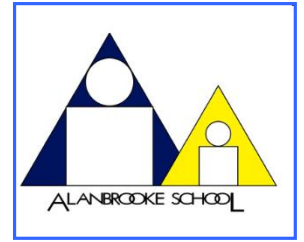


Alanbrooke Advertiser



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Alanbrooke School Families and Friends



Dear Parents,

The children are getting very excited about their forthcoming performances. Thank you so much to all those who have already tracked down a costume for their child. Please can we ask that all costumes are in school by **FRIDAY 11th December**. Please let your child's teacher know by this date if you are still having trouble finding something. (Monday 14th will be our last opportunity for a dress rehearsal).

Please note a couple of time changes.

School Christmas Fair will be starting at **2.30pm** on THURSDAY 17th DEC (not 1.30pm as previously advertised) so we have enough time to set up after lunch. Class 2 will be sharing at the end of term celebration assembly on FRIDAY 18th DEC starting at 1.30pm. All parents are invited.

From All the 'Angels' at Alanbrooke, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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.



Please note that if you are dropping children off **AFTER 8.50am** due to an appointment or you are just running late, **PLEASE USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE** to access school. For safety reasons the playground gate is to be kept closed after 8.50am. Thank you.

Alanbrooke Believes Everyone Succeeds Together

Notice form North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Don't Let Fire Ruin Festive Cheer this Christmas

Christmas dinner, wrapping presents, decorating your home – there's lots to think about this Christmas.

While fire safety is important throughout the year, the extra distractions of Christmas make it especially important to be vigilant during the festive season. Alyson Down, Community Safety Officer says: "Christmas is a time for festive cheer with family and friends. To ensure you have the merriest of Christmases, please ensure you place candles in suitable holders and away from curtains, never leave cooking unattended and, of course, test your smoke alarms.

"The colder weather brings its own menaces too. Take care when using portable heaters or open fires to keep warm. Keep them well away from curtains, clothing and furniture."

From everyone at North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service we wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

For further information on Home Fire Safety please visit www.northyorksfire.gov.uk. If you would like to book a free Home Fire Safety Check you can complete the form online or call 01609 788545. We can test existing smoke alarms and in some cases may be able to install new smoke alarms for free.

Over recent weeks our playground has become increasingly slippery, due to the moss that is covering it. We have asked for the moss to be cleaned off a number of weeks ago now, but as the work needs to be completed on a dry day, we are unfortunately still waiting. For this interim period and in the interest of pupil safety, Class 1 pupils will be using their outdoor area and Class 2 and 3 will use safe spaces on the main playground. We hope to have a solution very soon. Thank you for your patience.



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.

Young Voices

Young Voices choir will be holding a 'Sponsored Sing' fund raising event on **Fri 8th January**, to help raise funds to help cover the cost of the coach for the trip. This event will be held in school and all parents are invited to come and watch from **2.45pm**. Miss Rigby will be sending a sponsor form for those pupils involved.

Breakfast & After School Club

We canvassed the pupils attending Breakfast and After School Club about finding a new, more catchy, name for the club. The best nomination was '*Little Angels*', which fits in perfectly with the school (as Staff in school are affectionately known as '*The Alanbrooke Angels*')



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Please can I remind parents, that animals are not allowed on school premises. Due to potential unpredictable behaviour and in the interests of keeping all children safe, we ask that dogs are not brought to school while dropping off and collecting children.
Thank you.

Autumn Term dates	
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 2.30pm
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 8 th Jan 2016	Young Voices 'Sponsored Sing' and short performance for parents from 2.45pm
Fri 15 th Jan 2016	Primary school admissions application deadline.
Tue 19 th Jan 2016	am Sowerby Music 'Music for Life' in School 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)

Specialist Children's Services Speech and Language

Drop-in Session

Are you worried about your child's speech & language?
Come to see us at Thirsk Children's Centre

This is an open session for families with children up to the age of 4 years 11 months who are not already seeing a Speech and Language Therapist.

What happens at a Drop-in?

No appointment is necessary.

You can talk over any worries you have about your child's speech and language progress with a Therapist.

We will look at your child's needs through play and/or assessment. A further appointment may be offered.

Thirsk Children's Centre

9:00am - 11:00am

21 st January 2016	25 th February 2016
17 th March 2016	21 st April 2016
19 th May 2016	16 th June 2016
21 st July 2016	15 th September 2016
20 th October 2016	17 th November 2016
15 th December 2016	

Any questions? Contact [Specialist Children's Services](#) Lynn Holmes or Dorne Hope

Tel: 01845 573747 /01609 751205

Drop-in clinics also run in Stokesley, Bedale, Catterick Garrison & Northallerton
If you cannot attend any of the above clinics please contact us for information about alternative dates and venues www.hdft.nhs.uk/our-services/specialist-childrens-services