



NEWSLETTER

Outwood Primary Academy Alne

DATE: March 2022

Staff Updates

We have welcomed 3 new staff into school this term;

Mrs Simpson who works fulltime in KS1, supporting Y1/2 in the mornings alongside Mrs Teale. In the afternoons she is running interventions for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2.

Miss Jagger who will work in Y4/5 in the mornings to support Mrs Harpin

Miss Dobson who is working fulltime in KS2. In the mornings she is supporting Mrs Robson in Y6 and in the afternoons running interventions for children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6.

We are also going to be saying farewell to two members of staff, Mrs Webb and Mrs McCarthy. Mrs Webb will be moving to work fulltime at OPA Greystone for the remainder of the academic year. Miss Mullery will be working at Alne three days a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as Vice Principal.

After many years of working at Alne, Mrs McCarthy has been appointed fulltime to the role of Assistant Principal at OPA Greystone, starting after Easter. She will be incredibly missed by children and staff as she has worked here for many years alongside Mrs Copeland. She has taught throughout the school, in recent times her creativity and dedication have enabled children in Reception to have such a successful start at Alne. We will be recognising her many years of service to Alne, if parents would like to send a donation in please can they hand into the office by this Friday, 1st April. Mrs Copeland will be teaching Reception fulltime after Easter.

Attendance

Before the pandemic we would include the school attendance regularly on each newsletter, we are going to resume this so that parents are informed. Attendance is key to success, we appreciate that it has been challenging at times to attend school given the government guidance but we must do all we can to ensure children are in school every day they can be. As a school our attendance target is **98%**, nationally schools are aiming for attendance above **96%**. As a school we saw a big dip at the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022 with the majority due to Covid. Attendance is now improving once again so we're hoping to get back above 96% by next half-term.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Year to date
Reception	98.15	98.61	93.09	95.31	96.35
Y1/2	97.45	97.59	92.53	95.57	95.79
Y3	97.54	96.43	91.45	92.50	94.67
Y4/5	98.08	93.47	88.38	97.83	94.02
Y6	98.15	94.88	90.41	94.43	94.48
Whole school	97.78	96.04	91.05	95.26	94.99

All attendances are in %

Safeguarding Lead: Miss Dawson



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Comic Relief

Thank you for the delicious cakes and bakes. The children had a lovely day dressed as super heroes and we raised a massive £218 for the charity with your donations.



Music Mark School

In recognition of the curriculum, opportunities and activities we offer in music, we have been recognised as a Music Mark school.

There will be opportunities over the coming weeks to celebrate children's musical talents with parents invited to performances, the first of which are;

- Tuesday 29th March at 3pm, Year 6 playing the guitar
- Tuesday 5th April at 3pm, Year 4/5 playing the violin.

Due to space in the hall we're restricting the invitation to parents of children in these year groups.

Questions & Queries

Children's safety and happiness is our ultimate goal. If you have any questions or queries please contact school on the admin email address; enquires@alne.outwood.com or by phone 01347 838427

Music Lessons

We now have teachers in school for

- Woodwind; flute, clarinet and fife
- Keyboard
- Brass; trombone and cornet

Children in Year 4 and 5 are currently learning the violin with Mrs Lynch and Year 6 are learning the guitar.

Please click below to find out more about school music lessons and book direct;

[Music in Schools York](#)

[NYCC School Music Service](#)

2021-22 Term Dates

8th April: last day Spring Term

9th to 24th April: Easter Holiday

25th April: Summer Term

2nd May: May Day

28th May to 3rd June: Half-term

6th June: Jubilee Celebration – no school

22nd July: last day Summer Term

[2022-23 Term dates are online](#)



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Advertising the first edition of year 4/5s newspaper coming soon

'Aine Daily News'



Selling for 20p, our first school newspaper edition will be available, hot off the press this week, on **Thursday 31st March 2022**, following our news day experience.

The newspaper will be filled with current, national and local news, along with a range of exclusive interviews.

We hope you are able to support us and will purchase a copy at the end of school on Thursday 31st March 2022, where our School Parliament members will be selling our first ever school newspaper.

(If possible, please could you bring the exact money for your purchase - as change is something we would struggle to provide for everyone).

Thank you for supporting us

From
Mrs Harpin and class 4/5

Safeguarding Lead: Miss Dawson

