



Newsletter 6th October 2023

ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear parents



Harvest Festival

Thank you for all your kind donations to our Harvest festival collection last week. We celebrated harvest slightly differently this year, with every class taking their donations to church and taking part in activities to say thank you for our food and our harvest and consider those in our country and the wider world who go hungry.



Children wrote messages of kindness for those receiving their donation, wrote poems and drew pictures to celebrate their favorite foods and made prayer flowers to ask God's blessing on those who are hungry. We left our donations, poems and pictures to be part



of the harvest festival in the church. We were especially proud of our year 2 children who stepped up to support our newest Robins with walking to church and their writing and drawing.

Thank you to members of the church community who made us feel so welcome and for the beautiful harvest decorations in the church.



Not Minsmere!

Last week the children in KS2 were supposed to go to RSPB Minsmere as part of their "Fantastic Creatures" topic. However, the coach company mislaid our booking and didn't turn up! Teachers and teaching assistants across KS2 stepped into the breach and organised a great local day out, including exploring local habitats in the churchyard, a nature walk and a picnic lunch at Garrick Field. Thank you to all the staff for being so adaptable and to all the children who took the changes in their stride, had a lovely day and behaved beautifully! The trip has been arranged for Tuesday 31st October. Parents do not need to do anything – instructions for the day are the same as before, but children may need warm clothes!

Please complete the form if you have not already done so:

<https://forms.office.com/e/wNaje9L1jS>

Diary

October

Wed 11th – KS2 cross country at Langley
Mon 16th – 9.15 & 11am Open Morning
Tues & Wed 17th & 18th parents' evening
Thurs 19th, 9.15 & 11am Open Morning & **23rd – 27th Oct half-term**
Wed 25th Art Club Day

Tues 31st – KS2 trip to Minsmere

November

Fri 10th – Robins and Kingfishers trip, further details to follow

ALLERGY AWARE – please keep lunchboxes and snacks **nut free** and remind you child not to share their food.

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

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Cross country

The morning of Wed. 11th Oct all the KS2 children will be taking part in the cluster Cross Country event at Langley school. Transport has been organised and paid for. Please could all Swallows, Owls and Eagles come to school on the day dressed in WARM Alington PE kit as we will be outside all morning. Joggers to go over shorts and plenty of layers that can be taken off while running and put back on whilst cheering on our friends would be ideal! We will be back in school for lunch. If any parents / grandparents etc. are available to help we are still looking for some extra pairs of hands. Please get in touch with Mrs Reeman in the office if you can help.

Please complete the online consent form: <https://forms.office.com/e/K5WMk95ifF>

Open mornings for new parents

We are hosting open mornings for parents of children starting school in September 2024. Please pass on the message to anyone who may be interested.

Christmas dates

We are really sorry but for practical reasons we have had to move the date of the Christingle to the morning of Tuesday 19th December. This will also be the day of our Christmas lunch in school.

Years 5 and 6 will be baking Christmas cakes on Thursday 30th November and icing them on Thursday 7th December. Further details to follow after half term, but as last year school will be contributing to the ingredients to keep down the cost for parents. Parents are welcome to come and help ice the cakes on the 7th December.



SAVE THE DATE the Friends Christmas Fayre will be on **Saturday 9th December**. Lots of details to follow.

School photographs

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Thursday 12th October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk Please check your spam/junk folders for an email from Tempest containing your reference numbers. Not received an email from Tempest, please contact us and we will try to help.

***URGENT* Parent teacher meetings**

Parent teacher meetings are being held in school on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October. Please complete the form as soon as possible to tell us when you are available. Forms will close on Monday 9th October to enable us to allocate appointments. You will receive an email from your class teacher with an exact time and date.

Please complete a separate online form for each child you have.

Robins <https://forms.office.com/e/BKqFAgqrtf>

Kingfishers <https://forms.office.com/e/i9y95Remeg>

Swallows <https://forms.office.com/e/Tms2gVeCg7>

Owls <https://forms.office.com/e/YJYGqFL1da>

Eagles <https://forms.office.com/e/ufH0kSXuSt>

New menu

Please find attached the menu from Norse which starts after half term. Please note that there is now a single allergen free menu for all children who need a special diet and this will be provided before the half-term holiday. All food from Norse is nut free.

Please could we remind parents again of the importance of nut free lunchboxes if your child brings their lunch from home. We have noticed snickers bars and walnut whips as children's snacks. This is not in line with our healthy snacks policy, but more importantly puts children's lives at risk. We will be contacting individual parents if we have to, with reminders about nut free lunchboxes.

Visit from the dentist for Swallows and Owls!

Please click below to give permission for your child to take part in a visit from the dental hygiene team. For Years 3, 4, and 5: <https://forms.office.com/e/BY8JHVC5Pt>

Attendance

is parents' responsibility to ensure that children attend school regularly. We will be working with parents to ensure that no child at our school is persistently absent. This is defined as an attendance rate of less than 90%. If our records show that your child is at risk of dropping below this, we will be contacting you to make a plan to ensure attendance improves. A child with 90% attendance at the end of a school year has missed more than 4 weeks of school! This will inevitably impact on their progress and children with high levels of absence are likely to do less well in school than their friends.

Attendance for the term to date is 98.5%.

Half-term Holiday Art Day, Wed 25th Oct. for Years 1-6 – see attached for details. Please contact Ms Godbold direct egodbold@alpington.norfolk.sch.uk for more information/to book your child a place.

Rosie Welch and the Alpington Team

Attached

- Menu commencing 30th October (paper copies available from the school foyer)
- Half-term Holiday Art Day, Wed. 25th October
- Open Day poster