



ALBAN WOOD NEWSLETTER – Issue 6, 2017-2018

Attendance

We haven't had a Mystery Attendance week yet this term – we wonder if governors will announce one soon!? Keep an eye out for this on our Facebook page and through text messages.

Movie Night

A huge thank you to staff for our Movie Night earlier this term. Children had great fun watching Sing and Beauty and the Beast.

LOtC award

A couple of weeks ago we were informed that we had been awarded the Learning Outside the Classroom Silver accreditation – a huge achievement for Alban Wood and in recognition of all of our outdoor learning. A particular well done and thank you to Mrs Townley for leading this area of school life.

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
- * 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!

- *Monday 4th December, 7pm – KS2 Christmas Concert at the Church of the Nazarene – all welcome!
- *Monday 11th December – Choir singing at ASDA
- *Wednesday 13th December – KS1 Family Assembly
- *Thursday 14th December – Early Years Nativity
- *Friday 15th December – Spelling challenge final

Admission policy consultation

Please see letter attached...

Reception places – September 2018

The online system for Reception places has now opened and will remain open until Monday 15th January. To apply for a place please visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or pop into the school office.

Charity Events

Thank you for all of the pennies and small change donations given on Wear Something Blue Friday - £153 was raised for the charity Kidscape. Today, children looked fantastic in their Christmas hats and jumpers, and money raised so far for Save the Children is £117. We will continue to raise money for this charity at our Early Year Nativity, KS1 Family Assembly and KS2 Carol Concert later this month.

Shakespeare school's festival

Year 5 performed a Midsummer Night's Dream last week to a packed Abbey theatre in St Albans. It was such a special occasion, and the children performed with confidence, pride and great humour! A huge thank you to Miss Turner (a super director!) and to all the staff for their help and support leading up to this event. Thank you too to parents for your support, and most of all our talented and inspiring Year 5 children!

Christmas!

As I write this newsletter, our small but wonderful PTA are busy setting up for the Christmas Fair. A huge thank you to them for all of their hard work – they would really love to see the PTA grow next term. Please let us know if you are interested in joining this very important part of school life.

Parent governor elections

Welcome to our new parent governors **Sarah Ziman and Emma Reese** – thank you too to all of the parents for voting. I would also like to thank both Katrina Tullberg and Tracey Hoodless for all of their hard work and commitment whilst they were on the Governing Body.

Secret Santa afternoon

What a wonderful afternoon! Children enjoyed selecting gifts and I am sure they will enjoy watching family members and friends open them. This special afternoon raised over £600 – thank you!

