



Newsletter 30th March 2023

ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

Matthew 5 v 16

Dear Parents

Let every Light Shine

We have so much to celebrate this week!

You sing as one – great listening- so well-rehearsed.

What a start! Such energy and sense of ensemble with very tight syncopation. Entries were so accurate and you found the right sound for the song. Very accomplished performance.

Norfolk County Music Festival – Monday 20th March

Last week the KS2 Choir performed brilliantly at the Music Festival at St Andrew’s Hall. The choir sounded amazing and we are delighted with the feedback we received. Behaviour was impeccable throughout and we are really proud of them all.

Cluster football competition.



We won! The children showed outstanding sporting behaviour throughout and our victory was down to talent and teamwork! Well done to everyone who played and thank you to Miss Larter for taking, Mrs Ward for organising and Mr Colbeck for coaching! We were especially impressed with the attitude and talents of the girls who played – girls’ football is starting after the holidays – please see attached for details.

Headteachers’ conference.



Thank you and well done to all the children who came to the Cathedral on Tuesday to lead collective worship for 80 headteachers from across the county. All of our Alington Values shone out of the children in their behaviour, singing, speaking and thoughtful attitude. This was especially

Tomorrow, Fri 31st March

- Years 1 and 2 Medieval Morning – see newsletter for details
- Fri 31st Fair Trade Bake sale at 3pm
- Fri 31st no guitar lessons

April 3rd – 17th April, Easter holiday

- Tues 18th Children return to school
- Tues 18th, Year 5s swimming
- Thurs 20th Years 3 and 4 trip to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, return approx. 4.45pm

May

- Mon 1st school closed, May Day public holiday
- Wed 3rd Years 1 & 2 multi-sports festival at Hobart
- (Fri 5th – NO after school ProCoach clubs)
- Mon 8th school closed, public holiday, King’s Coronation

Out of respect to headteacher Ruth Perry who tragically took her own life last week, I have removed our OFSTED rating from this newsletter.

impressive as the bus was delayed by terrible traffic which made us really late!

Easter Service

It was lovely to have contributions from every class for the Easter Service this morning, and to hear the children sing with such enthusiasm. It was lovely to see so many parents there – apologies again for the mix up with timings. I hope it didn't cause too many problems.



Robins' and Kingfishers' Medieval Morning – Friday 31st March

Children may come to school dressed in costumes – King, Queen, knights, dragons etc.

A morning of fun activities followed by a banquet. Ideally, we would like the children to order either a ham or cheese salad wrap packed lunch or bring a packed lunch in from home.

Dates for your diary

Sports day – am = Robins and Kingfishers, pm = Key Stage 2 - Wed 21st June, Reserve Thurs 22nd June

Year 6 SATs meeting – 3.15pm, Thurs 20th April

Year 5 and 6 meeting re residential – 3.15pm, Mon 15th May

Year 3 and 4 trip to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

We are looking forward to taking the children to see the above performance at Norwich Theatre Royal on Thursday 20th April. We will leave school at approximately 1pm and return at approximately 4.45pm.

Girls' Football, Multi Sports and Little Ones' Football

Please see attached for details.

Years 1 and 2 will be taking part in KS1 Multi-Sports at Hobart High School sports hall on **Wednesday 3rd May**. Children will need to arrive at school in their PE kit. Transport has been arranged to depart at 9am and return in time for lunch. The expectation is that all Years 1 and 2 will be attending. If you have any concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.

New Spring/Summer Menu

Please see the attached new menus. However, please note the packed lunch option remains the same as for this term, i.e. the packed lunch option does not offer a choice:

Monday = Cheese Sandwich

Tuesday = Ham Sandwich

Wednesday = Tuna Mayo Wrap

Thursday = Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot

Friday = Ham Salad Wrap

Key Stage 2 trip to Sutton Hoo

As part of next terms "Invaders and Settlers" topic, we have arranged for the children to visit Sutton Hoo.

Please see the form below for more details.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZeB84kAizw>

Year 5 swimming

The National Curriculum requires all children to be able to swim 25m by the end of KS2. We have therefore arranged for all our year 5 children to go swimming at the Hewett School, starting on TUESDAY 18th APRIL which is the first day of term! Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit to school on that day.

Please follow the link below for more details.

<https://forms.office.com/e/GAxYkLjhCB>

Eco Team bake sale

Thank you to everyone who has baked – however we are a few cakes short of a bake sale! If you are able to add to our selection tomorrow, we will now hold the sale after school on Friday.

Thank you!

Easter Egg decorating competition



The standard of entries was amazing and everyone who entered has been given a little prize. Well done! However we did say we would choose some winners, so here are the winning entries. Jai-Jai, Nell, Wilson, Lily Grace, Mira and Aisling.

If you have not paid your entry fee please see the payment details below.

Account name: The Friends of Alington VA School
Type: business account
Sort code: 82-11-07, Account number 00320623
Ref: surname – Egg Comp.

Plea from Robins' class for spare joggers/pants/skirts – thank you.

Useful links and information

Parents whose children attend Breakfast Club may be interested in applying for:

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Pupil Premium (Free School Meals)

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. It's called universal infant free school meals. There is an additional funding stream called Pupil Premium funding. Eligible families, which are generally those on lower incomes, are entitled to free school meals throughout primary school. There is also additional funding allocated directly to the school to support the children's learning. Please click on the link below for eligibility and the application form. It's helpful to do this even if your child is in Key Stage 1 and currently entitled to Universal Infant Free School meals as the additional funding will still be allocated to the school.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

This link will take you to the Norfolk County Council pages which offer advice and support to help with the rising cost of living. Please come and talk to us if we can help in any way.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/campaigns/help-with-living-costs>

The "Just One Norfolk" website has also had an update. It has everything from health and development advice to support with children with SEND to parenting advice and mental health. The link is below.

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

Rosie Welch and the Alpington Team

Attached

- Girls' Football, Multi Sports and Little Ones' Football
- Spring/Summer Menu