



Newsletter 23rd September 2022

ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

Matthew 5 v 16

Dear Parents

At the very start of term the staff worked together to revisit our school Vision and Values and think about what these look like in action across our school. Our school Vision "Let Every Light Shine" is at the heart of everything we do and we want it to "shine" through every aspect of school life. In practice, it means that we put the best interest of the children and the school community at the centre of every decision that we make. Everything we do is geared towards nurturing the talents and interests of everyone at our school and enabling children's individual personalities to shine. We aim for academic excellence across the curriculum and ensure that all children are able to learn and achieve.



Molly helping Charlie in the classroom when he was feeling worried



Year 6 showing our curriculum values in action across all aspects of school life.



Emily's art work inspired by Van Gough.



Eco Team planning fundraisers to support their work in school.

Diary

September

- Wed 28th – School photographs, smart school uniform
- Thurs 29th – Harvest Festival
- Fri 30th – 10.15am Macmillan coffee morning with Governors;
- Fri 30th Picnic lunch

October

- Fri 7th – 10.30-11.30am Year 2 Coffee and activities with Monika
- Thurs 13th – wear something 2nd hand day

November

- Fri 11th – 10.30-11.30am Year 4 Coffee morning Lego team building activity

We politely remind parents to inform us of any changes in your contact details

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"Let every light shine"
Matthew 5 v 16

Over the coming weeks I will include different ways that the children have "let their lights shine" in school and beyond.

Open mornings 2022

An especially big welcome to all our new Robins who have completed their second week in school. We are so impressed with the way they have settled into school and are enjoying their learning. Well done everyone!

Believe it or not it is time to start welcoming families whose children would be starting school in 2023! Attached is a copy of our open day poster. If you have a child starting in September, please drop Mrs Reeman a message to book your place. If you have friends or family with children of the right age, please pass the message on. We would love to show them all that Alington has to offer. If there are any current Year 1 parents who would be prepared to act as parent ambassadors on the open days and answer any questions that new parents may have from a parent's point of view, please get in touch with me head@alington.norfolk.sch.uk. This would be very informal – no public speaking required! Thank you.

Friday Coffee Mornings

All Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers, Aunties, Uncles are all welcome to come for a Friday Coffee Morning in the school hall.

We will be hosting Friday Coffee Mornings once a month.

Coffee Mornings will include ways to really help support your child's learning at school, parenting advice and support and information about a wide range of things from safety to spelling and maths to mindfulness, Lego activities and more!

The children will be joining you and there will be activities to do together.

Why come in for a coffee morning?

- Connect with your child
- Meet other parents
- Chat to your friends
- Celebrate that it is Friday
- Have a cake
- Learn something new
- Feel involved and up to date
- Feel great



Friday mornings will be always fun and very informal.

There will be time to spend time with your child, ask questions, share experiences and find out what is happening in the school.

Friday Coffee Morning dates:

7th October Year 2 at 10:30-11:30 "Spelling, maths and reading at home"

11th November Year 4 10:30-11:30 "Lego Team building activity"

9th December Any Year Group 10:30-11:30 "Christmas art and crafts"

Monika Firago and Rosie Welch

Harvest Festival

Next week we will be celebrating Harvest Festival. During the week children will be working with their classes to explore the theme of sharing across the major world religions. Each class will then bring something to share to our church service on Thursday morning. The service will be for the children only. Some classes may need some volunteers to help walk the children to church – your class teacher will be in touch.

We will be organising a collection of food for the Salvation Army. **Please bring your donation to school on Thursday morning.** Tins and packets are all gratefully received. Please check carefully to make sure all the food is in date.

Macmillian Coffee Morning with Governors

Please come along to our Macmillian coffee morning on Friday 30th September from 10.15. There will be tea and coffee and cake served by a team of children from Kingfishers and Eagles and a chance to catch up with governors. Donations to Macmillian cancer research are very welcome.



Faith week

As part of our RE curriculum we are having a focus on the different world faiths in school next week. The children will be working in mixed age teams to explore the key aspects of the major world religions including places of worship, sacred texts, key festivals and the beliefs central to each faith. Throughout we will be considering themes of respect and diversity and how we behave towards each other when we may hold different beliefs. Keep an eye on Tapestry and the website for more information as the week goes on.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is 97.13% so far this term. 77% of children have 100% attendance! We have lost a total of 12.5 school days to unauthorised absence, all of which is term time holiday.

A note from the Eco- TEAM!

This year, we are hoping to win a 'Green flag' award for our school. Throughout the year we will be completing a series of reviews and tasks in order to gather evidence to send off to be assessed in the summer term. In order to enter we need to raise some money for our application!

Therefore, we would like to hold a 'wear something second hand day' on the 13th of October and ask that everyone bring in £1.

Second-hand clothes may include: hand-me-downs, items from charity shops or re-sell sites like Ebay, Facebook Market place and Vinted. Alternatively, you could borrow from (swap) clothes with a friend.

Thank you!



Parking and drop off

Please be considerate of each other and our neighbours at drop off and pick up times. Both the village hall and the Wheel of Fortune pub have offered their car parks for use at drop off and pick up times which should reduce pressure on parking along the roads. Parents are reminded that the yellow markings outside the school gates are there to keep the children safe. Parking or stopping on these is not allowed at any time. Thank you.

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be coming into school on Wed 28 Sept to take individual/sibling photographs of all the children in their smart school uniform. If you have younger children not at school you are welcome to bring them in at 8.30am. Proofs of photographs will be emailed to parents in due course.

Alpington Families Picnic Lunch

On the 30th September we will be launching a new way of building friendships amongst children of different ages which we are calling Alpington Families. On this day we will be having a whole school picnic lunch. If you have not ordered a school picnic lunch please provide a packed picnic from home.

Please note that we have children in school with severe allergies to nuts. Please keep packed lunches and snacks nut free, including peanut butter or nuts as snacks. School lunches are nut free. There are also other food allergies in school so please could you remind children not to share lunches or snacks with their friends. Thank you!

Rosie Welch and the Alpington Team

Attached

- Open Day Poster
- Framingham Earl High School Open Evening Invitation to Year 6 Parents