



**ALBAN WOOD NEWSLETTER – Issue 4, 2017-2018**

**Attendance**

Well done to Reception whose attendance has been the highest for a number of weeks now and this week was 99.3%. Well done Reception!

**First Aid app**

A few members of staff have been on First Aid training this week and have come back to school recommending a free app – The British Cross First Aid app – a very useful app for everyone.

**Poppies**

Next week, before and after school, our Eco Council will be selling poppies and other poppy items (for example wristbands and reflective poppies) in aid of the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

**Severe Weather: reminder of procedures**

It is approaching that time of year again!  
In the event of severe weather, we will make the best decision possible based on current weather and the forecast as early as possible in the morning. Information will then be sent to you in the following ways:  
\* This notification will be immediately sent to Hertfordshire, who will post whether the school is open or closed on their website: [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org)  
\* Announcements will also be made on Three Counties Radio.  
\* We will text all parents with information stating whether we are open or closed (another reason to make sure we have your up to date mobile number details).  
\* We will add a post to our school Facebook page and website.  
We will always endeavour to keep the school open if at all possible, but will first need to take into account Health and Safety (particularly our ability to clear ice from the entrance to the school and in the playgrounds), and staffing numbers (ensuring that enough staff can make the journey in to school). You can help us with this in two ways. Firstly, please do not call the school office to check whether we are open unless absolutely necessary, instead using the above ways to find out information: this is because staff are likely to be involved in preparing the school for the day (cover arrangements, clearing snow etc) and may be unable to answer the phones. Secondly, if there are parents who live locally that may be able to help with clearing snow early in the morning, then that would be very much appreciated – thank you! If you are able to help with this please let us know.

**Just a few dates for this term!**

- \*Wear Blue Day – look out for a pupil written letter coming home in book bags this evening
- \*Movie Night – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November
- \*Non School Uniform day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – donations for the Christmas fair please!
- \*Secret Santa afternoon – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – letter to follow soon!
- \*Christmas Fair – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December
- \*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Spelling challenge final – look out for the challenges coming home this evening!

**Autumn and winter weather**

As the weather is getting wetter, please ensure your child/ren have suitable school shoes, preferably no canvas shoes. It is also extremely important that children come to school with a coat and jumper each day – the weather is forever changing! Thank you all.

**Halloween Bake Sale**

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising our lovely Halloween Bake Sale earlier this week - over £150 was raised! Many thanks too for all of the wonderful cake creations and a particular well done to Ella-Mae and Betsan for their winning ‘Creepy Cakes’.

**Operation Christmas Child**

Once again, we will be supporting the Samaritans Purse- ‘Operation Christmas Child.’ Each year we send off a number of shoeboxes filled with gifts for boys and girls to countries where children are enduring suffering and poverty. If you would like to be involved we have a limited number of pre-printed shoeboxes in school, or you can use any shoebox and cover it with Christmas paper. We have labels to attach to the front and a useful gift idea sheet, both of which can be collected from the school office. Operation Christmas Child also ask that you enclose a £5 donation, to be placed in an envelope inside the box, to cover shipping expenses.

**Filled shoeboxes will need to be in school by 15<sup>th</sup> November.** Thank you!

**Sporting Success**

Over the next few weeks our Football team will be playing in a number of matches and we look forward to hearing all about the games.  
Earlier this term a group of Year 4 children represented Alban Wood at the Tri Golf final over in Rickmansworth – a very tricky final to get into!  
Well done to the team for their excellent sportsmanship and thank you to parents for supporting this event so well.

**Christmas Events**

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Jumper day
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Concert
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 9am – KS1 Family Assembly
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am – Early Years Nativity performance
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch – please see the letter that came home yesterday

