

Alban Wood's Newsletter

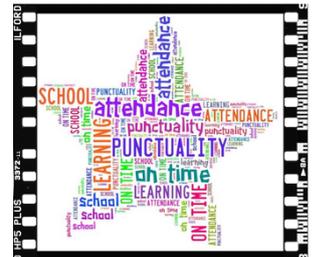
Note From Mrs Pinder -



A big thank you to Gemma for arranging and to everyone that supported by attending the circus on Wednesday. It was an amazing and wonderful experience for the children and adults!

The School Council's Macmillan Coffee morning raised £300.00. It was lovely to see so many people in school supporting the School Council and Head Boy and Girl.

Attendance
 This week the whole school attendance is 96%. Our school attendance target is 96%, so as you can see, that we have hit our target.



Current Percentage of attendance 2020 - 21

Aim: over 96%

Rec 97%

Year 1 94%

Year 2 97%

Year 3 98%

Year 4 97%

Year 5 98%

Year 6 95%

Whole School 96%



Dates For The Diary

8th Oct - Hello Yellow Young Minds

18th Oct - Harvest Assembly

18th Parent Consultations - Face to Face -

3:45pm- 6:15pm

20th Parent Consultations - Remote

25th-29th October - Half Term Holiday

1st Nov - Children return to School

1st Nov - Peter Taylor and Tim Williams to visit school.

2nd Nov - National Climate Change Event across the Agora Learning Partnership



Moving On 2022 (or 2023)

Local secondary schools will be holding their annual open evenings / events throughout September and October. I recommend that if your child is in Year 5 or 6 you consider looking around all the secondary schools in the area. More information about secondary transfer can be found at Hertfordshire Admissions.

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place, if your child is in Year 6 is Thursday 31st October 2021.

Young Minds – Hello Yellow



#HelloYellow

Join us and thousands of schools on Friday, 8 October by wearing something yellow and raising vital funds to support Young Minds. We all struggle with how we're feeling sometimes and it's normal to have ups and downs.

This year might have felt a little more down than up. But it's the little things that have got us through it – the morning walks, singing in the shower, the perfect cuppa, the bestie who makes you LOL, the teachers who have your back.

Saying #HelloYellow this World Mental Health Day is a little thing we can do to make a BIG difference to young people's mental health.

Because a little yellow goes a long way.



Wrap Around Care

Energy Kidz Breakfast and After School Club have returned to Alban Wood Primary School and Nursery. They are open Monday to Friday from 7:30am – 8:50 am and 3:00pm – 6:00pm.

To book please login/create an account and secure your place online at: <https://bookings.energy-kidz.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login>.

If you have any further queries please don't hesitate to call Energy Kidz's friendly bookings team on 0333 577 1533 or drop them an email at info@energy-kidz.co.uk.

CONCERNS

If you have, any concerns regarding your child you should arrange to speak with the class teacher in the first instance.

If the issue has not been resolved a meeting with the Phase Leader – Mrs Harrop (EYFS and KS1) or Miss Beattie (KS2) should be arranged via the school office.

If the issue continues, a meeting with the Head of School will be arranged. Thank you.

Autumn Days

As the weather becomes more Autumnal can we take this opportunity to remind pupils to bring a suitable outdoor coat to school for break times and lunchtimes. Please ensure school uniform is labelled as we continue to have issues relocating pupils with lost clothing. Thank you for your support with this.



Harvest Festival

On Monday 18th October at 10:30 am we will be having our Harvest Festival Assembly. We will be collecting any tins and packets of food (please check the use by dates) for Watford Food Bank.

A reminder that smartwatches are not suitable for school. Any device that can receive messages, calls or take pictures must not be worn in school.

WELLBEING WISE WORDS

Is your child dysregulated after school?

Often children will 'let go' of all they are holding onto during the school day once they get home. It may feel like you are taking the brunt of their frustrations. Although it can be hard, know that it indicates the safe relationship and attachment you share.

Check

Take a quick check of their basic and sensory needs. Are they tired or hungry? Do they need to change clothes? Are they seeking sensory input or deprivation?

Connect

You know your child. Maybe they need some connection through a story, a hug or just sitting together. Take a moment to connect without distraction.

Coach

If you can, take a moment to process with your child. When they are calm, talk about how they were feeling. Recognise and acknowledge those feelings.

Unwind

Allow them time to process through play. Having a routine of quiet, independent play helps a child unwind from a busy day and brings them some autonomy.

Credit – Seed & Sew

Be kind to yourselves

Miss McKinney