



# Great Alne News

Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really busy week, with flu immunisations, fire drills, special visitors and much more. I even managed to squeeze in a few visits to the classrooms to see what everyone was up to. It's a bumper newsletter as well this week, so here goes ...

## Christmas Cards

There is still time to order your children's Christmas card designs. These need to be returned to school by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> with the completed form and your children's artwork.

## Parent Helpers

We are excited to announce that we can start to welcome parent helpers back into school on a regular basis after half term. If you can spare time on a regular basis to help support with reading, spellings, handwriting etc please get in touch with Mrs Goode in the office before the end of this half term. We ask that you can commit to a regular slot during the week and will need to provide the correct I.D for your DBS check.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> December

Reception and KS1 Nativity Performance- 2.30pm Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 "Carol's around the tree" rehearsal - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 "Carol's around the tree" performance- 6.00pm Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

## Twitter

Great Alne Primary School is now on Twitter! Follow us to keep up to date with all the exciting goings on, in and around school. A new school website is also on its way.

Our Twitter handle is - @GreatAlneSchool. We are currently up to 12 followers, how many will we get?

## New Parent Open Evening

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding an open evening for **NEW** parents.

We will be putting on two sessions from 4.00-4.45pm and from 5.00-5.45pm. If you know anyone who would be interested in a visit please ask them to call the office to book a slot.

### Pokemon Club

As you heard last week, we are going to put in place a lunchtime Pokemon club or clubs in order to give children the chance to trade cards in a fair and sensible manner. We are going to start this on Monday with a lunchtime club for Year 3/4/5/6. They will meet Mr Wright in the library/computer room at 12.30pm. On Tuesday there will be a club for Year 1/2, again in the library at 12.30pm. Class teachers will remind the children about who has signed up. Pokemon cards are only to be in school if your child is attending the club and only on the day the club takes place.

### Sickness

From time to time children are sick (vomit) either at home or at school. Unfortunately, it is not possible to distinguish between the causes, and therefore it is essential that the same rule of exclusion applies in all cases of vomiting or Diarrhoea.

In the Health Protection Agency document, "Guidelines for the Control of Infection and Communicable Disease in School and Early Years Settings", the guidance is:

### Diarrhoea and Vomiting exclusion

Diarrhoea and/or vomiting commonly affects children and staff and can be caused by a number of different germs, including viruses, parasites and bacteria. Infections can be easily spread from person to person (by unwashed hands), especially in children. In general, it is recommended that any staff member or child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away or be excluded from the school or early years setting until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the '48 hour rule') and feel well. Personal hygiene whilst ill must be very strict.

**If your child is sick at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. They should not return for 48 hours. We appreciate that this is inconvenient in many cases, and you may not believe your child is ill, but you will appreciate that we do this in all cases and it should reduce the risk of infection for all children in school. As an example, if your child is sick at lunchtime on a Tuesday, they should not return to school until after lunch on Thursday, provided there have not been any further episodes of vomiting.**

Thank you for your understanding with this. Further guidance on infection control may be found on the [Public Health England Website](#).

### Sharing Assembly

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October we will be holding a sharing assembly in the hall at 9.00am, it will give parents/carers a chance to see what each class has been up to during the first half of term. More information will go out about this next week. Parents are to wait by the main door and they will be asked to sign in at the office before being escorted into the hall.

### Subscriptions

We are currently reviewing the school subscriptions for the likes of times table rockstars etc. We are looking into alternative and more cost-effective solutions. If you and your child are still interested in using TTRS, you are able to purchase a subscription to use at home, via a family plan for £7.20 for the year. This covers 2 adults and 3 children.

### Wraparound

If anyone has any spare balls of wool that they no longer need, please can they be donated to Mrs Dunbar. Wraparound are currently loving weaving, knitting and threading etc and could do with a few more supplies! Please drop any spare bits into the office!

### Safeguarding

The nights are really starting to draw in now, when school returns after half term the clocks will have gone back and we will have lost an hour of daylight. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately coming to school - not just for the weather but so they can be seen aswell. The roads are especially busy outside school, so make sure extra care is taken. #bebrightbeseen

### Data Collection Sheets

A reminder to the last few parents regarding this. If you haven't yet returned your data collection sheet to the school office, please do so as a matter of urgency. We need to ensure the information we have for you and your child/ren is up to date.

### 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.

### Labelling clothes

Please make sure your child's name is written inside their school clothes. We are having a real issue with PE jumpers at present. So many are getting lost because they are unnamed. With the cost of living going up, I am sure you will agree it makes more sense taking time to label your child's rather than spending money to buy replacement items.

### After school clubs

As we are half way through this half term, if you would like your child to partake in Choir, Multisport or Football please email the school office so a discount can be added so you are not paying for the weeks you have missed.

### Team Points

Another incredibly close-run thing this week. We actually had a tie for second place with Apple and Willow scoring 75 points. The winners this week were Oak, with 79 points. Well done everyone!

And finally

Another week gone, we are now halfway through October! Only 5 weeks until the World Cup starts and only 10 weeks until Christmas! Time is certainly flying by this year. We have another bumper week next week with **Forest School for KS2, Harvest at Church, Sharing Assembly, New Parents Open Evening, Halloween Disco and more!** Don't worry though, the children have a half term break to recover from it! Have a great weekend, see you on Monday.

Regards,

Mr J Wright

## Important dates for the diary

<b>On going</b>
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
<b>Upcoming Events</b>
18.10.22 - Forest School KS2
<b>18.10.22 - NO SWIMMING</b>
20.10.22 - Harvest at Church
20.10.22 - <b>NEW</b> Parents open evening
21.10.22 - Sharing Assembly 9.00am
21.10.22 - PTA Halloween Disco
24.10.22 - 28.10.22 - Half Term
01.11.22- Alcester Fire Station visit for Year 1 and Year 5
04.11.22- Reception Forest School Visit
09.11.22- Tempest School Photos- Individuals and siblings
17.11.22- Forest School KS1
29.11.22 - Parents Evening
01.12.22 - Parents Evening