



Newsletter – 19 October 2023

Welcome

Welcome to our new newsletter format!

At the end of last year, we asked families for feedback about communication. Most responses said that an emailed PDF newsletter would be preferable to the online SWAY we used last year. Lots of you also said that you found the weekly Class Dojo posts and termly year group newsletters helpful to know what your child was learning about in class, so we've kept them up too. We are so grateful to have such a dedicated community that truly cares about helping our school to be the best it can be – strong home/school links help all children in school.

As we look ahead, I'm pleased to let you know about what we will be developing further in school. For families who were with us last year, you'll notice that this builds on the developments we made last year, which lead to fantastic outcomes across the school.

We're really pleased that so far this year, every year group has had either an external visitor or off-site visit to enhance the curriculum we offer and provide even more enjoyable and engaging learning experiences. We are committed to supporting each and every child as they discover their unique talents and passions.

Thank you for being a part of our community, and we look forward to sharing more updates with you in the future.



Mr A Butterworth-Drury
Headteacher



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Developing our school



At the start of last year, we let all families know our development priorities, which we're pleased to say we have made good progress towards. We're particularly pleased with our pupil outcomes which were above historic national figures. As we do every year, we have set our new priorities which build on these to help make us even better.

Priority 1: Continue to embed the training we had last year in new methods of teaching writing and phonics.

Priority 2: Continuing to develop leadership skills of all members of our team to support them within their areas of responsibility.

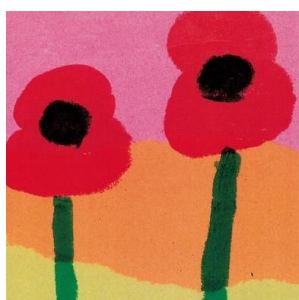
Priority 3: Refine our systems of inclusion to support all children, particularly those with SEND.

Priority 4: Continue to embed our research-informed approach to teaching and learning.

Children's art in the community



We're incredibly proud that Coop Funeral Care (404 High Road, Beeston) have asked if our children could create some artwork to be displayed in their window around Remembrance. Over the past few weeks, Mrs Case has been working with different children to create this. Keep a look out after half term!



- Making a difference as we grow together -

Admissions for September 2024

APPLY SOON



We are already looking ahead to next September when more fantastic children and their families will join our school community! If you know of anyone who has children who will be school age from next September, please let them know about our admissions Open Events on Friday 19th November (5:00pm - 7:00pm) and Saturday 11th November (11:00am - 1:00pm).

Alderman Pounder SCHOOL AND NURSERY OPEN EVENT

Friday 10th November 16:30 - 18:30
Saturday 11th November 11:00 - 13:00

Alderman Pounder
Infant and Nursery School

Places can be booked at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/731674216277>



Attendance matters



Every moment in school counts and good school attendance is vital to a child's wellbeing and development. The better your child's attendance, the more likely they are to learn and achieve.

The NHS have produced 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance which may be helpful as we enter cold/flu season - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

To keep all families informed, we will be sending out a text message at the end of this week with your child's current attendance. If we have concerns, we will be in touch separately.

Notices and reminders



Thank you to those families who contacted us with feedback about our decision for children in Reception to Year 2 to wear their PE kit to school on their PE days. We've taken these views into account and agree that it is the right decision, but more notice could have been provided for this change. For that reason, we are delaying this until the start of the spring term (from January). If any families will be significantly impacted by this change, please contact the school office by email and we will get in touch next half term.



Across the school, most families are now signed up to ClassDojo so we can keep you up-to-date with what your child's class are learning. You can also message your child's class teacher with any questions you may have.



A number of children are using Prime bottles as water bottles in school. Although we recognise that these will have been refilled with water, as Prime is not recommended for Primary-aged children, we request that either the outer label is removed (so it is not branded) or another plain water bottle is used.



Our [uniform policy](#) does not allow children to wear smart watches to school. Smart watches can cause a distraction to learning (and potentially a safeguarding risk depending on their functionality) so please keep them at home.



It's wonderful to see so many families walking to school, riding, scootering or using public transport to reduce the amount of traffic around school. We know that some families aren't able to get to school using these methods and so thank these families for parking considerately.

Support and Safeguarding



If you have a safeguarding concern about a child at Alderman Pounder, please speak to a member of our Safeguarding Team (below). We are also available to talk with families to offer advice and signpost to different support agencies. For general information, Nottinghamshire County Council have produced the NottsHelpYourself website (<https://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/>) which contains contact details for a wide range of services available to families.

Your child's registration teacher is usually the best person to talk to about support and advice for your child. If they aren't able to assist you, they will liaise with other members of our team to coordinate appropriate support.

Our safeguarding team

**Senior Designated
Safeguarding Lead and
Designated Teacher for LAC**



Mr Butterworth-Drury
Headteacher

**Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead**



Mrs Ingram
Deputy Headteacher /
SENDCo

Safeguarding Lead



Ms Goodyear
Extended Services Manager

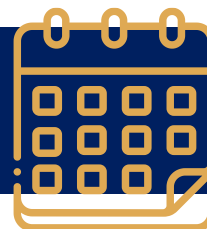
Our school safeguarding team can be contacted for non-emergencies, including during school holidays on safeguarding@aldermanpounder.notts.sch.uk.

If you have urgent concerns for a child, or suspect that a child has been abused in any way, please call the MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) team on 0300 500 80 80.

If you require an urgent response outside of working hours (08:30-17:00), contact the MASH Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0300 4564546. In an emergency call 999.

To report a crime, call 101.

Key dates



Thursday 19th October 2023 – Break up for half term

Friday 20th October 2023 – INSET day (school closed to children)

Monday 6th November 2023 – INSET day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 7th November 2023 – Children return to school

Friday 10th November 2023 17:00 – 19:00 – [Admissions Open Event](#)

Saturday 11th November 2023 11:00 – 13:00 – [Admissions Open Event](#)

Friday 17th November 2023 – Children in Need

Friday 24th November 2023 8:15 – 12:00 – Individual school photographs (details to follow)

Monday 4th December 2023 (morning) – Flu immunisations

Thursday 7th December to Friday 22nd December 2023 – AP 12 Days of Christmas (details to follow)

Friday 22nd December 2023 – Break up for Christmas holiday

Thursday 4th January 2024 – Children return to school

Friday 9th February 2023 – Break up for half term

Monday 19th February 2024 – Children return to school

Monday 26th February 2024 – INSET day (school closed to children)

Thursday 28th March 2024 – Break up for Easter holiday

Monday 19th April 2024 – Children return to school

Thursday 23rd May 2024 – Break up for half term

Friday 24th May 2024 – INSET day (school closed to children)

Monday 3rd June 2024 – Children return to school

Friday 26th July 2024 – Break up for summer holiday

(INSET days for 2024/25 academic year will be shared during the spring term)



Community notices



FOOD CLUB

@ST B

MONDAYS
1.30-3.30 PM

@ST BARNABAS CHURCH, INHAM NOOK
(EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS)



FREE TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE WHILE YOU WAIT



Your local Food Club* is moving from the Chilwell Childrens' Centre to St Barnabas Church, Barn Croft, Inham Nook (NG9 4HU) from 20th March, 2023.

We look forward to seeing you at our new venue.

*For £3.50, receive a range of food from local supermarkets, typically worth between £10-£15.

Interested in joining the club? just email community@ccchilwell.org.uk or phone 0115 9222809

PLEASE NOTE
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT



Nottinghamshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

The Healthy Family Team

(Health Visitor & School Nurse)

FREE health advice and support for families with children aged 0-19 years living in Nottinghamshire.

ADVICE LINE: Please telephone 0300 123 5436

Parentline

Text: 07520 619919

A free confidential text messaging service for families with children aged 0-19 years living in Nottinghamshire.

A free health website for children and families living in Nottinghamshire.
www.healthforkids.co.uk



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