



Great Alne News

Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday, it has been a bright and breezy week at Great Alne this week. I have had the pleasure of dropping into some classes this week and I am looking forward to getting back in there to watch some lessons before half term.

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

School Field

On Thursday we had a visit from the Council about the state of the school field. Due to the very dry weather over the summer, the field is very hard and has lots of cracks and holes in it. It will settle down with some much-needed moisture from the Autumnal weather and time. Therefore, we will be keeping the children off the main part of the field. There will be a fenced off area, where the ground is ok, which will be used for sports club etc.

School Improvements

During our visit from WCC on Thursday we also looked at some potential improvements around the school buildings. We will hopefully be able to share these ideas with you all very soon.

Car Park

Can I remind parents to not let children run around or play in the staff car parking area before or after school. It is a busy area and potentially very dangerous.

New Parent Open Evening

On Thursday 20th 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.

KIRFS

A reminder that all children in KS1 and 2 will have brought home their 'KIRFS' (Maths recall sheets) to support with their learning at home. Please can you have a

look at these with your child on a regular basis. If you have any questions please consult your child's class teacher.

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. Sign in sheets are going around the classes and then we will announce how this will move forward.

Sharing Assembly

On Friday 21st 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.

INSET Day

The school is closed on Monday (10.10.22) for staff training. School will reopen on Tuesday (11.10.22) as normal.

Mobile Phones

When you come to pick your child up at school, please put your mobile phone away. If you need to be on a call, please do this before coming onto the premises. The children have been working hard all day and are desperate to see you and tell you about their day. At 3.15pm your child is your priority and you being off your phone will show them this.

School Gates

As the school gates open at 8.40am we do not expect to have children left unattended prior to this time on the school site. We have noticed that a small group of children are gathering outside the school gates from 8.30am and we cannot be responsible for the children at this time. If you need to be dropping your children off early please speak to Mrs Goode or Mrs Dunbar about wraparound care.

Safeguarding

It has been brought to our attention that leaflets to a new club were being handed out near school one night this week. If your child is going to be attending any clubs we would always recommend you check they are Ofsted registered and have the correct DBS, training/ qualifications in place.

I just want to make sure your aware just because they have been handed out outside the school and say they can collect from school on your behalf we have no affiliation with them at all.

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.

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.

Applying to Secondary School

If your child is in Year 6, then you have until Monday 31 October to submit your application for their secondary school place. There's a range of useful information on the Warwickshire County Council website to help you apply, including a list of all local schools, a priority area map and a handy video to help you make realistic choices of schools. For these and guidance on how to apply, visit

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place>.

Team Points

A close battle with the team points this week with only 4 points separating 3rd and 1st place and only one point between 1st and 2nd! The winners this week were Willow! Well done everyone.

Topic Homework

A reminder that this half term's topic homework is about 'Black History Month'. Your child's teacher will be able to provide you with more information about this.

And finally

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, the weather looks good so make sure you get outside and enjoy it. I have a much quieter weekend than last week, but still full of football starting with watching the Lionesses play USA on tv this evening and hopefully a family trip to Stratford Town on Saturday afternoon. Whatever you all get up to, have fun, keep safe and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

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
03.10.22- Reception Class photo with the Stratford Herald
03.10.22 - Black History Month Homework Task
07.10.22 - Forest School in School Conservation area with Reception
10.10.22 - SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Training Day
11.10.22- Flu immunisations in school
18.10.22 - Forest School KS2
18.10.22 - NO SWIMMING
20.10.22 - NEW Parents open evening
21.10.22 - Sharing Assembly 9.00am
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