



ALBAN WOOD NEWSLETTER – Issue 20, 2015-2016

Attendance

Last week was mystery attendance week and record numbers of children attended Afternoon Tea this week. **Attendance last week was 95.9%** - well done all!

Parents' week: week beginning 3rd October (next week)

Thank you very much to all parents who have already signed up to meet with class teachers next week – our lists are looking almost full! Please do call the office, or drop in to speak to class teachers, office staff or me to make an appointment if you still need to do so – we are happy to help!

Please don't forget that early close is 2pm on Tuesday. We look forward to welcoming you all into school – children's books and learning environments are already looking fantastic!

Parent Workshops

Mrs Gainfort, Mrs Thompson and I have been delighted with the numbers of parents at our phonics and transition to Y1 workshops this week. If you were not able to attend the phonics workshop but would like a copy of the PowerPoint please pop into the office.

I look forward to seeing lots of parents on **Tuesday 4th October at 9am for our Transition to Y3 workshop.**

Numbers at Breakfast Club and After School Club

We are delighted that the excellent care and service that Miss Douglas and Miss Coombs provide at Breakfast Club and After School Club is very popular with parents/children across the school.

Just to remind you, for **After School Club**, we are only able to accept a **maximum of six children from Nursery and Reception** (to ensure appropriate adult-pupil ratios). **Those children booked in advance, the first six to do so, will of course be guaranteed a place;** however, if you phone on the day and six places have already been booked, we may need to say no on this occasion. **This makes it especially important for us that if you need to cancel your child's place, you let us know with as much notice as possible, as another family may well wish to take this place.**

For **Breakfast Club**, while the ratios above remain exactly the same, we do understand the importance for parents of this remaining a drop-in service, as and when you need this, and therefore we will continue to take and care for all children/families that need us.

Thank you for your understanding with this; please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Douglas or me with any questions.

Roald Dahl Day outfit winners!

Congratulations to the following children who received prizes and certificates for their fantastic outfits earlier this term.

Early Years: Betsan, Logan and Theo

Year 1: Alfie and Maya

Year 2: Maddison and Callum H

Year 3: Kyra-Leigh and Kerim

Year 4: Isaac and Alfie

Year 5: Xavier and Owen

Year 6: Josh and Chloe

Just a few dates for this term!

- No Pens Day: **Wednesday 5th October – please join us in classrooms between 9am and 9.30am to join in with activities!**
- Parents' week: the week beginning 3rd October
- Half term: the week beginning 24th October
- Spelling challenge: Friday 21st October

Take One Book Week

This week was Take One Book Week, a termly week in which children look at one book all week to produce some fantastic writing. Please ask your child which book they used in their learning this week.

Harvest

Thank you for the harvest donations we have already received. As you will know from the school council letter, this year we are collecting for Watford Food Bank. The Food Bank particularly need: individual sponge puddings, tinned rice pudding, jam, cereal, can openers and biscuits. The last day for donations is: **Friday 7th October.**

Thank you all!

Safety at Alban Wood

Firstly, please can I remind all parents and carers that, for the safety of pupils, parents and staff, **parking in the car park before and after school (8.45 – 9.15am and 2.45 – 3.15pm) is not permitted** (disabled badge holders are, of course, able to park in the car park). It is vital that we all work together to ensure everyone is safe on their way to school.

Secondly, **please do not allow children to play on the playground equipment before and after school** as staff are not available to supervise.

Thank you all for your continued support with this.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge well done to our school council for organising a fantastic coffee morning earlier this week. **A wonderful £70 was raised for this very important charity!** Thank you for all of the donations (both monetary and cake!).

Alban Wood Community Farm

As you may be aware, later this half term **we look forward to welcoming three pygmy goats to our farm!** The nanny goat and her twin babies are yet to be named – look out for school council next week as they will be running a book character themed naming competition!

Asda green tokens

Alban Wood Primary School has been named as one of the green token schools for the month of October. **If you shop in Asda please collect a green token and vote for us!** We could win £500!

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