

Alban Wood's Newsletter

Note From Mrs Pinder -

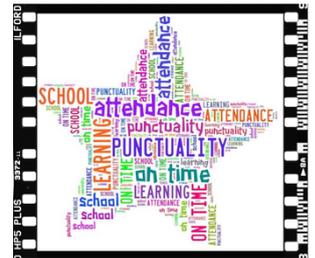
Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school. It was lovely to see you again yesterday. I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and were able to spend some quality time with your loved ones.

I hope that you have enjoyed seeing your children's Christmas performances and Carol Concert. The performances were excellent and highlighted how important music and performance is for our children.



Attendance

This week the whole school attendance is 94%. Our school attendance target is 96%, so as you can see, that we have not hit our target.



Current Percentage of attendance 2021 - 22

Aim: over 96%

Rec 93%

Year 1 91%

Year 2 95%

Year 3 96%

Year 4 96%

Year 5 95%

Year 6 94%

Whole School 94%



Dates For The Diary

- 12th Jan - Warner Brothers Workshop - KS2.**
- 20th Jan - Year 4 Indoor Athletics at Future Academies**
- 20th Jan - Football Match against Holyrood.**
- 4th Feb - NSPCC Number Day**
- 7th - 11th Feb - Mental Health Week.**
- 11th Feb - Grant Strong Author in School**
- 14th - 18th Feb - Half Term**
- 21st - 25th Feb- Bikeability - Years 5 and 6**
- 3rd Mar - World Book Day**
- 9th Mar - Year 2 Class Assembly - 9:00am**
- 16th Mar -Year 6 Class Assembly - 9:00am**
- 23rd Mar -Year 5 Class Assembly - 9:00am**
- 28th Mar -Parent Consultations - Face to Face**
- 20th Mar -Parent Consultations - Remote**
- 31st Mar - Nursery - End of term**
- 1st April - End of Term - 2:00pm finish**
- 19th Apr - INSET Day - School closed to Children**
- 20th - Apr - First Day back for Children.**

Reception Application Deadline

The deadline for making your application for a Reception place for September 2022 is Saturday 15th January 2022. We strongly advise you to list several schools on your application, ranked in order of your preference. Full details about online applications, how places are offered, the appeals process and further information is available here:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions>

Thank You

On behalf of all staff, a huge 'Thank You' to the children and parents who brought Christmas cards and gifts at the end of last term. We all really appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity, especially at such a busy and costly time of year.



Headlice

Recently, cases of head lice have been identified across the school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed. Whilst lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread. As there have been cases, we suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible. Here is some simple advice you may wish to follow to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum. Check your child's hair once a week. Use a proper detection comb – with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice. The comb is usually white in colour so that lice can be easily identified. If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist to check the whole family. Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on NHS website.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/headlice/pages/treatment.aspx>

Thank you for your co-operation

Lives Not Knives

On Monday 10th January 2022, Year 6 were visited by PCSOs Daisy and Keith who led them through the Lives not Knives workshop. The children learnt a lot about how to keep safe as they move to secondary school and what to do if they feel something is not quite right. After looking at the laws around knife crime, the children looked at how the choices they make now can have a huge impact on their futures. The Year 6 children were very mature as they tackled these sensitive issues but a special well done went to Raul who won the 'contributor of the day' trophy! A huge thank you to Daisy and Keith for their time – a very worthwhile and thought-provoking day!

