



Newsletter 9th February 2024

ALPINGTON & BERGH APTON Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear parents

“Let every light shine”

The newsletter this week is full of dates and information about upcoming events!

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

Thank you to parents of children with SEND who have been attending meetings with teachers this week. We hope that having a little more time for these appointments has been helpful.

Parents should have received their appointment for parent/teacher meetings next week. For most classes these are on paper slips or in the children's home and school books. If you have not received your appointment, please contact Mrs Reeman who will get back to you.

Science day

On Wednesday the whole school is taking part in a science day, based around a revised version of the story of Hansel and Gretel and lots and lots of biscuits! The children will be carrying out different kinds of investigations and thinking about how to present their findings. Keep an eye on the website for photos and more information. We have allergen checked all the biscuits and checked with parents where necessary.

Summer concert – 6pm Monday 4th March

Mrs Cork is hosting our annual summer concert on Monday 4th March at 6pm in the school hall. This is a fantastic celebration of music at Alpington and we are really looking forward to it. This will be an opportunity for the KS2 choir to perform to an audience before we sing on the stage at the Norfolk Music Festival. It is important that where possible the whole choir is there to sing. Children will need to arrive in time for the start of the concert at 6pm. The choir will be performing towards the start of the concert. You are welcome to stay and listen and then take the children home at around 6.30pm once the performance is finished. Children who are playing later on, and their parents, can then stay for the rest of the concert. The children need to wear their Alpington Choir T-shirt please. If your KS2 child is not able to come, please email to let me know. Thank you.

Diary

February

Tues 13th – Year 4 trip to Hobart, Beauty and the Beast
Tues 13th & Wed 14th – Parent/Teaching Meetings
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

Mon 4th, 6pm Summer Concert
Tues 5th – Y6 Forensic Science Day at Hobart High
Thurs 7th – World Book Day
Wed 13th from 2.15pm – Open Afternoon for our parents
Thurs 14th – Alpington School Choir attending Norfolk County Council Music Festival
Fri 15th – Comic Relief
Thurs 21st – “Be Yourself” day
Tues 26th - 9.15am Easter Service

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If your child has lessons with Charlotte Cork or Ian Cooper you will shortly receive an email from them inviting your child to play. Please could you get back to Charlotte and Ian as soon as possible so a programme can be put together. If your child learns an instrument with another teacher and would like the opportunity to perform, please email Charlotte – cecorkmusic@gmail.com with details and we will make sure they are included.

Year 6 Forensic Science Day, Hobart High – Tues 5th March. Please click here for more details
<https://forms.office.com/e/1pH9QL1pLt>

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

Please come to school dressed as a book character of your choice! No need to buy – homemade costumes or face paint are perfect! You are welcome to come in with your child to share a book at the start of the day; bring an old favourite with you or choose one from the classroom library. During the day the children will be creating fantastic reading areas in their classrooms, which we will all share at the end of the day. We will be sending home World Book Day vouchers on Friday 16th Feb so you have half term to spend them! Look out for these in book bags.

Comic Relief – Friday 15th March

Children may come to school dressed in something red and or wearing their red nose! KS2 children will still need to wear their PE kit too!

We will be holding a cake sale at the end of the day; Friends are kindly helping to organise. Please bake if you can! Bring cakes to school on the morning of the 15th. All donations will go to Comic Relief.

Easter Service

We will be holding our annual Easter Service at Bergh Apton Church on Tuesday 26th March and we would love you to join us. If you are able to bring your child and meet us at the church that would be great. For those who are not able to do this, we will run a coach from school. Children will need to be in school ready to leave at 8.50am. Thank you! We will send a link for you to book your child's place on the coach closer to the time.

Norfolk County Music Festival – Thursday 14th March

Thank you to those Key Stage 2 parents who have completed the online form
<https://forms.office.com/e/qLEwjFM9cJ>

We have now been advised of a slight revision of 15 minutes to our slot, which is now 11.30am – 1pm.

Please provide a substantial snack which can be eaten before we leave. We will eat lunch on our return to school. If you wish your child to have a lunch provided by the school, please order the packed lunch option that day so they can have it when we get back.

In addition all KS2 children will need a choir t-shirt for the Music Festival. Thank you to everyone who wore or brought their T-shirt on Monday. We think we have now sorted everyone out and ordered T-shirts for children who need to borrow. If you think this is not the case for your child please let us know ASAP so they don't get stuck without one.

Holiday Clubs

Please find attached details of February half-term **Art Club – Wed 21st Feb** and **Easter Art Club Tues and Wed 9th and 10th April**; important, please note change of date. **Mr Colbeck's Easter Sports Camp** will take place **Thurs and Fri 11th and 12th April**; further details will be emailed to parents next week. Details of Little Gnomies Forest School Holiday Club is also attached.

Reminders:

Year 4 children have been invited by Hobart High School to their concert, "**Beauty and the Beast**" on **Tues 13 Feb**. Please click on the link for further details and to confirm transport arrangements

<https://forms.office.com/e/fzA3xwgrCq>

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 **Thurs 15th Feb**. Please click here for more details and consent: <https://forms.office.com/e/rGKinZ1R4c>

KS2 "Stone Age Cave Extravaganza" taking place at school on **Thurs 29th Feb**. Please click here for further details: <https://forms.office.com/e/fM3Z1AfTKi>

Alpington "Be Yourself" day, Thursday 21st March. 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.

Attendance

Our attendance is holding steady at 96% across the school. Thank you to everyone for their efforts. I am receiving very few holiday request forms – thank you for this too! I'm including the link to the NHS website for advice about illness. By far the biggest reason for absence is for illness and we want to make sure that children don't miss school unnecessarily – however neither do we want poorly children in school!

Car Parking

Please could parents be careful about parking at the entrance of the staff car park at the end of the day. We need to be able to get safely in and out! Thank you.

Best wishes

Rosie Welch and the Alpington Team

Attached

- Art Holiday Club
- Little Gnomies Forest School Holiday Club
- Hobart High School – Beauty and the Beast flyer
- Nexus Fostering leaflet