



NEWSLETTER

Outwood Primary Academy Alne

DATE: September 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year, it's wonderful to see everyone back after their summer break and to welcome lots of new families to Alne.

The building work is going well and we hope to have the new office areas and lobby fully open to everyone by the end of September. This means that for the first time in nearly 3 years the library will no longer be needed as a staffroom! As the fencing work continues next week, there may be occasions when we ask you to access the back playground through the Early Years outdoor area, we'll signpost as needed.

We look forward to welcoming parents into school to see the changes later this half-term. Teachers will each be inviting parents in their children's class to drop in and share a lesson in school. They will all be at different times so families with siblings can spend time in all children's classes. Times and dates will be confirmed shortly.

After half-term we will have an open morning for new reception starters in September 2023 when we hope to unveil the new portacabin classroom.

Best wishes

Miss Dawson

Enrichment Clubs Autumn 1

Booking for clubs after school will be through a google form sent to all families, except for Mr Montgomery's sports club which is run direct by Carson Sport. Children don't need to book in for lunchtime clubs.

	Lunchtime	Afterschool
Monday	Y5/6 Boys football	Mr Montgomery's Sports Club (Y1 to Y6 – book & pay online with Carson Sports)
Tuesday	KS1 Lego with Mrs Teale	
	Music ensemble with Mrs Harpin for children who already play instruments	
Wednesday		
Thursday	Young Voices – KS2 all welcome	KS2 Girl's Football with Mr Middleton
Friday	KS2 Gardening with Miss Dawson	

Safeguarding Lead: Miss Dawson





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Attendance

Thank you for the great start back to school this year – attendance has been high and very few children have been late with everyone remembering the earlier start of 8.45am. We will continue to provide everyone with regular attendance information on each newsletter, the first update will be in October.

Following the Covid pandemic, school attendance has been identified as a priority nationally with [updated guidance for schools in place from September 2022](#). An example of one of the new policies is that all local authorities are expected to have a School Attendance Support Team who will monitor attendance and meet with school termly.

- **Medical and Dental appointments**

To support your child attending school we would request that parents schedule routine dental and medical appointments after school or during holidays. Please be prepared to share evidence of appointments if required.

- **Holidays**

Parents are strongly urged not to take children out of school for holidays during term time, government legislation states that only exceptional circumstances warrant an authorised leave of absence. Please complete a form from the office.

To let us know that your child won't be in school, please call into school on 01347 838427 and leave a message on our automated message on option 3. Alternatively, email enquiries@alne.outwood.com to let us know.

School Lunch costs 2022-23

Our lunches are provided through NYES Catering (North Yorkshire) who set the price annually. As everyone is acutely aware, prices of food and fuel have risen significantly. The cost of school lunches for children in Year 3 to Year 6 will be £3.12 per day from September. The [menu](#) is available online and will be updated termly, though due to supply issues this can change.

We need to ensure that we do not incur debts on behalf of NYES catering and need to ask all families paying for school lunches to do so in advance. If there is greater than 1 week outstanding we will unfortunately need to ask families to provide a packed lunch until the bill is cleared.

If you think that you might be eligible for free school meals please [complete an online application](#). We would ask families in Reception, Year 1 and 2 to consider whether they are eligible at the moment for two reasons; firstly, once awarded the child remains eligible until the end of primary school even if circumstances change. Secondly, our school receives additional funding for children receiving free meals.



Please order with the office by 26th September if you don't usually have school lunch



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2022-23 Term Dates

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

Term dates for 2023-24 are still currently in draft, we expect North Yorkshire to publish them later this term.

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

Uniform

Everyone is looking wonderfully smart returning to school this term. As the weather becomes cooler please remember black or blue sweatshirts or hoodies for PE lessons.

Children with long hair need to have their hair tied back each day with school appropriate accessories please. Remember earrings aren't allowed to be worn.

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 \(keyboard and strings\)](#)

Diary Dates

We have lots of special events and occasions already lined up for this year, here are some important dates for the diary so far;

w/c 10th October: Harvest Festival – parents will be invited to join our celebration at church, donations of tinned or preserved food will be welcome for the Easingwold food bank. Specific day to be confirmed.

9th and 10th November: Parents evening – parents can choose a virtual or face to face appointment, booking information will be sent before half-term.

15th December: Pantomime trip

31st January: KS2 Cross Country

8th February: Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena