



ALBAN WOOD NEWSLETTER – Issue 14, 2016-2017



Attendance

It has been a very positive start to Summer term, and our attendance remains at **96.6% overall**.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of cases of slapped cheek in school. Our official school medical guidance explains that children do not need to be away from school with this rash. The NHS confirm that this is usually a mild infection, which clears up by itself in one or two days, and that by the time the rash appears, the child is no longer contagious. Thank you for your understanding; please do not hesitate to speak with us if you have any questions or concerns.



Staffing

I am pleased to let you know that we have appointed a new teacher for September, Mrs Dainton, who is an experienced Early Years and Key Stage One teacher. We look forward to welcoming her to the team! As always at this time, plans are underway for organising all staffing for September – we will keep you informed as to any news. Thank you!

Fidget spinners

These are lovely for home, but please do not bring to school. As well as the possibility of them becoming lost, they are, unfortunately, a distraction to learning. Thank you for your support.

Dates for Summer term

- Week beginning 8th May:** SATs week (Y6)
- Week beginning 15th and 22nd May:** KS1 SATs weeks (Y2)
- 18.5.17** Year 6 Kwik Cricket Tournament
- 22.5.17** Year 5 and Year 6 History Off the Page Victorian Workshop
- 25.5.17** Spelling challenge
- 26.5.17** Spelling challenge finals

HALF TERM: week beginning 29th May, children return on Monday 5th June. On Fridays after half term, Year 6 will begin Ice Pop Friday!

- 6.6.17** Year 6 magistrates visit
- Week beginning 12.6.17:** Year 1 phonics tests
- 14.6.17** Year 5 and Year 6 K'NEX challenge
- 19.6.17** NSPCC assembly, Reception – Year 6
- 23.6.17** Summer disco!
- Week beginning 26.6.17:** Poetry week; performance evening tbc!
- 28.6.17** Year 3 and 4 Intra Sports competition
- 5.7.17** Reception class trip
- 5.7.17** Music celebration assembly
- 6.7.17** Early Years Sports Day
- 7.7.17** Class swap and the Summer Fair
- Week beginning 10.7.17:** Parents' week and survey week
- 12.7.17** Year 1 and 2 Intra Sports competition
- 13.7.17** Year 6 transition day for secondary school
- 14.7.17** Sports day
- Week beginning 17.7.17** Farm week
- 18.7.17** Year 6 production
- 20.7.17** Year 6 leavers assembly and leavers event



Parent governor role at Alban Wood

Voting for the parent governor role closes at 4pm this afternoon, and a text and facebook message will be updated with the successfully appointed parent after this time. Thank you so much to Mr Smith and Mrs Samways for their commitment.



SATs week: Year 6

Another year has flown by and next week is SATs week for our talented and ambitious Year 6 class! We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of them the very best of luck; none of us can ask any more than for each of them to put in their best efforts next week. We are very pleased with their hard work, and I would like to thank the whole Year 6 team: Mrs Barnes, Miss Davis, Mrs Overy, Mrs Stacey and Miss Douglas.

Year 6 parents: we look forward to welcoming children for breakfast on Monday morning from 8.15am. Thank you too for your committed and ongoing support.



Mosaic mentoring

Thank you so much to the 15 families in Year 5 and Year 6 who have made a commitment and such a positive start to the Mosaic mentoring project. This is a fantastic opportunity to consider ambition and opportunities for the future for the children, and will include both a University visit and graduation ceremony in London. We are very fortunate as a school to be involved once again in this project, which we look forward to sharing with the whole school through assemblies and on our facebook page. Thank you to Mrs Forbes for her important work in this area.

Outdoor learning at Alban Wood

Staff are working very hard to plan and prepare for outdoor learning opportunities for children across all subject areas in the curriculum. We know just how much the children enjoy this! In particular, the reading hut is being used by all classes and groups, which is great; and we will now be purchasing furniture to increase use of our outdoor classroom. Three members of staff are visiting other schools in June to be able to share across the school examples of extending our practice even further. We plan to apply for a Silver Outdoor learning accreditation before the end of this academic year. Thank you to all the staff, but in particular Mrs Townley who leads in this area.