

Alt Bridge School

Head teacher's Bi-Weekly Newsletter

Hello to all of our families and Happy New Year!! I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to whatever positive things may happen in 2023.

I would like to write to you more regularly to provide updates with what is going on around school through this newsletter, which will come to you once every two weeks. I am also keen that you stay up-to-date with key contact details for staff members and dates so that we can communicate with you in the best ways.

This week, our staff meeting focused on person-centred reviews and how we can improve our annual EHCP review meetings to ensure that they are person-centred and family-friendly. Our vision is that every child, over time, will feel confident in attending their meetings and that parents and carers will always feel able to attend and contribute. To do this, we have considered ways to develop our arrangements so that we can truly put our students at the heart of the process.

Whilst we have some ideas for how EHCP review meetings should be held, we really need your ideas too so we can make the meetings, not only productive but also enjoyable for all. We would like the annual review meeting to be something that we all look forward to as part of the calendar year as we know it will be an opportunity to share experiences and listen to each other.

We would also wish for our students to feel positive about the meetings and to develop some ownership over the process so they can better explain the things that are important to them as they progress towards adulthood. Helping them to find their voice and be able to express themselves continues to be an important aspiration that we hold for them.

We would welcome views from all parents and carers so you are welcome to write into us with your views. However, if you feel that this is something you would like to get more involved in, then please let us know so we can include you in a discussion group. Please contact the office if you wish to express an interest and let us know. We would welcome you on board.

I hope you all enjoy the weekend when it comes and look forward to seeing students on Monday. In the meantime, please enjoy the rest of the newsletter and details of what is happening over the next two weeks.

Best wishes,

Natalie Menagh
Executive Head teacher

STAY CONNECTED

Would you like to know more about how your child is getting on academically and socially? Look no further!

Parents and carers have a wealth of information available to them on how their child is getting on in school. We send out letters, newsletters and information via **ParentApp** and we also use **SeeSaw** and **Epraise**. Both of these systems can be accessed by parents and carers.

SeeSaw will show you your child's work in school and comments by teachers. Each student's learning journal is available online. The link to log onto SeeSaw is via our website;

<https://www.altbridgeschool.com/remote-learning-2/online-learning-platforms/>

Epraise is our behaviour for learning system and we give students merits and demerits for behaviour for learning. You will be able to communicate directly with staff via Epraise as well and catch up on how they are getting on in school. The link to log onto Epraise is via our website;

<https://www.altbridgeschool.com/parent-carer-information/epraise/>

Contact Details

Please see below for the names and email addresses of form teachers in case you need to get in touch. Please only expect replies to emails during the hours of the school day when staff are available to contact parents.

Your child's form teacher updates your child's student profile regularly. If you would like a copy of this document, please contact their form teacher for more information. We ask that you help us to prepare your child's profile so we can share the most up-to-date and useful information about their needs.

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If you require any support for you or your child from the wellbeing hub, please contact your child's designated learning mentor or the hub leader Miss Pritchard – geraldine.pritchard@altbridgeschool.com

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning and OSSME session

We would like to get as many parents and carers as we can along to our next parent coffee morning on;

Tuesday 24th January 2023

We have Lorraine from OSSME coming in to do a short presentation with parents to discuss strategies to support students at home help with structure, routine, literal interpretation and the use of visuals to support sensory needs.

Will also provide some widget examples to give to parent's who would like to use for visual support.

Zero Waste

Every week, we save a considerable amount of food from landfill by collecting it from supermarkets and distributing it for use by our families for free.

Our food collection and distribution days are Thursdays. If you would like any more information about this scheme, please contact Cathy Bruna via the school office on 0151 477 8310.

Thriving Curriculum

Our Thriving Curriculum leader Mr J Reynolds has organised some important events for our students to develop their awareness of safeguarding.

- Share community work supporting refugees - Thursday 12th January 9-30am-10am for years 10, 11, 12 and 13
- PC knife Crime Assembly - Friday 13th January 8-45-9-15am for years 10, 11,12 and 13
- 'Show racism the red card' - Tuesday 24th January for an all-day carousel of activities for years 7, 8, and 9.
- "Grass" CCE play performed by Perception Theatre group on Tuesday 7th February at 9.30 am -10.45 am for years 10, 11, 12 and 13

Epraise Behaviour for Learning

EPRAISE UPDATES!!

Leading form group for the academic year so far is **9.5** with **2183 points** earned since September.

The form group who earned the most points in the last week is **9.2** with **49 points!**

If any parent or carer still needs to log onto the Epraise support or needs support, please contact Mrs Richards via the school office. We will need your email address in order for you to get set up.

Parents/carers can keep up-to-date with their child's merits and points via this system and also send us messages.