



NEWSLETTER

July 2009

ALCONBURY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to the last newsletter of this academic year, 2008-9

What a busy year! I wish to thank ALL my staff and the many parents and community helpers who have all contributed to make this year so productive. This year holds many happy memories due to everyone's hard work and efforts, including the pupils of course.

I would like say 'Good Luck' to all children leaving our school this week; I wish them every success and happiness in the future. Finally, I wish all pupils and their families an enjoyable and restful summer break. See most of you on Thursday 3rd September at about 8:50am!

...Oh and please see the back page 'Dates for the Diary' as it gives an important change to one of our closure day dates!

Linda Dove

Recorders have gone missing - recorder amnesty!

We seem to have a LOT of recorders missing! We know that some children have 'borrowed' them during recorder lessons - both whole class sessions as well as small group lessons. If you have a school recorder at home PLEASE return it to school. You may even find more than one! We don't mind if they come in anonymously or otherwise, we just want our stock replenished otherwise we won't have enough to use when we start teaching our new Year 3 children next term.

Sports Morning 2009

It was great to see everyone having such a wonderful time on Tuesday 14th July. It is always a pleasure watching our older children helping their younger team members round the many different sports events.

After a strong battle for first place, the final running races helped clinch another win for the 'BLUE Team'. Well done to all, a truly enjoyable morning. Thank you to all helpers and to the many spectators who came to support this event. Final scores were: Blue = 650, Yellow = 632 and Red = 604. Well done all!



Autumn Term Clubs

May I remind you that most school clubs are due to start during the first full week of term? Please return the clubs letter with money at the start of the term to avoid disappointment if you have not done so already.

Achievement Certificates awarded in July

Charlie Pedley, Dagan Sartain, James Butler, Hannah Holloway-Vine, Jordan Beale,
Alfie Brinson

Well done to all these pupils

Monday Book Club – Help Still Wanted, please!

If there is anyone who can help Helen Howlett with our weekly book club we would love to hear from you. You are needed on Monday afternoons for about 2 hours per week. Enquiries to Helen or the school office please.

PTA 100 Club Winners:

July 2009

1st Vicky Pryce

2nd Debbie Kirschner

3rd Lydia Welsh

A1 Schools' Sports Day – at Stilton CE Primary School

On Thursday 9th July some pupils went to take part in the A1 sports event. There was a large crowd of parents and children cheering on their favourite teams from five different schools. When we got to our places Mrs. Lester said "Hi" to her old pupils at Sawtry Juniors. The first event was the Bean Bag and Bucket. Phoebe achieved a 1st while Matthew and Sam M came 2nd. All of the rest of our Bean bag and Bucket people went up and all got a good placing. Now it was the throwing and the people who came 1st were George, Maisie, Nathan, Sapphire and Max. Now the 50m sprint and the people who came 1st were Jacob and Laura. 75m next! This time the person who came 1st was Alfie. Next was the 200m with Lucy and Jacob who both came 1st. It was the relay next and our Year 5s, Charlie, Skye, Georgina and Alfie came 1st! Our other relay teams all came 3rd. Overall Alconbury was placed 2nd with Stilton School beating us by only 25 points.

The team members were: Charlie McKay, Emily Dixon, Skye Law, Alfie Lawford, Nathan Rigden, Elspeth Harrison, Thomas Blenkins, Emily Dowd, James Taylor, Lucy Ramsaran, George Girvan, Maisie Bush, Daniel Stoddart, Georgina Parak, Tom Walters, Abbi Walters, Lucy Dawson, Madeline Duthie, Chloe Wilson, Imogen Naegeli, Lauren Harris, Jacob Pack, Max Harding, Kyle Kirschner, Matthew Harvey, Lauren Chalker, Libby Stubbs, Darnell Lowden, Harry Blenkins, Laura Oldfield, Adam Cooper, Daniel Seaman, Sapphire Coutanche, Phoebe Dawson, Tom Brooks, Charlotte Rowbottom, Jordan Beale, Jenna Green, Sam Oldfield, Carl Ross-Walker, Aaron Parak, Rebecca Butler, Ellie Bishop and Dylan Brand.

Reported by Emily Dixon and Charlie McKay, Year 5

KS2 Healthy Eating Tuck Shop

Next term Key Stage 1 children will continue to receive a free piece of fruit every day through the Free Fruit for Schools Scheme.

For Key Stage 2 children, we are pleased to continue offering our daily fruit Tuck Shop. This facility has been running for 2 years now and is popular with the children.

Pots of chopped fruit are exchanged for a tuck shop token. Should you wish to buy any tokens, please send in £2.50 for 10 tokens in a clearly marked envelopes. Children should bring **1 token daily**. Present **Year 2** children should receive a request form for parents to purchase Tuck Shop tokens. Please return the order forms to school as soon as possible to assist Mrs Arkle in giving them out ready for the start of the term.

To ease administration when you reorder, please order in advance using the clear plastic wallets provided with your first order.

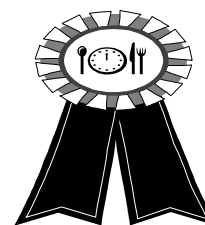
As the tokens are considered 'cash' we feel it best that large amounts are not left in drawers or coat pockets as teachers cannot take responsibility for them.

Please ask your child to take them home and bring them to school daily.

For anyone not wishing to use this facility please remember children can bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at break time (but **no** other snacks or packages please).

Lunchtime Awards for July were given to:

Sophie Cook, Bethany Davies, Teigan Sherman, Sydney Pedley



Well done to all these pupils

100% Attendance Certificates – Summer term 2009

*I am pleased to be able to award the following **73 children** with a certificate to recognise their 100% attendance for this term. Well done to these children and their families. This is a great achievement.*

Jordan Beale, Melissa Beale, John Beattie, Harry Blenkiron, Luke Bowd-Griffin, Thomas Brooks, Taylor Brown, Alex Connolly, Jake Connolly, Gemma Cook, Sophie Cook, Georgia Cooke, Bethany Davies, Emily Dixon, Daniel Duray, Miles Durston, Holly Girvan, Carla Glover, Drew Gould, Samantha Gray, Nia Gray-Thomas, Bethany Hansen, Lauren Harris, Elspeth Harrison, Thomas Harvey, Hannah Holloway-Vine, Emma Hunt, Kayleigh John, Thomas Kennedy, Thomas King-Venables, Jemima Lane, Chloe Lay, Darnell Lowdon, Kate Marsh, Oliver Maynard, Elliot McCormack, Nula Millard, Ryan Moate, Matilda Morton, Lawrence Nobbs, Jack Oakley, James Oakley, Elise O'Reilly, Samuel O'Reilly, Charlotte Orugboh, Jacob Pack, Jessica Pack, Aaron Parak, Nathaniel Pearce, Kian Pilkington, Oliver Priestley, Josh Ramsaran, Sophie Ratcliffe, Evie Riseley, Zak Riseley, Jacob Rook, Thomas Rook, Benjamin Rowbottom, Charlotte Rowbottom, Joshua Seaman, Laura Sheppard, Ellen Starkey, Willow Steeden, Daniel Stoddart, Luke Suckling, Chloe Upshall, Abbi Walters, Joseph Whitney, Leah Whitney, Chloe Wilson, Gemma Wilson, Harry Wilson, Megan Wilson.

100% Attendance Certificates 2008-09

*A special certificate is awarded to these **20 children** who have 100% attendance for the whole year. It is brilliant to see such uninterrupted education and commitment to learning. As a token of acknowledgement, all these children will receive a **£2 voucher** for use at the Alconbury CE School Book Club. Well done to them! (The Year 6 children will get a book!)*

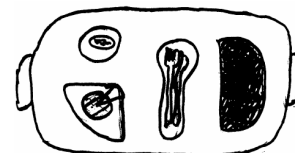
John Beattie, Harry Blenkiron, Alex Connolly, Jake Connolly, Georgia Cooke, Emily Dixon, Miles Durston, Drew Gould, Bethany Hansen, Emma Hunt, Chloe Lay, Kate Marsh, Jack Oakley, James Oakley, Kian Pilkington, Oliver Priestley, Charlotte Rowbottom, Daniel Stoddart, Chloe Wilson, Megan Wilson.

School Meals The cost of a school meal in September will be **£2.00** for children and £2.70 for adults. The children's **half term bill** will be **£74** (payable in September). If you prefer to, you can pay monthly or weekly.

All school meals must be booked and paid for in advance and we ask that anyone paying weekly must pay for the week on a Monday morning.

As a school we are responsible for the payment of school meals. **From September we will be unable to provide a school meal to any child if there is an outstanding debt greater than £5.00 per child.**

Please make cheques payable to Alconbury C E Primary School & keep separate from milk, thanks.



Menus can be downloaded on the website: www.myschoollunch.co.uk/cambridgeshire

Milk As usual, a cup of milk will be available daily in September. Currently the cost is 12p but this is being reviewed by CCS.

To aid administration we ask **KS1 payment** to be paid in £5 blocks.

Please make cheques payable to Alconbury CE Primary School & keep separate from dinner money.

All children in **years 3 - 6** are responsible for bringing in cash daily and collecting a cup of milk from the kitchen.

Leavers' Service - Friday 17th July 9:30am

Our Leavers' Service 2009 will be held on Friday to mark our Year 6 children leaving our school. All parents, relatives and community members are welcome in the parish church to support the children as they move on to the next phase of their schooling. Bring your hankies!!

Our young people who are moving on are:

Melissa Beale, Eleanor Bishop, Dylan Brand, Maisie Bush, Rebecca Butler,
Sophie Cook, Bethany Davies, Madeline Duthie, George Girvan, Jenna Green,
Sam Hammond, Lewis Jason, Andre Konrath, Kate Marsh, Thomas Mawson,
Elliot McCormack, Samuel Oldfield, Elise O'Reilly, Aaron Parak, Jacob Rook,
Carl Ross-Walker, Daniel Stoddart, Owen Wyatt

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHANGE OF CLOSURE DAY DATE

It has become essential that we change a closure date next term. We will be closing on Friday 13 November *instead of Monday 3 November* as previously stated. This has come about due to availability clashes of training providers. I apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-2010

Autumn Term opens	Thurs 3 Sept 2009
Half term	26 - 30 Oct
Closure day (changed)	** Fri 13 Nov 2009**
Autumn Term closes	Fri 18 Dec 2009
Spring Term opens	Tues 5 Jan 2010
Half term	15 - 19 Feb 2010
Closure day	Mon 22 Feb 2010
Spring Term closes	Thurs 1 April 2010
Summer Term opens	Tues 20 April 2010
May Day	3 May 2010
Half term	31 May- 4 June 2010
Summer Term ends	Thurs 22 July 2010

Remember holidays during school time cannot be authorised except in 'exceptional circumstances' ; however, if you are forced to do so, we still need to know if you intend to take your children out during school time - please continue to request leave of absence at least 2 weeks in advance. **Linda Dove**

Will YOU be bored over the long summer holiday?

NO! You will be naming **all your child's clothing and shoes ready for the autumn term!** Please use printed name tags (order form available from the office or school uniform website) as hand written names wash out and make it impossible for us to reunite lost property with their owners!

Alconbury School uniform is available from www.yourschooluniform.com

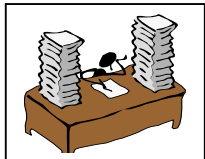
LOST PROPERTY will continue to be cleared regularly – it is crazy how many lost items go unclaimed!

From the desk of the Headteacher:

School governors are required to publish a 'school profile' at the end of every academic year to set out our achievements, aims of the school as well as give a general overview of our school. Our latest school profile can be found at www.schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk by searching for our school! Please take time to have a look.

New Parent Post Box

There will be a red post box fixed on a wall inside our main entrance lobby. Please use this box to pop in letters and payments. Please ensure all money is labelled with the child's name, class and details of payment (e.g. dinner money, trip money etc)



Linda Dove