



**ALBAN WOOD NEWSLETTER – Issue 19, 2016-2017**



**Attendance**

In these final weeks of term, we look forward to celebrating attendance across this year at AW. We have 19 improvement certificates on their way, as well as 100% books for the whole year and 100% certificates for this term. A final raffle too! Thank you to you all for your support.



**An enormous thank you from me!**

I would like to take this opportunity, in the final newsletter of the year, to thank all pupils, parents, staff and governors for their great support in my time at Alban Wood. Professionally, it has been the most exciting, enriching and certainly full (!) six years; personally, it has been a privilege and wonderful opportunity to work with you all. I have said to governors that my parting wish to them would be to continue to nurture the wonderful staff team here at Alban

Wood – they are truly extraordinary, and I will miss them all greatly – professionally and personally! I am not far away so I really look forward to hearing about the next steps on Alban Wood’s journey – which I just know will be ever-innovating, exciting, and fulfilling for the amazing children and community of the school. Alban Wood is in the best possible hands with Miss Davis and her Senior Team; good luck to all!

In the meantime, I wish you all a happy, sunny and relaxing Summer break.

**School dinners from September 2017**



As we move to become a part of the HfL MAT (Herts for Learning Multi-Academy Trust), we will continue to use Herts catering for our school meals – we are very happy with their delicious and nutritious meals! Working with them, we do our very best to keep costs down, whilst not compromising on healthiness and taste. However, in September, we will need to pass on a small increase in cost, **with each meal costing £2.40** to those parents who pay. Universal Infant Meals will continue in Reception – Year 2 for all children, as well as, of course, Free School Meals to those who are eligible.

**Thank you and a reminder of dates...**

Summer 2 is always a busy but exciting time when we invite parents in to school for lots of celebrations. Thank you so much for so many exciting events that have already happened, including Music Celebration assembly this week and the Summer Fair today! We hope to see you all again for the events below before term ends...

- **Parents’ week:** the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 (school closing at 2pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July)
- **KS1 performance:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 6.00pm.
- **Sports day (Years 1 – 6):** **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30am** followed by a lunchtime family picnic.
- **Year 6 performance:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm
- **Year 6 leavers’ assembly:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 9am
- **Year 6 leavers’ event:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 5.30pm

**Staffing**

The children enjoyed a wonderful class swap this afternoon, and there was lots of excitement around meeting new staff and new opportunities. Below is a summary of staffing arrangements for September.

The school will be led by Miss Davis (Acting Headteacher), Mrs Webb (INCO) and Miss Wells (Acting Deputy Headteacher). As well as all teachers taking a particular lead on subjects across the curriculum, we have two new phase leaders – Mrs Gainfort for Early Years/Key Stage One and Miss Turner for Key Stage Two.

**Nursery** – Miss Hardiman, Mrs Long and Mrs Nerecova.

**Reception** – Miss Hardiman and Mrs Gainfort; Mrs Wilcock, Miss McKinney (ams) and Mrs Nerecova (pms)

**Year 1** – Mrs Rose and Mrs Dainton; Mrs Young and Miss McKinney (pms)

**Year 2** – Miss Maclean and Mrs McCready

**Year 3** – Mrs Evans and Mrs Stacey

**Year 4** – Mrs Townley and Mrs McGill

**Year 5** – Miss Turner; Mrs Luff and Miss Douglas

**Year 6** – Miss Wells and Mrs Overy; Mrs Laporta

All the teachers have written to you this afternoon with details of their new topic and request for holiday homework. If there is anything you would like to ask in advance of September, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the staff above. Thank you!

In addition, just a reminder that we as leaders are always available in school should parents have any questions or concerns. Please do just speak to the office to make an appointment, letting Mrs Martin or Mrs Jolliffe know if it is urgent. In relation to safeguarding, Miss Davis is the Designated Person in school, with both Mrs Webb and Miss Turner fully trained as Deputy Designated Staff. Our home-school agreement will remain the same as we move from this to a new academic year.

