



NEWSLETTER

Outwood Primary Academy Alne

DATE: February 2023

Dear Parents,

Wow, what a fabulous experience the Young Voices concert was. I'm sure all the parents who were able to make it would agree. It's a wonderful event, we even got to sing with Heather Small. We're expecting to sign up again for next year and will let you know the details in the Summer term.

We were also able to run the first of our inter-house events last half-term with the children competing in our Cross Country event, Red Team were the overall winning house. Well done to the individual winners;

Year 3; Isla and Harris

Year 4; Harriet and Seb

Year 5; Katie and Rory

Year 6; Emily and Morgan

We're planning more Team events and will let you know the details soon. Don't forget it's World Book Day on 2nd March, Mrs Robson will be sending more information this week.

Best wishes
Miss Dawson



We're raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 17th March;

- Come dressed in red
- Academy Parliament are going to be organising a bake sale; any donations would be welcome on the day.
- Suggested donation is £2, we have a [JustGiving page set up through Comic Relief](#). If it's easier please send in cash on the day.

Red noses are being sold through Amazon however they are **not suitable for children under 7 years of age due to small parts as they are a choking hazard. We would therefore ask that red noses don't come into school this year.**

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Attendance

Attendance has certainly improved following the Christmas holiday and today, the first day back after half-term we're celebrating 100% attendance for a day which is wonderful.

	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	January	Year to date
Reception	97.47	94.13	96.49	94.70	93.64	95.22
Y1/2	96.66	95.40	98.59	94.79	97.71	96.67
Y3	98.89	98.54	98.18	94.17	95.83	97.43
Y4	97.88	98.21	96.21	95.63	97.02	97.20
Y5/6	97.92	98.18	97.63	96.35	96.88	97.48
Whole school	97.68	97.05	97.32	95.26	96.58	96.94

All attendances are in % **above 98%** below 96%

Enrichment Spring Term 1

	Lunchtime	Afterschool
Monday	Y5/6 Boys football	Mr Montgomery's Sports Club (Y1 to Y6 – book & pay online with Carson Sports)
	KS1 Sketching with Mrs Teale	
Tuesday	KS2 Art with Mrs Hopper	
	Music ensemble with Mrs Harpin for children who already play instruments	
Wednesday	TT Rockstars: Y4 with Miss Dawson	
Thursday		
Friday		

Diary Dates

13 th to 17 th February	Half-term
20 th February	Training Day
1 st & 2 nd March	Parents Evening
2 nd March	World Book Day – come dressed as your favourite book character
17 th March	Comic Relief
24 th March	Forest School Y3 (morning) and Y4 (afternoon) 4 weeks until 28 th April
1 st May	May Bank Holiday
5 th May	Forest School Y1/2 (morning) and Y5/6 (afternoon) 4 weeks until 26 th May
8 th May	Bank Holiday for Coronation
9 th to 12 th May	Y6 SATS week (starting on Tuesday due to the Coronation)
15 th to 17 th May	Y6 East Barnby
29 th May to 2 nd June	Half-term
21 st July	End of Summer Term

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Donation Station

If ever you're clearing out a cupboard or find these items surplus to requirements, we would happily use them in school as they're always useful in DT or areas of provision.

- Paper plates and cups
- Balloons
- Chalk
- Buttons
- Cardboard tubes
- Pipe cleaners and straws
- Ribbon
- String or balls of wool

Please put items in the Donation Station bin in the office lobby

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2023 - 24 Term Dates

The term dates for 23/24 have now been confirmed and are listed on the [school website](#). There is 1 training day that will be set closer to the time.

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, trumpet and cornet

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

[Music in Schools York \(brass and woodwind\)](#)
[NYCC School Music Service \(keyboard and strings\)](#)

Governing Body

Our school governors are;

- Sarah Rorke CHAIR (parent of Martha)
- Dave Rogers (parent of Emilia and Theo)
- Helen Jones (parent of Molly and Ted)
- Roharna Vitty (parent of Isla and Quinn)
- Sue Brown (Community governor)
- Juliet Robson (staff)
- Jennie King (staff)

If you, or someone you know in our community is interested in becoming a governor please get in touch.

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UK Health Agency Update: Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever.

As pupils and students return to school following the Christmas break, UKHSA is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels.

Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also [continue to be reported](#).

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information [getting your child vaccinated against flu](#) on NHS.UK.