



Great Alne News

Friday 16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well here is the last school newsletter of 2022! What a crazy week of weather we have had, at least next week looks a bit milder but it was very special having a dusting of snow just before Christmas. It hasn't certainly been one of those weeks with a broken phone line, photocopier needing toner, poorly staff, ice rink of a car park and an abundance of other little hiccups. Well, we got through it, thank you for all of your support and understanding!

School Website

We hope you are enjoying the new school website - www.greatalneprimary.org. Please also remember to follow us on Twitter - @GreatAlneschool.

KS2 Christmas Performance

On Tuesday evening KS2 performed a range of Carols and Christmas songs round the tree for parents and carers to enjoy. A huge thank you to Mrs Brereton and all the staff for their hard work and support with this.

Unfortunately, due to the extreme weather conditions yesterday, we were unable to walk to the retirement village to perform. I am sure there will be many more opportunities to visit in in the New Year.

Christmas Jumper Day

We held our Christmas jumper day yesterday, with all donations going to the Shakespeare Hospice. I pleased to announce we raised over £230! Thanks everybody.

Pantomime

On Wednesday afternoon we had a pantomime in school! 'Oh no you didn't!' I hear you cry! 'Well oh yes we did!'. Auntie Jen Productions

Warwick University Project

Year 5 and 6 took part in an exciting Christmas project with Warwick University Engineering Department.

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Great Alne Church

On Christmas Eve Great Alne Church are doing a very special 'Children's Carol Service' at 3pm, everybody is welcome and it sounds like a lovely way to get into the Christmas spirit.

Safeguarding

- Warwickshire Welfare Scheme - www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme
- Bereavement support - helpline@cruse.org.uk or 0808 808 1677
- www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/coping-with-bereavement/
- Family Information Service - www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies
- Domestic Abuse Helpline - www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk
- Citizens Advice Service - www.citizensadvice.org.uk
- Young Carers - 02476 217740
- Samaritans Helpline - 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org
- Childline - 0800 1111
- School office 01789 488247 or email admin2024@welearn365.com

Important

Given the tragic recent events in Solihull, I wanted to share the following link with you. Please make sure you take some time to read the information.

<https://www.rospa.com/leisure-water-safety/water/advice/ice>

Next Term

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Rossiter back to Great Alne in January. She will be returning to Reception class alongside Mrs West and resuming Head teacher duties. Thank you for making me feel so welcome during my time here.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to those of you who have returned the questionnaires. This was an example of an Ofsted questionnaire, it is how Ofsted gauges parents views on the school and the education provided. As Great Alne is in the 'Ofsted window' (2018 was the last inspection) it won't be long before you will be asked to answer these or very similar questions. It is important that you respond as it can have an impact on the school's judgement.

We also carried out a pupil questionnaire and the results will be shared in the new year.

Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and/or donated prizes. FoS have raised a decent amount to go towards some exciting school projects.

New Trim Trail and Climbing Frame

January will see the arrival of the new climbing frame and trim trail. This will be a very exciting way to start the school year.

ParentPay Reminder

Thank you to all of you that have set up ParentPay and are actively using the system. Please can we encourage people to be paying for trips and meals in advance. If you are having any issues with this please speak to Mrs Goode in confidence.

Special visitor

We had a very special visitor in school today. Despite his very busy schedule Father Christmas came in to see everybody and pass on his best wishes. Everyone received a special gift aswell.

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Message from Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a quick note from governors to wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and to thank you for your patience and feedback over the past few months. It's been a difficult period for everyone at the school but the staff have done a fantastic job of focusing on the education of your children and giving them a wonderful build up to Christmas. We looked forward to seeing you all in 2023!

Best wishes,

Alex and the Governors

And finally

Thank you for a very enjoyable and busy last few months. I have really enjoyed my time at Great Alne. I wish all staff and pupils lots of luck for the coming year and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Regards,

Mr J Wright

Important dates for the diary

On going
Key Stage 2 swimming every Tuesday (see exception date below.) P.E Reception, Class 1/2 every Tuesday and Thursday P.E Key stage 2 every Tuesday and Friday Multisport club every Tuesday 3.15pm-4.15pm Choir club every Wednesday 3.15pm-4pm KS2 Football club every Friday 3.15pm-4.15pm

Upcoming Events
19.12.22 - 2.1.23 - Christmas Holidays (School Closed)
3.1.22 - INSET DAY (School Closed)
4.1.22 - Start of Spring Term 2023
20.1.22 - INSET DAY (School Closed)