



Newsletter 20th October 2023

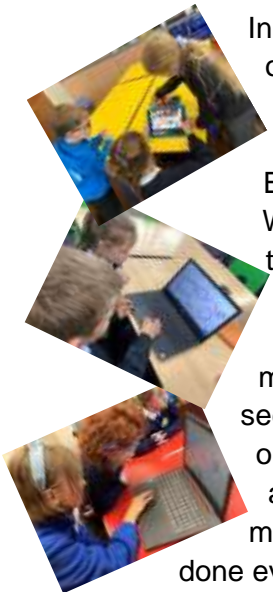
ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear parents

“Let Every Light Shine” – curriculum focus Computing

This half term staff have been working on our curriculum for computing. We have been thinking about how to structure the learning so that children learn new knowledge and skills in a logical order, where there are meaningful links to topic and where we can make the learning more engaging and exciting. As part of this we have been developing links with local high schools. A group of year 5 and 6 children spent a lesson at Langley this week, programming Micro Bits to play virtual “rock paper scissors”! Thank you to Langley for hosting and Mrs Lloyd for organising. After half term the remaining year 5 and 6 children will be going to Framingham Earl to take part in a programming session. Year 6 will have a further opportunity to take part in programming Lego Robots later in the term.



In school the whole school worked with their Alpington Families on Wednesday afternoon to take part in different computing activities across the school. Miss Larter had children building their own maps and tracks for our programmable Bee Bots and Mrs Eland hosted Scratch challenges. With Mrs Welch children explored the Chrome Music Lab and Mrs Lloyd turned children into Robots and children wrote their own algorithms to make them move. Mrs Fowler and Mr Stowers made short films and stop frame animations. There are lots more photographs on the website! It was lovely as always to see the older children supporting and encouraging the younger ones and great to welcome our reception children out and about into the other classrooms. It was also good to see so much computing knowledge in action across the school. Well done everyone!

Diary

October

23rd – 27th Oct half-term

Wed 25th Art Club Day

Tues 31st – KS2 trip to Minsmere

November

Fri 3rd at 3pm – Second Hand Uniform sale

Tues 7th from 8.30am – SEND forum

Fri 10th – Year 1 and 2 trip to Time and Tide / Elizabethan House

Thurs 16th – non-uniform day

Fri 17th – School Disco

Thurs 23rd from 2.15pm open afternoon for our parents

Fri 24th – Robins and Kingfishers trip to see “The Gruffalo’s Child” – further details to follow

Thurs 30th – Years 5 & 6, Xmas cake baking, further details to follow

Save the date – Saturday 9th December Christmas Fayre

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

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Safeguarding and online safety.

Keeping children safe online is a constant challenge. School and parents need to work in partnership with each other to ensure that children are safe and that they are treating each other with the same respect as they show in face to face relationships. We are aware that there have been several incidents outside of school on a variety of messaging forums – both on phones and within games – where children have been at worst unkind or at best thoughtless about others' feelings. In school we have been talking about how to make sure that messages are respectful and kind, and if they are not, to tell a trusted adult straight away. It would be great if you could have conversations at home that back up this message. You may want to consider the rules you have at home for ensuring that children are safe when using messaging, for example keeping phones or tablets downstairs and out of bedrooms or making sure that the door is open if they are online gaming with friends. There are some posters on the safeguarding pages of our website which have more specific advice for Apps such as Whats App and TikTok.



SCHOOL DISCO - FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER (Flyer attached),

Friends of Alplington are excited to host a Neon themed school disco, we have separate sessions for each Key Stage to help manage numbers. Please see the flyer for details and a link to the booking form.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE - FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Friends will have a stand set up in the playground at 3pm selling branded second hand uniform, £2 for a jumper/hoodie/fleece and £1 for a PE polo-shirt. We will have a card machine available and we will also be taking cash. If you have any unwanted branded uniform you would like to donate, please bring to school and place in the designated bin (currently outside the school office).

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 11-2PM

We have started planning our Christmas Fayre and more details will be coming in the weeks to follow, we are raising the bar this year and we are confident it's going to be the best one yet! There are lots of ways you can get involved, from running a stall on the day, to helping wrap presents in the build-up, decorating the infamous Grotto or donating a prize for our raffle. For now save the date and we will be in touch very soon with more details.

Many thanks,

Mel Vince and the Friends of Alplington

P.S. if you would like to join the Friends of Alplington, or have any questions regarding the charity, please get in touch with Mel (melaniewilcockson@hotmail.co.uk)

Trips and visits

KS2 - Minsmere

This will take place on Tuesday 31st October. Children will need weather proof clothes and a packed lunch. The majority of the day will be outside so please make sure children are clothed to keep them warm and dry. There are just one or two people who have not completed the form.

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

Years 1 and 2 - Time and Tide / Elizabethan House

This trip will take place on Friday 10th November. The children will take part a range of activities linked to their topic. Please click below to complete the permission form. Please note that the Reception Robins are not going this time.

<https://forms.office.com/e/D64Uk4wWgK>

Dates

Please check the calendar on the front page for upcoming dates for next half term.

Our annual forum for parents of children with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) will be 7th November from drop off in the hall. Our SENDCo, Julie Risby will be there, as well as John Habershon who is our link governor for SEND as well as deputy head at Parkside School in Norwich. Please come along for a coffee and a chat.

Thursday 16th November will be a non-uniform day. We will be raising money for Children in Need AND collecting donations for hampers and chocolate tombola for the Christmas Fayre. Further details to follow.

We are aware that parent teacher meetings were early in the term, so we would like to invite parents to an open afternoon on Thursday 23rd November from 2.15pm. This will be an informal opportunity to look at work in books and on display and talk to the children about what they have been learning.

Attendance

Our attendance for this term to date is 97.8%. This is well ahead of the national figure of 95.3 % Thank you to everyone for their efforts!

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. All food from Norse is nut free. A polite reminder to please pack home lunches as if your child had an allergy to nuts or sesame. Thank you!

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.

Parent survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey – we have had the biggest ever response this year. Your feedback and comments are really helpful. We will be working on collating the results and will come up with a plan which we will share with you. The form has now closed.

Years Reception and 6 - please see attached information from the NHS regarding the **National Child Measurement Programme**.

Trainers

Please could all children have a change of shoes in school on PE days, a pair for inside and a pair of trainers for outside.

From after half term we will be generally using the playground for playtimes and lunchtimes. However, as last year, we will try to give the children the opportunity to play football on the field on a Friday – weather permitting! Please could children have a change of shoes in school to prevent us trekking mud through the school. No boots with studs please.

Thank you all for such a lovely positive start to the school year! The children have settled brilliantly and so much fantastic learning has happened right across the school. Have a lovely holiday and we will see you Monday 30th October.

Rosie Welch and the Alington Team

Attached

- Menu commencing 30th October (paper copies available from the school foyer)
- Half-term Holiday Art Day, Wed. 25th October
- School disco flyer/booking form
- Years Reception and Year 6 - National Child Measurement Programme details