

# ALANBROOKE ADVERTISER



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## *Alanbrooke School Families and Friends*

Dear Parents,

Easter is almost upon us and hopefully we are seeing some signs of Spring including some warmer weather at last!

I would like to thank all of you who have helped support TC WINSTON APPEAL to help families in Fiji after the devastating cyclone hit the islands earlier this month. I know your kind donations have been very gratefully received. We wish the container safe passage to its final destination.

Don't forget to put your clocks forward Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

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**World Book Day** was a great success and everyone looked amazing in their character costumes. Here's a couple of shots from the day.



**Alanbrooke Believes Everyone Succeeds Together**



## Quicksticks Hockey



A very cold, but busy morning saw some Y3 and all Y4 pupils playing Quicksticks hockey on the astro-turf at Thirsk High School. 8 schools attended allowing us to have a number challenging games. All the teams played well, but we are particularly proud of these pupils this time for a different reason. A teacher from another school at the event complimented us on our pupil's attitudes. They were delighted to hear our pupils having their own conversations saying how happy and excited they were to be there and how much fun it was, even though they were not winning.

This is exactly the kind of behaviour we encourage and I am so proud of them all. A very big thank you and well done to: **Demi Ambery, Holly Sheppard, Ruberta Naisau, Owen Catterson, Lily Rodgers** and Pupil's Player of the Match, **Isla Boyton**.

You all did a brilliant job representing the school. Thank you.



Swimming lessons are due to re-start on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Please can I ask that voluntary payments are kept up for this important part of our curriculum.



Please remember us if you or a family member is shopping in Sainsbury's.

We are collecting the **Active Kids Vouchers** so we can replace some of our well-loved sports and playtime equipment.

### Key Steps gym

Well done to all our gymnasts who put on an amazing show at Thirsk High School amongst some tough competition from other local schools. All pupils performed superb routines and whilst we did not place for the finals, we can rest assured that our pupils performed their best. There is definite potential and lots of talent!

*Friends of Alanbrooke School*



Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Easter disco.

School Hall.

If you are available to help at this event please contact

Mrs Dyson.

We are always in need of more members for our *Friends of the School* committee.



Please can we remind Parents that there is a **£50** limit for arrears on ParentPay. This is for any and all payment items. Please can you make sure that your account is up to date. If you have any problems or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Williams in the school office.  
Thank you.

## PE KIT

Your child must have PE kit in school on Monday and take it home on Friday. Both indoor and outdoor are needed each week, as games lessons are outside, when possible, and gym lessons are inside.

Earrings should be removed where at all possible.

### **Indoor Kit**

Dark shorts - black or navy

Plain white T-shirt top

Plimsolls

Spare white socks

### **Additional for outside games sessions -**

As above/Jogging bottom and jumper or hoodie for when the weather turns cooler

Trainers suitable for the field (NOT school shoes)

All kit is to be named clearly.

Thank you.



## URGENT!

Please can you make sure that we have your current phone numbers. We understand that for various reasons mobile numbers change. It is important that we have a way of contacting you in the event of an emergency. If any of your contact details have changed since Christmas please let the office know your new numbers ASAP.

## Important Attendance Update.

The government has recently reduced the persistent absence threshold from 15% to 10%. This means that children with attendance below 90% are classed as a persistent absentee from school.

We track attendance half termly and now, if any child falls below the 90% rate we must act upon this information to ensure that parents are aware. If your child has attendance below 90% then you will be informed and we will discuss with you ways in which their attendance can be improved. We do recognise that the vast majority of absences are a result of illness and naturally children should not be in school if they have a vomiting bug or diarrhoea.

## Parent helpers wanted!

If you are at all available to help with the school garden, we will be starting to clear the beds in the Easter holidays. We are hoping to spend the day gardening on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. It would be great if we could nurture a bumper crop this year!

If you are free to help on this day, even if it's for a short time, please let the office know. Thank you.

### Spring Term dates 2016

Thu 3 Mar	World Book Day Book character costumes.
Sun 6 Mar	Mothering Sunday.
Thu 10 Mar	Key Step Gym at Thirsk High School. Details to follow.
Thu 17 Mar	Y3 Dance festival at Sowerby Parochial Hall 1-3pm.
Fri 18 Mar	Sport Relief. Donations gratefully received. Pupils in sports kit.
Tue 22 Mar	Y5 Enrichment Day at Thirsk. Packed lunch needed
Thu 24 Mar	Swimming on. 1.30pm Class 1 Celebration assembly. Parents welcome. School closes for Easter 2.30pm
Sun 27 Mar	Clocks forward. British Summer time begins.
Mon 11 Apr	Training Day
Tue 12 Apr	School re-opens 8.50am for Summer Term
Mon 2 May	Bank holiday. School closed.
Mon 9 May - Thu 12 May	KS2 SATs week.