



NEWSLETTER

Outwood Primary Academy Alne

DATE: March 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who came and read extracts to the different classes last week, celebrating our reading week and World Book Day. The creativity in making the costumes was amazing and the children looked fantastic.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our recent Parents' Evenings. In addition, teachers are holding information sessions for parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 to inform them about the Statutory SATs assessments in May. Mrs Teale and Mrs Robson are confirming dates in their newsletters.

The term seems to be disappearing rapidly and the next few weeks will be busy with handwriting competitions, decorating eggs, Comic Relief and the spelling bee preparation. There is also an Easter lunch on Wednesday 21st March, please book with the office. I'm sure we'll be ready for the Easter holidays when they arrive!

Best wishes
Miss Dawson

Community News

St Mary's Church is holding a Mother's Day Service on Sunday 19th March at 10.30am, everyone is welcome to attend.

We are trialling a new [Community page on the website](#) to share and signpost community events and organisations. Please let us know of anything that we can include.



We're raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 17th March;

- Come dressed in red
- Academy Parliament are going to be organising a bake sale; any donations would be welcome on the day.
- Suggested donation is £2, we have a [JustGiving page set up through Comic Relief](#). If it's easier please send in cash on the day.

Red noses are being sold through Amazon however they are **not suitable for children under 7 years of age due to small parts as they are a choking hazard. We would therefore ask that red noses don't come into school this year.**

Guess the name of the Teddy – organised by Academy Parliament

Each guess costs 50p



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Decorated Easter Egg Competition

29th March 2023

We are holding a decorated egg competition in the last week of term. Every child is invited to enter a boiled egg decorated in any style or theme.

Entries need to be taken to St Mary's Church on 29th March by 9am.

There will be a prize for each year group from Reception to Year 6. Entries will be judged by members of the community.

Entries need to state the name and year of the child – labels will be available in the church at drop off.

The prizes will be awarded at 2pm, children will be coming to church from school. Parents and members of the community are welcome to join us for the prize giving and share tea and coffee afterwards.



We will be holding a Spelling Bee competition for all children in Year 1 to Year 6 immediately after the Easter holidays. We're telling you well in advance to give everyone plenty of time to learn their words.

All children will be able to participate in the first round. The words will be read aloud and the children will write them down, they will be marked by staff. For every word spelt correctly they will earn a Super Swirl for their House. There will be 20 words chosen at random from the lists below. The 4 highest 'spellers' in each year (1 from each team) will then represent their team in the final on Thursday 20th April.

Children will be asked to learn the following words;

Year 1: [Year 1 common exception words](#)

Year 2: [Year 2 common exception words](#)

Year 3 & 4: [Year 3 & 4 spellings](#)

Year 5 & 6: [Year 5 & 6 spellings](#)



Children with identified spelling needs will be given an appropriate word list.

Everyone will have a hard copy of the word lists sent home. Here are some online games that will help children to learn their spellings;

- [Little Bird spelling](#)
- [Spooky Spellings](#)



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Attendance

Attendance has continued to improve through February, well done everyone

	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	January	February	Year to date
Reception	97.47	94.13	96.49	94.70	93.64	95.45	95.41
Y1/2	96.66	95.40	98.59	94.79	97.71	95.83	96.74
Y3	98.89	98.54	98.18	94.17	95.83	99.29	97.58
Y4	97.88	98.21	96.21	95.63	97.02	99.15	97.32
Y5/6	97.92	98.18	97.63	96.35	96.88	98.64	97.60
Whole school	97.68	97.05	97.32	95.26	96.58	97.77	97.06

All attendances are in % **above 98%** below 96%

Enrichment Spring Term 2

	Lunchtime	Afterschool
Monday	Y5/6 Boys football	Mr Montgomery's Sports Club (Y1 to Y6 – book & pay online with Carson Sports)
	KS1 Sketching with Mrs Teale	
Tuesday	KS2 Art with Mrs Hopper	
	Music ensemble with Mrs Harpin for children who already play instruments	
Wednesday	TT Rockstars: Y4 with Miss Dawson	
Thursday		
Friday		

Diary Dates

17 th March	Comic Relief
24 th March	Forest School Y3 (morning) and Y4 (afternoon) 4 weeks until 28 th April
29 th March	Easter lunch – order with the office if you usually have packed lunch
29 th March	Easter Egg competition; eggs to the church by 9am, 2pm prize giving and refreshments
3 rd April to 14 th April	Easter Holiday
20 th April	Spelling Bee final (heats are in each class on either 17 th , 18 th or 19 th April)
1 st May	May Bank Holiday
5 th May	Forest School Y1/2 (morning) and Y5/6 (afternoon) 4 weeks until 26 th May
8 th May	Bank Holiday for Coronation
9 th to 12 th May	Y6 SATS week (starting on Tuesday due to the Coronation)
15 th to 17 th May	Y6 East Barnby
29 th May to 2 nd June	Half-term
21 st July	End of Summer Term

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Donation Station

If ever you're clearing out a cupboard or find these items surplus to requirements, we would happily use them in school as they're always useful in DT or areas of provision.

- Paper plates and cups
- Balloons
- Chalk
- Buttons
- Cardboard tubes
- Pipe cleaners and straws
- Ribbon
- String or balls of wool

Please put items in the Donation Station bin in the office lobby

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2023 - 24 Term Dates

The term dates for 23/24 have now been confirmed and are listed on the [school website](#). There is 1 training day that will be set closer to the time.

Questions & Queries

Children's safety and happiness is our ultimate goal. If you have any questions or queries please contact school on the admin email address; enquires@alne.outwood.com or by phone 01347 838427

Music Lessons

We now have teachers in school for

- Woodwind; flute, clarinet and fife
- Keyboard
- Brass; trombone, trumpet and cornet

Please click below to find out more about school music lessons and book direct;

[Music in Schools York \(brass and woodwind\)](#)
[NYCC School Music Service \(keyboard and strings\)](#)

Governing Body

Our school governors are;

- Sarah Rorke CHAIR (parent of Martha)
- Dave Rogers (parent of Emilia and Theo)
- Helen Jones (parent of Molly and Ted)
- Roharna Vitty (parent of Isla and Quinn)
- Sue Brown (Community governor)
- Juliet Robson (staff)
- Jennie King (staff)

If you, or someone you know in our community is interested in becoming a governor please get in touch.

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