



NEWSLETTER

Outwood Primary Academy Alne

DATE: January 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to 2023, it's been lovely to hear about the children's celebrations and holidays this week. At long last the builders have completed the work on the main building and new portacabin. There are a few minor items to complete but we are now able to use the new classroom. For the remainder of this academic year, Miss Mullery will be teaching Y1 in the mornings and it will be used for Read Write Inc groups. In the afternoons we will be able to use the space for music lessons and interventions. As everyone is aware costs have risen and as a result the cost of the work increased substantially but this increase was covered by funding from the Trust's capital finances, though this was at detriment to projects planned at other primary schools. There was no funding for additional furniture and therefore FOAS are supporting the purchase of chairs and tables for Y5/6.

The gates have now been programmed to open between 8.30am and 9am then 3pm to 5pm. Please can parents be aware that whilst our site is open, staff do not supervise the playground until 8.40am.

FOAS Update

Thank you to everyone who supports FOAS events, as well as furniture, the fundraising has also been used to pay for Christmas events including transport to the pantomime, ice-creams and Christmas parties.

Best wishes
Miss Dawson



Starting school September 2023?

The deadline for Primary School applications for Reception in September 2023 is **15th January 2023**.

If you are choosing your child's school please contact our admin team on 01347 838427 or email enquiries@alne.outwood.com to arrange a visit.

Complete your online admission at:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school>

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Attendance

Due to a variety of factors attendance dipped during December, we're hoping everyone has had a good Christmas holiday and recharged their batteries ready for this term.

	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	Year to date
Reception	97.47	94.13	96.49	94.70	95.92
Y1/2	96.66	95.40	98.59	94.79	96.64
Y3	98.89	98.54	98.18	94.17	97.75
Y4	97.88	98.21	96.21	95.63	97.02
Y5/6	97.92	98.18	97.63	96.35	97.61
Whole school	97.68	97.05	97.32	95.26	97.06

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	Young Voices – KS2 all welcome	
Friday		

Diary Dates

6 th January	Y4 Swimming starts (every Friday until Easter)
31 st January	KS2 Cross Country
8 th February	Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena
13 th to 17 th February	Half-term
20 th February	Training Day
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

[Term dates for 2023 – 2024](#) have been confirmed by North Yorkshire. Some training dates are listed in yellow please do not use these as the training dates have yet to be set for Alne. We will confirm these as soon as possible.

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.