

Alanbrooke Advertiser



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Alanbrooke School Families and Friends



Dear Parents,

Finally, with the arrival of December, we can start to think about Christmas. This is a very special time in school and the excitement builds from the moment we mention 'School Play!' Rehearsals are being arranged around normal lessons and we try to keep practises to a minimum, so the children retain their excitement about performing. It's great to see so many of them already rehearsing without a script.

Please check the dates on the calendar so you can arrange to attend performances, the Christmas Fair and the end of term assembly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the help and support you have shown over this first term. It is so reassuring to know we are all working together for the benefit of the children.

We look forward to seeing you all for the performance and the end of term assembly.

We are proud to be part of HMS Heroes at Alanbrooke School and want to cement relationships with our wider community.

If you have any queries regarding Service Pupils welfare, you can contact Mr Southern at school or Annabel Hall who is our local Service Pupils Champion.

Please have a look at the website for more information.

<http://www.servicepupilschampion.co.uk/>

Or you could contact her directly at Annabel.Hall@northyork.gov.uk



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Attendance

Last half term many children received 100% attendance certificates. Well done to them. We are calculating 100% attendance for this half term and it's looking very positive.

If your child is ill that's unavoidable absence, but we are seeing more parents supporting their children by making appointments outside school time or later in the afternoon after they have been registered for the afternoon session. This is all helping to ensure that their attendance is as good as it can be.

THANK YOU!

SWIMMING

Please could we ask that your contributions for swimming lesson continue each week. *'Voluntary contributions may be sought for activities during the school day, which entail additional costs, for example transport costs. In these circumstances no pupil will be prevented from participating because his / her parents cannot make a contribution. However, without sufficient voluntary contributions, some activities cannot take place, (Charging Policy).'*

There will be no whole school swimming on Thursday 7th January 2016 due to the swimming gala taking place. Children who are involved will be transported by staff from school.



Thank you to all parents who have updated their parent pay accounts. This makes it so much easier at the end of term for our admin staff.

Website

The new Alanbrooke School website is up and running and we would welcome any feedback you have as to the contents. Staff will be updating class pages over the coming weeks and months and we hope this builds up more of a picture of what we do in school.

If you have not had chance to look then please visit us at

www.alanbrooke.n-yorks.sch.uk



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Young Voices

Young Voices choir will be holding a 'Sponsored Sing' fund raising event in early January to help raise funds to cover the cost of the coach for the trip. A sponsor form will be making its way home for each child who is participating, for them to collect sponsors over the Christmas holidays.

Breakfast & After School Club

Please could we ask that all parents fill in the monthly booking forms, so we can insure we have adequate staff cover for all children in attendance at Breakfast and After School Clubs. They are proving to be very popular.

Powerdown Pete

Energy saving expert and recycling guru, Pete Bell, was in school on Mon 23rd Nov working with the children to teach them about ways they can save energy and what the impact of what they are using is having on today's environment.



Autumn Term dates	
Mon 23 rd Nov	Powerdown Pete energy saving workshops
Fri 11 th Dec	Costumes to school by today please
Tues 15 th Dec	School Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal. 1.30pm School Hall
Wed 16 th Dec	School Christmas Production. 1.30pm School Hall.
Thur 17 th Dec	Children's School Christmas Lunch. Christmas School Fair 1.30pm
Fri 18th Dec	1.30pm Class 2 sharing Celebration Assembly. All parents welcome. School closes 2.30pm.
Mon 4 th Jan 2016	Staff Training Day
Tue 5 th Jan 2016	School re-opens 8.50 am
Thur 7 th Jan 2016	No whole school swimming. Swimming Gala. Selected children only.
Fri 15 th Jan 2016	Primary school admissions application deadline.
Tue 19 th Jan 2016	am Sowerby Music 'Music for Life' pm Young Voices Choir to Sheffield Arena
Mon 8 th Feb 2016	Y5/6 Mud Run (details to follow)
Tue 9 th Feb 2016	Tempest photographs (individual and sibling/family)

Christmas



This year's Christmas production is entitled 'Who' Our main performance will be held on Wednesday 16th December in the School Hall at 1.30pm.

If you are unable to attend this performance, or prefer to come on a quieter day, you are very welcome to come to the Dress rehearsal for nursery children on Tuesday 15th December at 1.30pm again in the School Hall.

Due to the space available, seating will be limited. If you know you require more than two seats per family please let us know. A separate letter will be sent regarding seats closer to performance dates.

Please could you try to ensure all costumes for the school production are in school by **Friday 11th December**. This way we can check to see if anyone needs something and we can sort it over the weekend before the performance. Thank you.



School Christmas lunch

This is always very popular with children and it's a lovely time for staff to enjoy lunch together with the children.

This year Rachael will be making traditional Roast turkey with all the trimmings and a festive biscuit for dessert.

We hope to have events and possible lunches open to parents in the new year. Look out on the website and newsletters for more details.

