

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Although we are already four weeks into Term 3, I would like to wish a Happy New Year to you all!

All of the children settled back beautifully after the Christmas break and have been enjoying the term so far—especially when they were able to come to school in their pyjamas last Friday!

I am looking forward to Year 3's charity event next week and will be interested to find out which teachers have volunteered to have wet sponges thrown at them! Let's hope the weather warms up a bit!

You may have seen the news on our Facebook page that as of 1st January, Cliffe Woods Primary School and Halling Primary School have joined our Trust. This now brings the total number of schools in the Aletheia Anglican Academies Trust to 10. If you would like more information about the Trust and the schools in it, please visit: <https://aaat.uk/>.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for helping us to manage the Coronavirus situation over the past few years. Although we still have a few cases, compared to other schools, we have fared extremely well. With restrictions continuing to be relaxed, let's hope that 2022 sees life return completely back to normal.

Kind regards

Mrs Amy Chitty
Head Teacher



TERM 2

January

Fri 28 9.00 Eucharist—Y1P
FOSB StoryTime (YR/1)

February

Tue 1 Chinese New Year (Tiger)
Fri 4 9.00 Eucharist—Y6E
Charity Cake Sale and Sponge Throwing Event for Ellenor
Mon 7 E-Safety and Anti-Bullying Week
Tue 8 Safer Internet Day
Wed 9 YR Height, Weight & Vision Screening
Y6 Height & Weight Screening

Thur 10 End of Term 3

Fri 11 Staff Development Day

Mon 21 Staff Development Day

Tue 22 Start of Term 4

Fri 25 Book Fair (until 2nd March)
9.00 Eucharist—Y5C
FOSB February Discos
3.30-6.00 Parent Consultations

Mon 28

March

Wed 2 3.30-7.00 Parent Consultations
Thur 3 World Book Day
Fri 4 9.00 Eucharist—Y4J
Mon 7 Class Photos
Fri 11 Trust Training Day (school closed to pupils)
Fri 18 9.00 Eucharist—Y3H
Mon 21 FOSB Mother's Day Crafts
Fri 25 9.00 Eucharist—Y2C
Tue 29 6.00 Trust Music Concert
Wed 30 Easter Lunch

April

Fri 1 9.30 Passion Play at Church
3.05 End of Term 4

Tue 19 Start of Term 5

TERM DATES 2021—2022

TERM 3

5th January —10th February 2022

TERM 4

22nd February —1st April 2022

TERM 5

19th April —26th May 2022

TERM 6

7th June —22nd July 2022

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

11th February 2022

21st February 2022

11th March 2022 (Trust Day)

6th June 2022

TERM DATES 2022—2023

TERM 1

1st September—20th October 2022

TERM 2

2nd November—16th December 2022

TERM 3

4th January —10th February 2023

TERM 4

20th February —31st March 2023

TERM 5

18th April —26th May 2023

TERM 6

5th June —21st July 2023

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

30th September 2022

1st November 2022

3rd January 2023

20th March 2023 (Trust Day)

17th April 2023

3rd July 2023

BOOK FAIR

The Travelling Book Fair will be visiting our school from Friday 25th February to Wednesday 2nd March!

Come and take a look at the books from 3.10pm to 3.40pm each day in the school hall. All commission from the sale of books is used to buy new books for our school!



Termly Attendance

We continually monitor attendance and punctuality and pupils with persistent lateness and unauthorised absence will be referred to the Education Welfare Service.

Well done to Year 2 Magnolia Class, who have had the best attendance so far this term at 96.9%.

Gas works in Robinia Avenue

Thank you for your co-operation while the gas works are taking place in Robinia Avenue.

Unfortunately, our 'top gate' will need to remain closed until at least next Wednesday. We will let you know as soon as it is back in action!

Charity Day for Ellenor

On Friday 4th February, Year 3 will be holding a cake sale, as well as offering children the opportunity to throw wet sponges at teachers! Cakes will cost 10p or 20p and sponges will cost 50p for one or £1.00 for three.

They will also be holding a raffle for two 'Towers of Heroes' (four tubs per tower). Tickets will be on sale every day next week and will cost 50p per strip. The winning tickets will be drawn on Friday.

These events are for the whole school to enjoy. If your child would like to take part, please send them in with coins, not notes, as change cannot be given.

Thank you in advance for your support!



Year 3 Trip to Lidl

As part of their "Strumdiddlyumptious" topic, Year 3 visited Lidl on Thursday 6th January to buy fruit to make smoothies. In groups, children had to find the fruit they needed and check that they had enough money to buy everything by adding up each item as they selected it. They then had to take their purchases to the till to pay for them.

We would like to thank the staff at Lidl for making us feel so welcome and for the tasty pieces of fruit we were given to enjoy on our walk back to school!



YOUNG VOICES AT THE O2

It was very disappointing to receive the news that the Young Voices concert, due to take place earlier this month, had been postponed. We were therefore delighted to hear that the event will now take place at the O2 on 24th May.

We are sure that being part of the largest children's choir concert in the world will once again be a marvellous experience for the children in our choir and their families.



A few polite reminders ...

- School meals should be paid for on the day or in advance. If your child has dinners all week, these should be paid for on the Monday at the start of that week.
- Could we please ask that adults refrain from using the outdoor gym equipment, as this is made specifically for children.

FEBRUARY DISCOS

Don't forget that our February Discos have been rescheduled for Friday 25th February.

Tickets for the discos can be booked and paid for via ParentPay.

Get those dancing shoes ready!



Thought for January ...

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity but an optimist does better – they see the opportunity in every difficulty"

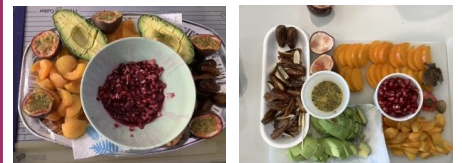
Sir Winston Churchill 1874-1965

Tu B'Shevat

On Monday 17th January, we celebrated Tu B'Shevat - a Jewish holiday occurring on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. The day signifies the beginning of a "new year" for trees and the season in which the earliest blooming trees in the land of Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle.

The 15th day of Shevat is often celebrated by eating fruit, particularly the kinds that are mentioned by the Torah in its praise of the bounty of the Holy Land. Our children had the chance to try lots of fruits that they may not have tried before, such as persimmons, apricots, pomegranates, passion fruit, avocados and prunes.

We also planted fruit trees and soft fruit bushes in our meadow so that we are able to harvest our own fruit in the future.



Catering Vacancy

Total Catering Solutions Ltd, the company who provide our school meals, are looking for mobile catering assistant staff to work 12.5 hours per week between a number of local schools.

If you are interested, please contact the School Office.

Pyjama Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Pyjama Day last week. It is always a funny sight to see children running around the playground in their dressing gowns! We are very grateful to our wonderful Friends of St Botolph's (FOSB) team for organising yet another successful fundraising event.

