



# Great Alne News

Thursday 26th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! It was lovely to see everybody again this week and I have enjoyed having the opportunity to catch up with everyone. I am going to be in school over the next few weeks so I look forward to catching up with you all.

I have sent this week's newsletter out a day early, due to some of the information included.

## Loudmouth Theatre Production

Next Tuesday, Year 5/6 have a visit from Loudmouth Theatre who will be working alongside the children to deliver part of our PSHE curriculum. Additional information has been sent out to Year 5 and Year 6.

## Safeguarding

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

## Protective Behaviours

Last Friday, Ann Seal led Protective Behaviour training for the staff (I have reattached the information that was sent out before Christmas). I personally believe that Protective Behaviours is an incredibly powerful and important set of messages that we can get across to all pupils and parents. It is something Great Alne will be looking to embed across school to make everyone more confident and aware of personal safety and discussing their feelings.

An important part of PB work is 'Is my fun, fun for everyone?' It is something that the children will be working at in school to encourage them to think about their actions and behaviour - whether it is a game, a comment etc. It is about recognising each other's feelings and the fact '***We all have the right to feel safe all of the time***'.

## Direct Payments webinar for families with SEND

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs and or disabilities (SEND)? Would you like to know more about direct payments and how

they work? If so, why not attend our latest SEND webinar on direct payments to find out more.

The free webinar which is being run by Warwickshire County Council (WCC) in partnership with Penderels Trust and WCC's Independent Living Team will take place on Friday 27 January from 1pm to 2pm.

The Children and Families Act gives parents and carers of children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP), and young people over the age of 16, greater choice and control over their support arrangements. If a child or young person receives an EHCP you will be able to request a personal budget, part of which might be available through a direct payment.

To help support families with the direct payments process, the webinar will cover:

- Direct payments and personal budgets - what they are, how they are used and how they are paid
- What can (and what can't) be funded through them
- The roles and responsibilities of Warwickshire County Council
- Employers' responsibilities for those using direct payments to employ staff
- Support provided by Penderels Trust to set up a direct payment
- The difference between a managed and a non-managed direct payment
- How the payroll service works at Penderels Trust

The webinar will take place on Friday 27 January, 1pm - 2pm and you can register to attend at: [bit.ly/DirectPaymentsWebinar](https://bit.ly/DirectPaymentsWebinar)

### Football Kit

Next Friday, Mr Arnold is taking the football team to a tournament in Stratford. Great Alne will be playing against both Bishopton School and Wilmcote School (not at the same time!) We look forward to seeing how they get on!

We are looking for a sponsor for a new football/sports team kit. If you would be interested in sponsoring the school sports teams or know someone who might, please let us know.

### Household Support Fund

Please find attached information for you and your parents/carers regarding financial cost of living support for children eligible for benefits related FSM in February 2023, which is being funded by Warwickshire's allocation of the Household Support Fund.

### Holiday Club

Mr Arnolds company fitt4kids will be running a holiday club out of Great Alne Primary School. He has got some fantastic days lined up, to book or if you have any queries please follow the link <https://fitt4kids.pembee.app/>

Monday- Multi sports  
Tuesday- Team Challenges  
Wednesday- Nerf War  
Thursday- Dodgeball AM/ Woodland Learning PM  
Friday- Movie Day

#### After school Clubs

We still have spaces available for children to join on our Multisport and Football after school clubs. If your child would like to join please speak to MRs Goode in the school office to arrange making the appropriate payments.

Miss Blunn and Mr Arnold will be organising more football matches in the spring term. If your child would be keen to play in the matches it would be great to get them involved in the after-school club to help the children improve their skills and train together as a team.

#### Year 5/6 roof

You may be aware that we have had a leak in the Year 5/5 classroom. I am pleased to say they have been out this week and everything should be resolved in time for Monday. Keep everything crossed!

#### New Trim Trail and Climbing Frame

The new trim trail is looking fabulous and the final touches should be in place this weekend. How exciting!

#### And finally

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend, the weather certainly looks a bit nicer so hopefully we can all get outside and enjoy it. I look forward to seeing everybody next week!

Regards,

Mr J Wright

## Important dates for the diary

<b>On going</b>
P.E Reception, Class 1/2 every Tuesday and Thursday P.E Class 3/4 every Monday and Friday P.E Class 5/6 every Wednesday and Friday Multisport after school club every Tuesday 3.15pm-4.15pm Ukulele Club KS2 every Wednesday 3.15pm-4pm Football Club KS2 every Friday 3.15pm-4.15pm Pokemon Club Monday Lunchtime
<b>Upcoming Events</b>
11.01.23 Class 1/2 and 3/4 Alcester Fire Station visit in school
11.01.23- 18.01.23 New play equipment installed in school
31.01.23 Loud Mouth PSHE workshop Class 5/6
<b>20.1.23 - INSET DAY (School Closed)</b>
17.02.23 Sharing Assembly with parents
<b>17.02.23 - Break up for Half Term 2023</b>
20.02.23-24.02.23 Half Term
<b>27.02.23 Return to school</b>
02.03.23 World Book Day
06.03.23 Whole school Sports 4 school afternoon
13.03.23- 18.03.23 Science Week
13.03.23- 16.03.23 Bikeability Class 5/6
13.03.23 Corbett Farm Visit, Oversley Green Class 1/2
14.03.23 Corbett Farm Visit, Oversley Green Reception, Year 3/4
16.03.23 Dogs Trust assembly and workshop KS2
16.03.23 R, Class 1/2 Forest School
17.03.23 Red Nose Day
20.03.23 KS2 Forest school
20.03.23 Dogs Trust assembly and workshop Reception and Class 1/2
21.03.23 Corbett Farm, Oversley Green Class 5/6
<b>31.03.23 Break up for Easter Holidays</b>