



Newsletter 26th January 2024

ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear parents

“Let every light shine”

There has been lots of computing going on in school this term, making the most of new equipment we have in school.

Owls class have been learning to use the new micro:bits! Working with Mrs Lloyd, the children have learned to program the micro:bit using block code, similar to scratch. They can then download the code to the micro:bit. So far they have created name badges, step counters, dice and night lights. The children have been able to test their micro:bits in action and then go back and improve the code to make the finished product even better. They have also been “debugging” the code to iron out any mistakes. It was lovely to see some Owls sharing their knowledge with the Robins!

There is lots more information, including the websites the children have been using, on the Owls webpages if you would like to have a go at home.

https://alington.norfolk.sch.uk/?page_id=194

Kingfishers class have been using our new “EARL” robots. “We programmed them to go forwards and backwards. You have to push the “clear” button, which clears its memory so it can start again. Then you push the buttons to tell it what to do. We made it stop in the star or the cloud. You can make it go left and right too” Sam explained. Again, more pictures and info on the “Kingfishers in action page”.

https://alington.norfolk.sch.uk/?page_id=186



Diary

February

Thurs 1st – Year 2s pedestrian training

Mon 5th – KS2 to wear choir T-shirt to school

Tues 13th & Wed 14th –

Parent/Teaching Meetings to be held after school – booking form contained herein

Thurs 15th – KS1 Dance Festival at Hobart

Mon 19th – 23rd – Half-term holiday

Wed 21st – Art Club, see attached for details

Mon 26th – Spring Term 2 commences

Thurs 29th – KS2 Cave Man Extravaganza, details to follow

March

Thurs 7th – World Book Day

Wed 13th from 2.15pm – Open Afternoon for our parents

Thurs 14th – Alington School Choir attending Norfolk County Council Music Festival

Thurs 21st – “Be Yourself” day

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Parent/teacher meetings – Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February

There are still a few parents yet to complete the online forms to inform us of your availability to be able to come into school and meet with your child's teacher. If you have not already done so, can you **PLEASE complete the form(s) by 9am Monday 29th January**. These meetings will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and talk about their learning and development.

The dates and times to make a ten minute appointment with your child's teacher are contained in the online forms below. Please complete as many options that are suitable for you. If you have a child with SEND, their class teacher will be in touch to make an appointment on a different day to allow more time for discussion and to review their individual plan.

We will email you to confirm the date and time of your meeting.

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

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

Kingfishers <https://forms.office.com/e/5G7CppueZB>

Swallows <https://forms.office.com/e/REsT5vRzuS>

Owls <https://forms.office.com/e/ZaZytFE2J2>

Eagles <https://forms.office.com/e/9zQ7zmLqr2>

Helping your children with fears and worries



Thank you to all the parents who came to Monika's session this morning. We hope that you found the session useful. Please feel free to contact Monika with any further questions; her email address is psa@alpington.norfolk.sch.uk. We are putting the slides from her presentation onto the wellbeing page of the website, where you will also find other information about supporting wellbeing at home and at school. If your child is worrying about something in school, please contact their class teacher to discuss it. Teachers are always on the playground

at the end of the day, or contact them on the class email addresses.

Internet Safety

Keeping children safe online is essential, both at home and at school. Our Safeguarding Policy and Online Safety Policy set out the measures in place to keep children safe when using the internet in school and we have a clear reporting system which enables adults and children to report any issues, for example where the filtering needs adjusting to ensure that children cannot access unsuitable online content at school. Our curriculum, including computing and RSHE, include specific teaching about how to keep yourself safe online and what to do if you see something that upsets you. The children are taught never to share their personal details, to only be "friends" with people they know and to tell an adult straight away if they see or hear something they don't like. We also talk about how our code of conduct applies online too; never say anything online that you would not say to someone in person and treat others as you would like to be treated! At home, the advice is that devices that children are using to access the internet should be in communal places in the house and that parental controls should be enabled on your broadband and on individual applications; for example You Tube, Netflix or Disney +. The NSPCC has lots of help and advice about keeping children safe online at home – you can access their website here nspcc.org.uk

We also have some posters about specific online games and apps on our website here https://alpington.norfolk.sch.uk/?page_id=55

It has come to our attention that some children have been playing games associated with "Friday Night at Freddy's" which contains content not suitable for children of primary school age. There are lots of "Fan Made" games of sites such as Scratch, which we would normally think of as fairly safe. It might be worth

investigating and talking to your child about what they are accessing. All access to these has been blocked in school.

It is officially Internet Safety day on the 6th Feb. Norfolk Police have shared a newsletter with us which is attached to this newsletter and also available on the safeguarding pages of our website.

Alpington “Be Yourself” day

Thursday 21st March will be our “Be Yourself” day. We will have a whole school focus on valuing and celebrating difference and taking care of our wellbeing and mental health. The children are invited to come to school dressed as themselves! Wear whatever makes you happy and celebrates who you are. There will be activities in school throughout the day – more details to follow closer to the time.

World book day

Thursday 7th March is world book day. The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favorite book character. Please don't feel you have to buy – homemade is fantastic, as are home clothes and painted faces! We will spend the day creating amazing book corners in our classrooms.

Road safety training

For the Attention of Year 2 Parents

On **Thursday 1st February**, Sarah McCluskey, Road Safety Advisor, will be delivering **pedestrian training** to all the Year 2 children. The children will be split into small groups and the sessions will involve crossing roads local to the school. We need a few volunteers to help run this please. If you have not already done so please complete the form to give your consent:

<https://forms.office.com/e/i47Cz2WSmT>

Norfolk County Music Festival – Thursday 14th March

All the children in Key Stage 2 will be attending the Music Festival. Please click here for more information and complete the online form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/qLEwjFM9cJ>

All KS2 children will need a choir t-shirt for the Music Festival. Most children in years 4, 5 and 6 will already have one from previous years. For children in year 3, we will provide t-shirts to borrow. If you would prefer to purchase your own (£7.95), this can be done through the school office. Please email Mrs Reeman and follow the payment details below. So we can sort out sizes and work out how many t-shirts we need to order, if you have a choir t-shirt, **please wear it to school on Monday 5th February**. We will sort out sizes and orders from there!

NCC Alpington and Bergh Apton CE VA Pri. School

Type: business account

Sort code: 20-62-61

Account no. 70668451

Ref: Surname – Choir T-shirt

KS1 Dance Festival, i.e. for those children in Years 1 and 2, including Years 1 in Robins. The children will be taking part in this event taking place at Hobart High on **Thursday 15th Feb**, please click here for more details and consent:

<https://forms.office.com/e/rGKinz1R4c>

Gym Club after school on a Tuesday now has spaces. Interested? Please contact Rachel Perry for further information please contact Rachel direct gymfinity15@gmail.com

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is creeping slowly back up, currently standing at 96%. Our attendance rate for this term is now 97.1%. Thank you everyone! Any issues, please let us know so that we can help. NHS advice, as last time, is below. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/#:~:text=If%20your%20child%20has%20mild,have%20a%20high%20temperature>

Car Parking

Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking at drop off and collection, we have been made aware of car engines left running for long periods of time.

From British Parking Association:

“Leaving your engine idle can also have serious impacts on people’s health, particularly in built-up areas like towns or cities. Alongside CO2, vehicles emit carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to cardiovascular and respiratory conditions. When you’re parked and leave your engine running, these harmful gases have nowhere to go, instead directly polluting the air in the area you’re parked in.”

Best wishes

Rosie Welch and the Alington Team

Attached

- Half-term Art Club – Wed 21st Feb.
- Norfolk Constabulary’s letter re safer internet