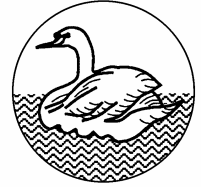


Aldersbrook Primary School



Headteacher:
Mr. Alan Wright

"CENTENARY YEAR 1907-2007"

Autumn term

NEWSLETTER

23rd November 2007

School Meals

We are pleased that most of our children stay at school for the lunch period, and enjoy a school meal or packed lunch.

It would help us a great deal if all children staying could be very clear about whether they are to have a school meal or not. Sometimes children are switching during the week, or even daily. This causes them confusion when the register is called, and we often find they have been incorrectly registered for a school meal.

Unfortunately, the school is charged for every meal ordered, whether or not it is taken.

Please remember that the arrangement should be for your child to have school meals for full weeks at a time, and not to change except on Mondays for the week ahead.

Non-pupil Days

The school will be closed on Thursday 1st May for elections and Friday 2nd May for the last of the year's statutory non-pupil days. You may know that the following Monday, 5th May is a Bank Holiday.

We hope that by our grouping the days like this, you may be able to take better advantage of the time, or make simpler child-care arrangements.

There will be no further planned non-pupil days this school year.

Golden Book Awards

Last week's awards went to Marcia Moraise and Alisha Mohammed of 3T; Ryan Chapman and Rene Redman of 3R; Genesis Mongha Mundeke and Raahil Naz of 2B; Eleanor Bath and Joshua Hamilton of 2M; Zara Weston and Harry Doyal of 1N; Dylan Scantlebury and Zainab Azmir of 1S and the previous week's went to Katherine Ereira, and Nathan Butcher of 3T; Teddy Collins and Shqipart Ademi of 3R; Tamzin Edwards and Romana Chowdhury of 2B; Nicole Panayiotou and Ernestas Gecas of 2M; Mahi Shahrear and Gabby Pisiziek 1S; Well done everyone!

Aldersbrook/Gulu Primary School Linking

We are pleased to offer pupils and their families the opportunity to change the lives of children and their families who are part of the Gulu Primary School Community in Northern Uganda.

The school is strongly placed at the centre of the community and provides care and stability along with a good education for hundreds of children, including many blind, who have been traumatised by the war that has been raging for most of their lives. The ceasefire that started in January 2007 has brought about peace that we hope will last.

Now is the time to help invest in the future of these very poor children and families, and we can make a huge difference to them by sponsoring their education at the school.

For a blind child school boarding, fees, books and uniform cost £66 per child per year. For £5 per month you can ensure that such a child is given the opportunity of their lifetime!

For a sighted child, it is even easier, as there are no boarding costs, so the annual cost is just £20! That is about 50p per school week.

In return, apart from knowing that you have made such a difference and that every penny that you have given has been directly spent upon that child, you will receive a photograph of the child, a termly letter, and school report. Above all, you will have gained a friend for life in another country!

If you would like to become a sponsor, please complete and return the attached form.

Late Arrivals

If your child arrives at school late in the morning they must be brought to the reception office to be registered and if they are to have a school meal it has to be ordered for them.

We have been informed by Initial Catering that it may not always be possible to order a meal for your child if they arrive after 10.30am.

PTA information overleaf:

P.T.A. UPDATE

Colour / Design a Winter Fayre Poster Competition

Well Done to all of the Children who entered this years Winter Fayre Poster Competition. You should have all received a 'Special Pencil' as a reward for the time and effort you put into producing such brightly coloured and eye catching Winter Fayre Posters. The standard was very high this year, which made it quite difficult for our panel of judges to decide which was the best poster from each class. (Many Thanks to the Parents who helped judge the competition last Monday)

Here is a list of the Winners : -

- * Nam - Roshni * Npm - Hanna * RB - Stevie * RD - Asha * RS - Sumayyah *
- * 1N - Narvydas * 1R - Aamir * 1S - Godwin * 2B - Theo * 2M - Nicole *
- * 3R - Kamron * 3T - Tony * 4A - Luke * 4G - Khaya * 4H - Ali * 5D - Maeve *
- * 5F - Aleesha * 5S - Scarlett * 6B - Janan * 6C - Rachel * 6J - Atinuke *

A special Prize will be awarded to the Winner from each class in assembly and the 'Winning Posters' will be displayed around school to advertise the Winter Fayre.

Bangladesh Appeal

The school is hoping to raise funds for the victims of Cyclone Sidr, which has left millions homeless and thousands dead in Bangladesh. We will be holding a 'Hats on for Bangladesh' day on Friday, 7th December, when the Children will be asked to wear a hat of some sort (baseball cap/sun hat...etc.) and bring in £1 for the Bangladesh Appeal.

We would appreciate your full support of this worthy cause - Many Thanks, Mrs. Ahmed

SPONSOR A CHILD IN UGANDA

Sponsorship Form

I/we would like to sponsor a child to attend Gulu Primary School for the school year(s):

2008; 2009; 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014

(delete years you do not expect to be sponsoring)

Your name:

Class (or child's class):

Number of sponsorships:..... Blind;sighted child(ren)

I will pay in advance by: cheque/ cash/ monthly standing order

(cheques will be payable to Aldersbrook Primary School- for standing orders, we will send you details to give to your bank.)

The first payments will be due in January 2008.

Please return this form to the school office by the end of term.

Thank you for your generosity.