

Welcome

It's lovely to feel that spring is just around the corner! The lighter evenings and (hopefully) some brighter weather will make a welcome change, bringing more opportunities for outdoor learning and play.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter—it's full of updates on what's happening in school, so we hope you find it useful. As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to an exciting half term ahead.

Parking

You may have noticed we have been outside more during drop off and collection. Firstly, the reason for this is we like to see you all and it is a nice way to greet the children into school. Secondly, we get a lot of pleas from residents and parents asking for us to help address the parking issues at busy times. Please remember Pupils and staff at Alwoodley Primary School are entitled to learn and work in a safe environment. Any aggression or abuse directed towards our staff will not be tolerated. Aggressive or abusive behaviour includes language (whether verbal or written) that may cause staff to feel afraid, threatened or abused and may include threats, personal verbal abuse, derogatory remarks and rudeness. The use of swear words will not be tolerated. Behaviour of this kind can lead to parents being banned from the premises. We will do what we can to support with parking and further concerns can be passed to ParkingServices@leeds.gov.uk and email Local Councillors and the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Celebrations

We have noticed that some children have been bringing sweets into school to share with their classmates on their birthday or for other special celebrations. While we appreciate the kind gesture, we kindly ask that sweets are not brought in, as we have many pupils with specific dietary requirements and allergies. Instead, if you would like to mark the occasion in a special way, a lovely alternative would be to donate a small item such as pens, pencils, or a book for the class book corner.

Wellies

As part of our outdoor learning and OPAL activities, we have started opening up our grassy areas. Please send wellies into school. It is essential that each pair has your child's name and class written clearly inside. This will help us ensure any misplaced wellies can be quickly reunited with their rightful owners. We are always happy to return lost property, as long as we know where it belongs.

Shelly

We are sure the children have told you that Shelly the tortoise has moved in. We know from the goats, that animals in school can promote emotional development, responsibility, and social skills.



Diary Dates

Thursday 6th March: World Book Day

12th to the 17th March: Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 19th March: Class Photos.

Friday 21st March: Red Nose Day (School Council will send further details – pupils are invited to wear red clothing to school)

Tuesday 25th March: Miss Bower's class to Kirkstall Abbey

Wednesday 26th March: Miss Bower's class to Kirkstall Abbey

Friday 28th March: Year 2 to the Little Sing

Friday 4th April – Last day in school before the Easter Holiday starts.

Tuesday 22nd April – Children return to school

Uniform

Scan the QR code below to access the uniform exchange page on Facebook.





Graduation

This week 14 pupils from Y5 and 6 went to graduate at Leeds University after their involvement in a programme called The Brilliant Club. The pupils were taught by a PhD student for 6 weeks and the focus was Pythagoras theorem. They had additional homework to complete and it ended in each pupil writing an assignment which was graded in the same way a university assignment would be. The content was certainly challenging as this concept would not ordinarily crop up until KS3 but each and every one of them demonstrated positivity and resilience – well done to each and every one of them.

Superkind

Recently we wrote to you about our involvement in the Superkind Award. This encourages pupils to take positive social action inside and outside of school. An example of this is Red Nose Day which school council are organising on March 21st. Watch out for details from them. We love hearing about the actions pupils are taking outside of school. Here is a photo of Hazem and Hamza litter picking in our local community during February half term – a big thank you to them both.



It's not just the pupils spreading the kindness – a big thank you to Mr Woodham has kindly been into school and made an adventure tower for the goats to play in. Nico, Nero and Noodle have been loving playing in it and it is good exercise for them.

Attendance

Our school target is 97%. At present we are behind our school target, and it stands at 95.6%. **Please help by making attendance and punctuality a priority.**

To date the classes with the best attendance this year are:

Phase 1 - Willow 3 96.52%

Phase 2 - Rowan 4 - 97.1%

If your child is absent, please telephone the school attendance officer **as soon as possible - ideally before 9am** on the first day of absence (and each subsequent day of absence) on 0113 2686104

Fundraising

Reminder - If you are shopping online, please scan the QR code below and go through easyfundraising. It costs you nothing and a small percentage goes to school – every little helps.



Scan QR Code to go directly to the Friends of Alwoodley Primary easyfundraising page



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