just visit once. As part of our new RSE curriculum (Relationships and Sex education) we will be consulting parents on content and you will have a chance to look at the new materials.

We also use the NSPCC PANTS resources:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Child absence. In line with best practice and advice from Safeguarding

... We are asking parents to notify us of your child's absence from school by 9.30am on the first day. If we do not hear from you we will aim to contact you or your emergency contacts. We also ask that you supply us with at least three emergency numbers we can call. Should your child be absent from school and we have not heard from you or been able to contact you and ascertain your child's whereabouts we will pay a home visit. If we still cannot rouse you then we will inform the police. The reason for this is that there has been a tragic case where a parent suffered a seizure, the child was not able to contact a family member and so stayed with mother. It was only after the child was missing from school for two weeks that the police

Dates for this month:

Mon 5th - Robins trip to Poringland library
Tues 6th – Y6 Maths Code breaking at Hobart High
Wed 7th – KS2 Cross Country Competition
Mon 12th – KS2 WW1 Street Party
Tues 13th – Y6 Cycling Proficiency
2-3pm Owls and Kingfishers Open Afternoon
Wed 14th – YR and Y6 height and weight measurements and YR vision and hearing screening
Thurs 15th – Y2 Step On It Children in Need PJ day
Fri 16th – Shoe boxes will be collected
Sun 18th 11am Shoe Box service at Bergh Apton Church
Mon 19th 2-3pm Eagles Open Afternoon
Wed 21st 2-3pm Robins Open Afternoon
Sat 24th 12-3pm Christmas Fayre
Mon 26th – Swimming Gala
Tues 27th Y6 Cycling Proficiency
Thurs 29th YR and Y1 trip "The Snail and the Whale"
Fri 30th 2-3pm Skylarks Open Afternoon

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were informed and when they entered the house both mother and child had died. This is a very extreme case and we are very fortunate at Alington that all parents do inform us of absences promptly and I am grateful that you do complete holiday request forms even though I cannot authorise the absence, at least we know the child is safely with you. Thank you for your understanding over this.

School Defibrillator – thank you to parents who have sent in a Healthy Eating Recipe, however the School Council still urgently need lots more recipes to complete our recipe book. Please ensure your recipe has a title, list of ingredients, method and approx. number of servings.

The School Council also sent home a sponsor form for the jog around the field. We will be jogging around during the coming week.

We are also inviting all parents into school during November as part of our Being Healthy project, some of you will be able to sample some healthy snacks made by the children and others attending a Healthy heart “lecture” led by the children.



Children in Need. Pyjama Day - School Council are asking everyone to pay £1, come to school in PJs/comfies/onesies and bring a teddy to school on **Thursday 15th November** to support Children in Need



As we move towards Christmas there are various happenings in school.

Christmas Fayre this year will be on Sat 24th November from 12 – 3pm

On Monday 5th November we will be holding a non-uniform day but instead of bringing in a pound for the privilege we will once again be asking for chocolates or bottles for the Chocolate and Bottle Tombolas

- We are happy to receive unopened bottles of any type: wine, beer, soft drinks, tomato ketchup, shampoo
- also donations of chocolate in any form – boxes, bars, tubs etc.
- If you have any clean, no longer required soft toys then there is another collection box in the corridor ready to receive them. There is a lid on the box for a purpose!!

There will also be a sign –up sheet for parents to sign up and help at the Christmas Fayre, just one hour is massively helpful and also another sheet for parents to sign up for making cakes, sausage rolls etc. for the cake stall and refreshments. Many thanks for your generosity with this.

Parents who have been with us a year or more will know that the Alington Christmas Fayre with the amazing Santa’s grotto is a very popular event, not just with the school but within the wider community. As well as everyone enjoying the occasion, it really is a good way to support the work of the school financially, which we really appreciate. The funds raised through our Friends Association does go on those areas of school life the budget does not stretch to. At the moment we are looking to improve the library stock which includes new shelving and book cases as well as updating IT hardware. We would like to purchase some touch screen laptops.

We are planning to have our usual Café, Grotto, Mulled Wine, Face and nail painting, Lucky Dips, Tombolas, Crafts to buy and to make, Games to play, Raffles as well as lots of other stalls ...please put the date and time in your diary.

If you are interested in holding a stall at the Christmas Fayre please let Mrs Reeman know and she will pass your details on.

Thank you for supporting the cake sale – it made £115.

Christmas Concert at The Salvation Army Citadel in St Giles St Norwich

Our Choir and Huff'n Puff will be performing at the Citadel on Wednesday 5th December 7.00pm – 8.15pm.

Entry will be tickets only (free), however there will be a collection during the evening and tickets will be made available to parents and families nearer the time. **Children in the choir will need to be at the Citadel by 6.45pm. Mrs Cork and myself will wait for the children just inside the main door.** The Concert organisers tell me that the choir will sit together during the concert, being chaperoned by Mrs Cork and myself. They will be able to see and hear the concert but they do not require a ticket. The children are required to wear smart school uniform please.

If you are unable to attend the concert, please note that children will need to be collected by you after the concert.

The Choir will also be performing at **Seething Parish Church on Fri 14th December.** Please see the attached letter from Mrs Cork.



Please see the attached letter for Christmas Cake baking in Eagles class.

If you are supporting "**Operation Christmas Child**" this year please ensure your filled Shoebox is at school by Friday 16th November. There are some empty shoeboxes available in the entrance hall.

Open Afternoons Please note the following dates for the Open Afternoons – this is when you will be able to see what the children have been doing regarding healthy lifestyles as well as look at their workbooks.

Kingfishers – 2pm Tues 13th November (Salad wraps)

Owls – 2.30pm Tues 13th November (Smoothies)

Eagles – 2pm Mon 19th November (Healthy Heart Lectures)

Robins – 2pm Wed 21st November (Fruit Kebabs)

Skylarks – 2pm Friday 30th November – Soup and Bread

Parent/ Teacher Meetings

Robins - Tues 6th and 7th November – letters have already gone to parents of Robins

All other classes – Wed 21st November and Thurs 22nd November.

World War 1 Day

As part of the 100 years Remembrance of the end of WW1 the pupils in KS2 have been learning about the Great War and the impact it had nationally and locally. They have visited the War Memorials at both Yelverton and Bergh Apton Parish Church and have been both interested and moved to see how tragically young so many of the soldiers were. We will be having a whole school remembrance assembly

on Friday 9th November and on Mon 12th November the children will be taking part in WW1 workshops. This will include a street party in the hall to celebrate the end of the war. The children in KS2 have been asked to come to school dressed in red white and blue for that day. A letter with further details is being sent home today.

On that Monday the hot lunch will be for Robins, Kingfishers and Skylarks only, as it is “meat –free Mondays” the choice will be pizza only and not the Vegetable Enchillda Bake.



Spanish Club for pupils in Y1 and Y2. Kidslingo is launching a Wednesday after-school Spanish Club for pupils in Kingfishers and Skylarks from 15.05-15.40pm
Please see attached letter for further details. There are some spaces still available.

Gym Club – There will be NO Gym Club on Thurs 22nd November.

Please return photograph orders to the school office by Friday 9th November.

Final Reminders for School Canvas Bags and for permission for Winkworth board – please return forms to the school office by **3pm Monday 5th November**. Thank you for your support.

Teresa Osborne

Attachments:

- School Canvas Bags order form
- Winkworth estate agent board permission to display
- Christmas in Seething letter from Charlotte Cork
- Eagles Christmas Cake letter and list of ingredients
- KS2 WW1 Street Party letter
- Y1 and Y 2 Spanish Club letter
- Raising Funds for a Defibrillator and Sponsored Run Sponsor Form