

# Attleborough Primary School



Friday 10th February

Newsletter no 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy half term at Attleborough Primary is drawing to a close. We are pleased to see so many parents attending events at school, volunteering to listen to children read and even offering to run after school clubs for the children. Thank you for your ongoing support of the school. If you are interested in running an after school club please speak to Mr Jenness. These are, of course, subject to a DBS check that we would organise on your behalf.

Next half term we will be holding parents' evenings (remotely), developing our school library, and visiting Africa Alive Zoo (Y1), Letton Hall (Y6) and Norwich Cathedral (Y2) on top of all the other exciting activities and events that happen each half term.

We are also exploring further ways for parents to be involved in school life, such as holding more parents workshops/cafes that will range from tips on how to support your child to read (already happening in Reception classes) to parenting workshops on managing online gaming safely for children.

Lastly, I'd like to wish you all a restful half term break. We return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February and are looking forward to building on what has already been a great start to 2023 next half term.

Gayle Long  
Executive Headteacher

## Year 6 Residential Information Evening Reminder

Just a little reminder that there is a meeting for parents interested in the Y6 residential (Oct 2023) being held at school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 4pm in the school hall.

## Parking outside school

Please do not park directly opposite the school gates when dropping children off/picking them up from school. It is illegal to park opposite the yellow zig zag lines of a school.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this going forwards.

## Social Media

Following a few incidents earlier this term regarding social media, I would like to remind parents that **sharing negative comments about the school, referring to staff members and naming staff members on social media is unacceptable and inappropriate**. Parents and carers are always encouraged to speak to the school, usually the class teacher in the first instance, to resolve issues.

Parents will be contacted by myself if we are made aware of any further inappropriate or unacceptable posts on social media that bring the school into disrepute.

## Job adverts

We currently have two vacancies at APS:

- Receptionist / Clerk:

<https://educationjobfinder.org.uk/.../receptionist.../...>

- Reception Class Teacher (MC)

<https://educationjobfinder.org.uk/.../reception-class.../...>

The closing date for applications is 24.2.2023

### Smart Watches

Please be aware that, after half term, smart watches will not be allowed to be worn throughout the school day. These are to be treated as mobile phone devices and will be expected to be kept by the teacher each day. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.



### SEN Café

## **SEN Parents & Carers Coffee Afternoon**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Who?** Open to all parents and carers of children with Special Educational needs and/or disabilities at Attleborough Primary School and Rosecroft Primary School

**What?** A time for us to get together, meet other parents of pupils with SEN and share what works well and any worries, informally discuss SEN (not pupil specific), feedback on our SEN Information Report and relax with a cup of tea/coffee. Mrs Whittaker, SENCO at Attleborough Academy, will be joining us.

**When and where?** At Attleborough Primary, Nurture Room, entrance via the school office. 3:30pm – 5pm. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

We hope you can join us, Mrs Barker - Deputy Headteacher / SENDCO, Attleborough and Rosecroft Primary Federation

Mrs Stringer – Pastoral Support Advisor, Attleborough Primary and Mrs Aldred – Pupil Family Liaison Officer, Rosecroft Primary

### Readers still required! 😊

Thank you so much to the parents who already volunteer their time to come into school and listen to children read. This group has grown since the start of the year, but we are always looking for more volunteers!

We already have some regular volunteers who come in for a few hours every week to hear readers in different parts of the school and this has proved to be really enjoyable for all involved.

We would like to increase this offer to as many of our pupils as possible and need your help! If you, or any other family members or grandparents would be interested in coming into school for an hour or two a week to hear readers, we would love to hear from you!

Obviously, this would need to be subject to a successful DBS check which we would organise.

If you feel you would like to help, please get in touch via the school office.

Thank you!

### Twitter reminder

Please remember to follow our Twitter page [@AttleboroughPri](https://twitter.com/AttleboroughPri) to keep track of what we are learning about in school. We are trying really hard to ensure there are regular updates here and it is a great way to see what life is like on any given school day at APS.

We also post school trip photos here!



**Attleborough Primary**  
@AttleboroughPri

### Free School Meals

If you think your child may be entitled to means tested Free school meals, please click the following link. This also applies even if your child is in receipt of Universal Free schools' meals in Reception – Year 2.

[Free school meals, school meals and milk - Norfolk County Council](#)

### PE kits – reminder of acceptable kit

On those days that your child has PE, please make sure they are wearing appropriate PE kit: t-shirt in their team colour (can be with school logo or plain), dark shorts/jogging trousers, dark jumper and trainers. Please avoid football kits or any other items of clothing with emblems, slogans or images.

### Writing in Reading Records

Thank you for all of your support in listening to your child read regularly each week. Please remember to make a note in the reading record if books have been finished so that staff know to change them.

### Toys, cards, teddies in school

There has been an increase in children bringing in personal possessions such as teddies, pokemon or football cards and small toys into school lately. These items are not allowed in school and will be confiscated until the end of the school day. Thank you in advance for supporting us with this.

If there is a situation where children need a comforting item from home in school, parents would need to have this agreed by the teacher in advance.

### Term Dates – 2022/2023

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February- last day before half term

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – half term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – back in school

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Y1 Trip to Africa Alive

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Deadline for job applications

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Y6 Residential Trip Parents' Meeting

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Y6 Trip to Letton Hall (Crucial Crew)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Friends of APS Quiz Night

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – SEN Café

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evening Week

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Y2 Trip to Norwich Cathedral

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Rocksteady Performance to parents

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – last day of Spring term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holiday

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – First day of summer term

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Y4 Residential Trip to Eaton Vale

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank holiday- not in school

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May-last day before half term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half term holiday

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June- back in school

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – last day in school before the summer holiday

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – first day of summer holidays

### Quiz Night!



The Friends are holding a quiz night on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**.  
Doors will open at 7pm ready to start at 7.30pm  
Bring your own drinks and nibbles – alcohol is allowed!

#### **NO UNDER 18s**

Teams need to have a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 8 members and tickets are £5 per person.

There will of course be a prize for the winning team along with a raffle at the interval where you could win some other fabulous prizes.

**To enter a team please return the reply slip from the letter together with a payment of £5 per person to the school by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Numbers are limited so places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please make any cheques payable to Friends of Attleborough Primary School.**

### Lost Property Items

We are finding ourselves inundated with items in lost property.

Whilst we will continue to put these items outside each week for you to collect, we would appreciate it if names could be written onto labels of coats, jumpers, trainers and water bottles.

Thank you in advance for your support.

### Calpol

School keeps limited stocks of Calpol for those times when children begin to feel unwell at school with no prior warning.

If you know your child may need some Calpol that day, we would kindly ask that parents provide this.

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance from September to today is: 93.46%.

**Our school target is 97%.**

As you know it is important that children attend school everyday unless they have a good reason. Thank you for your ongoing support to ensure your child/ren are given every chance to achieve their potential by attending school.

Each week, children who have 100% attendance for that week are given a sticker and there is a class award for the class with the highest attendance.

### World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

As always we will be celebrating World Book Day this year. As usual, we will be dressing up as our favourite book characters, but please do not put undue pressure on yourselves – these can be very simple.



## Listen up, Speak up

With our free 10-minute digital training, we're empowering every adult to know what to do if a child needs help, and where to go if you need support yourself.

[Sign up and take the training](#)



This is a free 10-minute digital training that will empower every adult to know what to do if a child needs help, and where to go if you need support yourself. Please use following website and complete if you are over 18. This training is only available until the 19th February.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/listen-up-speak-up>

### Parents' Evenings - Week Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

These will continue to run online through School Cloud. We will, however, be building in lots of opportunities for parents and carers to come into school to look at your children's work/books.

Last term we had quite a few missed appointments and staff had to 'chase' parents for another appointment. This term we will be expecting parents to get in contact with school if an appointment has been missed to arrange another time.

### Emails

Please email class teachers directly with any queries you have for them.

Please be mindful that teachers are busy teaching during the day and may not be able to respond quickly. If your concern is urgent, or needs to be seen same day, please contact the school office.

[office@attleborough-pri.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@attleborough-pri.norfolk.sch.uk)

01953 453491

## The Attleborough and Rosecroft Primary Federation Governing Board

We have positions on our governing board. If you have ever wondered what a school governor does or thought you might like to become one yourself, then please read on for more information.

What is a governor?

A governor helps our school run effectively. The governing board works with the Executive Head Mrs Long and also the Heads of School, Mr Copland and Mrs Drew, to plan the direction the school is going in, how money is spent, and objectively supports and challenges the school leadership.

Who are you looking for?

A governor is a voluntary position and you don't need to be a parent or have an educational background. A variety of skills make someone ideal to become a governor including problem solving and a positive and proactive attitude. It is often useful if a governor has professional experience, for example finance, project management, health and safety, or holding a position on a board, but this is by no means essential and we encourage a diverse representation. Governors can be from the local community (co-opted), local authority (e.g. NHS, emergency services) or parents of existing pupils.

Why does the school need them?

Governors are the overseers of the school and help improve the education our children receive. To do this, Governors support Senior Leaders to set the strategic direction, work with teachers to set and stick to subject policies, monitor the school budget and what it is being spent on.

What training is available?

All Governors have inductions, mentoring, mandatory training such as safeguarding, as well as a vast range of free online and face-to-face training, much of which is useful in any line of work. There may be lots of unfamiliar acronyms however support is always available and there's no such thing as a stupid question, in fact objectivity is welcomed to help challenge and make the school even better.

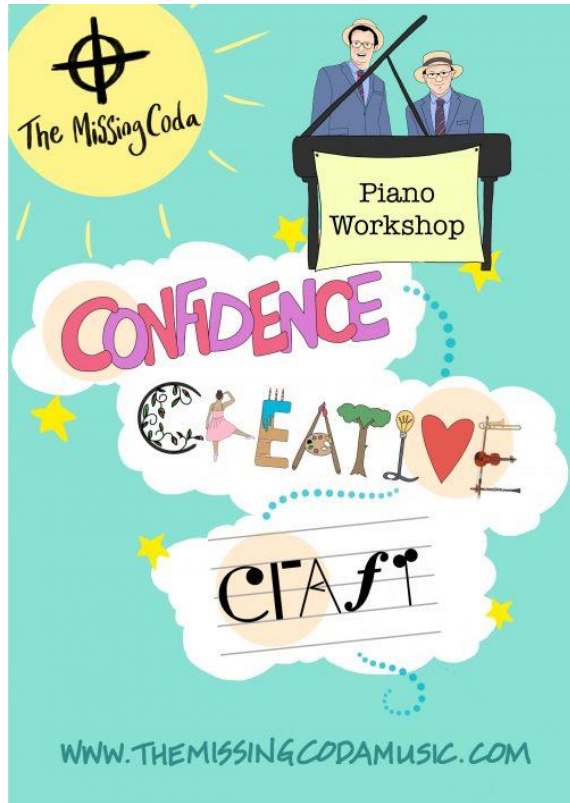
How much time would I need to commit?

You would need to approx. 6 governor meetings a year – usually in the evenings in term time. Additionally, there may be in-school observation activities, ad-hoc meetings and training, all together around 10-15 hours per month and you would be a governor for a term of four years on the governing body. This counts as public duties so employers are required to permit a 'reasonable' amount of time off for governor duties and training.

What is in it for me?

Being a governor is a hugely insightful, satisfying and fulfilling role. You'll learn how decisions are made at a strategic level at school and have a genuinely positive influence towards our wonderful school. To find out more please email [chairofgov@rosecroft.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:chairofgov@rosecroft.norfolk.sch.uk) to arrange an initial chat. To visit our school website go to <https://arpfederation.org.uk/>

Piano opportunity



[Register here](#)

**Who is this aimed at?** Pianists working at grade 2 and 3 standard

**Age:** 9-16 years

**Date:** Wednesday 19th April

**Venue:** Fakenham Academy, NR21 9QT [[map](#)]

**Time:** 9.30am-2.30pm

**How many places are there?:** Spaces are limited to 30 young people and would advise you to register early