

Alanbrooke Advertiser



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Alanbrooke School Families and Friends

Dear Parents,

Spring has definitely sprung! What a busy start to the term. Already into week 4 and so far, we have had a swimming competition, a visit from the Archbishop of York, a visit from two professional musicians, a choir concert with another 5000 pupils, all on top of lots of daily learning in school in-between!

Thank you to all the parents who have responded to the Parent questionnaire (online and on paper). Responses will be sent out on a separate letter, but initial replies have been extremely positive.

As ever, we could not do these things without your continued support and we really are very grateful to be working together with you.

Swimming Gala

Our sports calendar got off to a flying start this term with the Thirsk Cluster Swimming Gala on 7th January.

Our pupils who participated, were up against some tough competition, consisting of some pupils who swim regularly for a North Yorkshire Club. Despite this epic challenge, they all swam brilliantly and Ben managed to bring back two silver medals for his events.

Huge congratulations to all our 'fabulous fish'...Ben Catterson, Jaylan Foster, Nicholas Waqatairewa, Amber Rodgers, Jake Cassidy and Daisy Smales.

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Archbishop Sentamu visits Alanbrooke Community Primary school

We were fortunate enough to be included in the route of the Archbishop of York's 6-month Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing. It was a unique opportunity for the pupils to ask questions of this charismatic church leader. Which they did, of course in their own inimitable style!



Young Voices

What a wonderful experience this was, yet again!

Over 5000 pupils from schools all across the country, gathered together at Sheffield Arena for a celebration of music. Alanbrooke's Young Voices Choir joined with other schools to participate in a performance which was over 2 hours long.

During the rehearsals, the pupils were treated to a very special guest appearance...Barney from BBC's Blue Peter was filming for the show, with the choir. We took great delight, following his conducting skills while he led the whole auditorium in '*Power In Me.*'

Young Voices choir (and parents) raised £355 from their sponsored sing event. This covered almost entirely the cost for the coach, which is a truly amazing achievement. I'm sure you will agree, the effort everyone put in was very worthwhile and will be a memory the children hold dear for a very long time.

Special thanks go to Miss Rigby for giving up so much of her time to ensure the whole thing ran without a hitch.

Little Angels

Please can you ensure you have completed the booking forms for each month, even if your child/children attends Breakfast and After school club regularly. We need advance notice of numbers of attendees, so we can provide sufficient members of staff to supervise the number of children present.



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We are now collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again.

Last year we collected enough to buy some new tennis equipment.

If you have any or know anyone that shops at Sainsbury, please deliver the vouchers to the collection box in the main reception area by the front doors.

Thank you

Spring Term dates 2016

Fri 8 th Jan	Young Voices 'Sponsored Sing' and short performance for parents from 2.45pm
Fri 15 th Jan	Primary school admissions application deadline.
Tue 19 th Jan	am Sowerby Music 'Music for Life' concert in School pm Young Voices Choir to Sheffield Arena
Mon 8 th Feb	Y5/6 Mud Run (letter to follow)
Tue 9 th Feb	Tempest photographs (individual and sibling/family)
Fri 12 th Feb	2.30pm Class 3 Celebration assembly. Parents welcome. 3.15pm school closes for half term
Mon 22 nd Feb	8.50am School re-opens
Tue 1 st Mar	Parents evening
Thu 3 rd Mar	World Book Day
Fri 4 th Mar	Book character costumes for World Book day.
Fri 18 th Mar	Sport Relief (details TBC)
Thu 24 th Mar	1.30pm Class 1 celebration assembly

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The superb Sowerby Music association have regular events that they hold at St Oswald's Church, Front Street, Sowerby, YO7 1JG. They have two events left for the Autumn/Winter calendar.

If you enjoy these kinds of events, you can also add yourself to their mailing list by accessing sowerbymusic.org.uk

Tuesday 2 February 2016, 6.30pm

Musical Bran Tub 2

MBT2 continues its quirky approach to music as Graham Merriam presents pieces linked to celebration in its widest sense before crossing seamlessly into the world of strings and the violin in particular, with explanations and examples provided by Penny Stirling. Examples include the wild and wonderful as well as the weird and wacky.

Expect to be involved in discussion. Study materials will be provided, and the text and the links for all MBTs will be accessible on sowerbymusic.org.uk to enable listeners to undertake further research.

There will also be a preview to our February, March and April concerts.

 **White Rose** *Book Cafe* 

Thanks to WRBC who have acted as our box office from our earliest days.

TICKETS: £1 on the door; bucket collection

Sunday 21 February 2016, 3pm

The Rose Trio



Sisters Suzanne (oboe), Rebecca (clarinet) and Tamsin Thorn (bassoon) make up this wind trio formed in 2006. All ex-members of the National Youth Orchestra and winners of the Royal Overseas League Ensemble Competition, they will play original works by Gordon Jacob, Françaix and Ibert, with transcriptions and arrangements by Mozart, Beethoven and Gershwin. An entertaining afternoon should be in store.

Find out more at rosetrio.com

TICKETS: £12
(£13 on the door; children FREE)

Concert No. 317