



Great Alne News

Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we are finally in December! I honestly thought November was never going to end this year. We have so much to look forward to over the next few weeks with all the festivities planned.

School Website

The new school website has been launched, there are still a few tweaks needed but hopefully you will enjoy the content on there so far. It should be found at the usual address in the next couple of days, once it has been redirected! Apologies that this is taking a while. www.greatalneprimary.org



Christmas Decoration Competition

I am pleased to announce that we will be holding a Christmas tree decoration competition with some super (FoS supplied) prizes. It is a very simple competition, if your child would like to take part, they need to make their own decoration (parent assistance is nice but ideally want the children to show off their own wonderful creativity) and bring it into school next Thursday (8th December.)

Protective Behaviours

Please find attached information regarding 'Protective Behaviours' and how it is covered at Great Alne School.

Great Alne Christmas Quiz

Do you know the answers to - which advent calendar has Mr Wright got in his kitchen? What is the name of Kevin McCallister's older brother in Home Alone? How many reindeer are there pulling Father Christmas' sleigh? If you do, the Great Alne Family Christmas Quiz is just for you.

Next Thursday evening (8th December) we will be hosting a special online Christmas Quiz via quizizz.com. We will email out a special link to the quiz on Thursday afternoon for anyone who would like to take part. Good luck!

Poppy Appeal

I am pleased to report that we managed to raise £86.56 for this year's Poppy Appeal. A big thank you to our helpers in Year 5 and Year 6 for selling the poppies and to everyone who bought one.

Great Alne Church

On Monday we were lucky enough to have a visit from representatives of Great Alne Church who led our assembly. They were thrilled to be back in school after their Covid enforced absence.

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.

Christmas Performances

We are excited to confirm the dates for our Christmas performances that you will be invited to attend:

Reception and KS1 Nativity Rehearsal- 2.30pm Monday 5th December

Reception and KS1 Nativity Performance- 2.30pm Wednesday 7th December

KS2 "Carols around the tree" Performance- 6.00pm Tuesday 13th December

Tickets for the KS1 performances have gone out today and KS2 will follow next week.

Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Party Day

We will be holding a Christmas jumper day on Thursday 15th December, with any donations going to the Shakespeare Hospice.

<https://www.theshakespearehospice.org.uk/>

Information about class Christmas parties will be sent out on Monday.

Christmas Cards

Our school post box will be returning this year so the children can post their cards to their school friends. Please ensure the receiving child's name and class/ year group in on the envelopes to ensure the right cards make it to the right children.

This will run from Monday 5th December- Monday 12th December to ensure we have time to distribute the cards.

Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening this week. If for any reason you were unable to attend, please email the office and arrange another time to speak to

your child's teacher. It is really important that get the chance to see how your child is getting on, see how you can support them at home and celebrate their successes.

Unfortunately Mrs Hancock was unwell this week so her appointments have been rescheduled to next Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th December.

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

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.

Book Fair

The book fair will be returning to school next week.

FOS

Xmas Raffle

The Xmas raffle is well underway and tickets need to be returned to school by Friday 9th December. If you would like anymore tickets to sell to friends and family then please speak to the school office or a member of FOS

Santa Walk Round

We are scheduled to help Santa out on 9th December with the Round Table. A number of parents/children have confirmed they would like to help but we still have a few places left. Everyone who did it last year had so much fun, it really gets you in the Xmas mood. If you would like to volunteer then please either email greatalnefos@hotmail.com or let a member of FOS know

Elfridges

This year, our present room will be held on Dec 5th, 6th and 7th. We have managed to keep prices the same as last year, so each gift is £2.50 and we have a good selection

for both men and women. On the 5th and 7th we are hoping to have a few 20p Xmas games for you all to enjoy. We will provide more details nearer the time

And finally

Well I hope everyone has a super weekend, good luck to the choir who are performing on Sunday at the Residential Park. I know you will make Great Alne proud. I have a gig myself on Saturday evening so we will have to compare notes next week!

I am sure we will all be supporting England on Sunday evening as they take on Senegal in the World Cup. Winning the game would be a great early Christmas gift!

See you on Monday,
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
04.12.22- Choir at Great Alne Residential Park
05.12.22- KS1 Dress Rehearsal
05.12.22-07.12.22 Book Fair in School
07.12.22 -KS1 Performance
08.12.22 - Choir at the Huff Cap
13.12.22 - KS2 Carols 'Round the Tree'
14.12.22- "Ali Baba" Pantomime in School
14.12.22- School Christmas Lunch
15.12.22 - Christmas Party Day
15.12.22 - Christmas Carols @ Great Alne Park
16.12.22 - LAST DAY OF TERM
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)

What's happening this December?

- This Sunday 4th December at Great Alne Park Retirement Village there is a Christmas event taking place 2.30pm-4.30pm. Aled Jones and our school choir will be performing throughout the event.
- Also, this Sunday 4th at Great Alne Village Hall "Christmas is coming" 5.30pm- help decorate the tree, turn on the lights and sing carols, plus some performances from our pupils.
- Thursday 8th December the school choir will be singing carols in the Mother Huff Cap at 6pm

Christmas Coffee Morning and Art Exhibition

10.00am – 12.30pm Saturday 3 December

*Bring and Buy, Produce, Cakes, Cards, Gifts,
Rare Breed Pork - and Bacon Sandwiches!*

Entrance £2.00 to include coffee and biscuits

Christmas is Coming!

5.30 for 6.00pm Sunday 4 December

*Join us for carol singing, mince pies and mulled wine
And help us switch on and decorate the Christmas Tree!*

Free entrance

**FREE
ADMISSION**




GREAT ALNE
PARK
Inspired in Warwickshire



12 DAYS OF

Christmas

**FESTIVE
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NOW LIVE!**



WITH
ALED JONES MBE

Sun, 4th December, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

'12 Days of Christmas' Tree Installation | Christmas Carols | Festive Treats | Santa's Grotto

*Come and enjoy some festive cheer at the launch of our '12 Days of Christmas' tree installation at Great Alne Park. With music from special guest, **ALED JONES MBE** & the chance to say hello to Father Christmas himself!*

Why not book for lunch whilst here?

To book your place & lunch on your visit, simply call

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