



NEWSLETTER

Outwood Primary Academy Alne

DATE: October 2022

Dear Parents,

The building work has progressed well, Mrs Gough and Mrs King are in their lovely new office. There's no longer any need to ring the doorbell as the front door is open during school hours. To ensure security, the internal doors now have access controls and during half-term there will be a glass screen installed at reception. Half-term will be a hive of activity with the new portacabin delivery on site.

We can confirm the days and times that parents are invited into their children's classrooms next week;

Reception 18th October at morning drop off, Mrs Copeland will also be showcasing letter formation for parents.

Year 1/2 19th October at 2.45pm

Year 3 18th October at 2.45pm

Year 4 18th October at 2.45pm

Year 5/6 18th October at 2.45pm

This is an opportunity to celebrate your child's work this half-term and see their classroom environment. It will also give you a chance to ask questions, for example about homework procedures. However, there won't be time for individual conversations about your child's progress, parents' evenings are scheduled for 9th and 10th November to address these questions. If you have children in more than one Key Stage 2 class please visit both on the 18th October.

Best wishes

Miss Dawson



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Attendance

Thank you for endeavouring to book medical and dental appointments out of school hours, we have seen a reduction in children missing school for this reason. Our attendance figures are below, we're aiming to have attendance as high as possible in all classes, certainly above the national average of 96%.

	September 2022	Year to date
Reception	97.47	95.18
Y1/2	96.66	96.98
Y3	98.89	98.53
Y4/5	97.88	98.00
Y6	97.92	95.18
Whole school	97.68	97.45

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

Diary Dates

13 th & 20 th October	Y5/6 Textile workshop
14 th October, 9am	Harvest Festival – parents are invited to join our celebration at church, donations of tinned or preserved food will be welcome for the Easingwold food bank. Tea and coffee will be served after, if you prefer to donate a cake or baked goods we will collect donations for the Trussell Trust.
17 th October	Y3/4 Boys and Girls football matches against Crayke at Alne (during school)
18 th and 19 th October	Open classrooms (see above for times)
24th to 28th October	Half-term
31 st October	Year 5/6 Boys and Girls football matches against Crayke at Alne (during school)
3 rd November, 2.45pm	Mr Wilton is holding a music assembly for children and parents to find out about taking up a brass or woodwind instrument.
9 th and 10 th November	Parents' evening – parents can choose a virtual or face to face appointment, booking information will be sent before half-term.
7 th December	Christmas lunch
12 th December, 2pm	Carol Concert and Nativity dress rehearsal at church; grandparents and families with young children welcome to come
13 th December, 6pm	Carol Concert and Nativity at church, refreshments will be served
14 th December	Christmas Parties – bring a change of clothes to school on the day
15 th December	Pantomime trip
19th December to 3rd January	Christmas holiday
31 st January	KS2 Cross Country
8 th February	Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena

tbc Christmas Disco



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Parent feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey this term, there were 30 responses which is great. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, here are the headlines;

100% of parents agree or strongly agree that their child is happy

100% of parents agree or strongly agree that their child feels safe at school

100% of parents agree or strongly agree that school makes sure its pupils are well behaved*

90% of parents had not experienced any bullying and a further 6.7% whose child had been bullied felt that school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.

97.2% of parents felt that any concerns raised were dealt with properly

100% of parents agree or strongly agree that school has high expectations for their child *

100% of parents agree or strongly agree that there are a good range of subjects available for their child *

96% of parents agree or strongly agree that their children does well at school

93% of parents agree or strongly agree that their child could take part in clubs or activities

93% of parents would recommend the school to another parent.

*A small portion of parents were unsure about this answer as their child had only just started.

The main area to improve was regarding parents receiving information about how their child is doing.

83% of parents agree or strongly agree that school told them how their child is doing, 17% of parents disagreed.

We provide half-termly Praising Stars reports in reading, writing and maths detailing current attainment and expected target at the end of the year. There is also information on attendance, behaviour and effort. More information explaining Praising Stars can be found on the [website](#).

In addition to Praising Stars we hold parents' evenings in Autumn and Spring term and send home an end of year report in Summer.

In the additional comments, there were queries about the following areas;

- Curriculum – this is available on the website and also shared through weekly class newsletters by the teacher.
- Wider choice of instruments – in KS2 each child receives the following; recorder lessons in Year 3, violin lessons in Year 4 and 5, guitar lessons in Year 6, all at no additional charge to parents. There is the opportunity to access lessons from the music service in brass, woodwind and keyboard at an additional charge to parents. Unfortunately large scale lessons are not possible in these instruments.
- Lunch choices – there are 2 hot options offered daily and the menu is reviewed at least termly. At this moment it isn't possible to offer a third cold option.
- Can parents once again visit classrooms? We're starting this term with our open classroom and will offer further opportunities to visit individual lessons as the year progresses.
- We have requested a calendar tab on the website but need IT support to set this up. In the meantime, diary dates will continue to be given monthly on the newsletter.



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Enrichment Clubs Autumn 1

Booking for clubs after school will be through a google form sent to all families, except for Mr Montgomery's sports club which is run direct by Carson Sport. Children don't need to book in for lunchtime clubs.

	Lunchtime	Afterschool
Monday	Y5/6 Boys football	Mr Montgomery's Sports Club (Y1 to Y6 – book & pay online with Carson Sports)
Tuesday	KS1 Lego with Mrs Teale	
	Music ensemble with Mrs Harpin for children who already play instruments	
Wednesday		
Thursday	Young Voices – KS2 all welcome	KS2 Girl's Football with Mr Middleton
Friday	KS2 Gardening with Miss Dawson	

Win an iPad with North Yorkshire Libraries

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We would like to thank BorrowBox for donating the iPad for this giveaway.

Jo Braidwood

Library Supervisor

Easingwold Community Library and Information Centre

Safeguarding Lead: Miss Dawson





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Uniform

Everyone is looking wonderfully smart returning to school this term. As the weather becomes cooler please remember black or blue sweatshirts or hoodies for PE lessons.

Children with long hair need to have their hair tied back each day with school appropriate accessories please. Remember earrings aren't allowed to be worn.

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 \(keyboard and strings\)](#)

2022-23 Term Dates

[2022-23 Term dates are online](#)

Term dates for 2023-24 are still currently in draft, we expect North Yorkshire to publish them later this term.

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

Breaktime snacks

We receive fruit and vegetables for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 free of charge from the government. In the past there has always been a large amount of surplus for the older children but so far this year that hasn't been the case. Please feel free to send a fruit or vegetable snack in with your child for them to eat at morning playtime to help them through the morning.