



Newsletter 8th December 2023

ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear parents

We have lots of lovely Christmas events coming up – please check the calendar carefully and contact us if you have any queries!

“Let Every Light Shine”

Christmas cakes

We have had great fun with year 5 and 6 over the last two weeks making and icing Christmas cakes. We have been really impressed with the children’s baking skills and their creative icing designs! Thank you to all the parents who came to help with icing – it was lovely to see you. Lots of pictures on the website



New website

<https://alpington.norfolk.sch.uk/>



Our Alpington website has gone through a radical redesign! It has all the information from the old site, including our revamped class pages. Please take a look at what the children have been up to! There is a new and improved calendar which can be found under the events page. We hope you like it!

Diary

December

Sat 9th 11am-2pm - Christmas Fayre

Tues 12th and Wed 13th, 2pm Years 1 and 2 Nativity,

Thurs 14th, 9am – Reception “Nativity”; please bring sugar into school by today – thank you

Fri 15th, 9am, Carol singing at local church, all welcome

Tues 19th – Christingle (see attached for details) and Christmas dinner (Children can come to school in their Christmas jumper / hat etc.)

Wed 20th – Class Christmas Parties, non uniform on this day. Party clothes welcome but please be practical as the children will still need to go out at playtime and lunchtime!

(Last day of term)

January

Thurs 4th – Children return to school

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UEA Lecture

This morning I went with seven children from year 6 to deliver the RE lecture to this year's cohort of PGCE students at the UEA. Our children stood at the front of a lecture theatre full of adults and talked clearly and confidently about their knowledge of RE, demonstrating all our Alington values in action. Well done and a big thank you to all.



School Christmas Fayre – Saturday 9th December, 11am – 2pm

TOMORROW

Please come along! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help – it is really appreciated and we couldn't do it without you.

- Please make sure that your raffle tickets are back in school by the end of the day today.
- Tokens will be on sale in the playground after school tonight.
- Tea towels – last call for pre-orders. There will be some on sale at the fayre.



Sugar for Shelters

In our collective worship this week we have thinking about what it would be like to be homeless. As part of this we are once again taking part in the collection for Sugar for Shelters. Your child will have brought home a poster. Please help by bringing a bag of sugar to school to donate. If you would like to wrap and add a message, that would be great. If you are able to donate Silver Spoon sugar, they will donate a bag for every one collected by school. Thank you for your support. Please have your donation in school by 14th December.

Carol singing

On Friday 15th December from approximately 9am, we will be taking the whole school to sing Christmas songs outside the church in Alington. We would love anyone who is around to come and listen! Please spread the word in the village. It would be a lovely opportunity for local residents to come and hear the children sing. Afterwards the children will be returning to their classes and parents and local residents are welcome to join us in the school hall for coffee / tea and a mince pie.

Christmas lunch and Christingle, Tuesday 19th December.

Our Christingle service will take place on Tuesday 19th December at the church and parents are warmly invited to attend with their children. In order to fit everyone in, we will be going in Alington Families, with two services, one at 9.30 and the second at 11.00. Further information about groupings and timings is attached. If you (or your child) doesn't know which Alington Family they are in, please pop in and ask.

The service will be followed by our school **Christmas lunch**. All the children will be eating together, with the whole staff helping to wait tables! Lunches have been pre-ordered, so if you have not ordered Christmas lunch that day you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch. They will eat in the hall with everyone else.

Children can come to school on this day in their Christmas jumper / hat etc.

Christmas parties.

These will be in classes on the last day of term. Please come to school in **non uniform** on this day. Party clothes welcome but please be practical as the children will still need to go out at playtime and lunchtime!

Attendance

Our attendance has taken a bit of a tumble this week as we have had tummy bugs in Robins and various other nasty germs across the school. We are taking extra care in school with handwashing, perhaps you could encourage the children to do the same at home. Our attendance to date is 96.5%

Langley Senior School are inviting 12 of our Year 5 student to their Science Enrichment Club. This will start on January 9th 2024 and run for 5 weeks until February 6th 2024.

Please find attached a letter (detailing the specifics of the club, including the dates, times and location of the sessions) and a link to a consent form for parents/guardians to complete. Spaces are limited and will be issued by Langley on a first come first served basis.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who brought in a donation to school for Children in Need. The collection in school raised £115.55; we appreciate some parents will have made donations direct to Children in Need – thank you.

Christmas cards

If children would like to send Christmas cards, the Christmas box post will be available from Monday 4th December in the Atrium. Please make sure that all cards are posted and not taken into class directly. Please address the envelope with child's full name and class. The final date for posting is Friday 15th December.

We want to make sure that no child feels left out or excluded from Christmas at Alington. You can help this by:

- Considering sending a single card addressed to the whole class
- Encouraging your child to send cards to children in other classes who they do not see so often
- Suggesting children send a card to each child in their year group where a whole class is too many
- Encouraging your child to think who else they could send a card to who would not normally be on their list

Thank you!

Parking at drop off and pick up

We have had another tricky incident outside school with parking / stopping at drop off and pick up. Please can we ask again that parents are considerate of each other and the children's safety. This may mean parking a little further away and walking – as we have said before we have use of the car parks at the Wheel and the village hall. Please do not stop or park on the yellow markings outside school. Please also consider safety when parking close to the junctions or stopping to let children out of the car.

Best wishes

Rosie Welch and the Alington Team

Attached

- **Christingle Service details**
- **Year 5 Science Enrichment Club at Langley Senior School**