

AGSB LATEST NEWS – NOVEMBER 2016

Dear Parents,

SUE KNOWLES

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you of the death of Sue Knowles on Sunday 6th November. Sue was a very dedicated teacher at AGSB in the Biology Department between 1989 and her retirement in 2013. She fell ill earlier this year and was looked after with great love and affection by her husband Keith who also taught at AGSB and is an Old Altrinchamian. Sue will be remembered fondly by those who were taught by her or worked with her as a kind, knowledgeable and skilled teacher. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and close friends at this time.



PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

I am pleased to let you know that Trafford Council planning committee granted planning permission for the proposed new classroom and Library block on Thursday 20th October. The building which, when built, will extend from the Coleman Hall to the Technology block was welcomed for its design features and for providing the opportunity for additional local pupils to attend AGSB.

Whilst this is very good news we must see planning permission in context. It is one significant step towards realising the new building and the next major challenge is to secure the funding required. We will be submitting a bid to the Education Funding Agency in December and we hope that now planning permission has been granted it will be looked on favourably. However, we must be realistic knowing that funding demands far outweigh the supply of capital funds.

My thanks to governors of the Estates Committee and to our architect Alan Simpson of 10 Architects for their work in ensuring the proposal was welcomed by the planners.

AUTUMN CONCERTS



Congratulations to all those who participated in the recent Autumn Concerts. There were stand-put performances on all three nights and as always it was a pleasure to see such wide participation from pupils of all ages.

TRAFFIC ON MARLBOROUGH ROAD

Traffic on Marlborough Road remains very heavy at certain times:

- 8.20am to 8.45am
- 3.15pm to 3.45pm
- At times when there are major school events.



You can help ease congestion by considering the following:

- If possible, encourage your son to **walk to School** from home.
- If he has to come to School by car please **drop him off** at a safe place further away from School so he can walk for 5 minutes or so, entering by the Heath Road entrance at the rear of the site.
- Arrange a pick-up spot at the end of the School day at the same safe location you drop him off at in the morning.
- If coming to School in the evening for an event, **do not park on Marlborough Road**. Instead use the North car parks (adjacent to the Science buildings) or enter School by Heath Road and park on the School

playground. The Heath Road gate is open in the evenings because it is used as the entrance for the 3rd Altrincham Scout group.

I am very pleased that the large buses which used Marlborough Road in September and October have been rerouted elsewhere by Transport for Greater Manchester but the congestion remains a problem and your cooperation to help reduce it is much appreciated.

SPORT

Athletics

Please see below an article from a recent edition of Living Edge magazine reporting on recent AGSB success in Athletics.

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS



Jack Bradburn

Jack Bradburn, 14, of Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, capped a successful season on the track with a bronze medal in the 200 metres at the English National Athletics Championships. The athlete, who competes for Altrincham and District Athletics Club, also finished 6th in the final of the 100 metres.

He was narrowly beaten to the silver medal by 0.08 seconds by the English School's 200 metre champion, with the Gold going to the English School's 100 metre champion. This is the first time that Jack has been beaten over this distance in a season which has seen him take the 200 metres Greater Manchester Counties Gold Medal, the Northern

Counties 200 metre title, the 200 metres Northern Inter-counties title, as well as securing Silver in the Greater Manchester Championships at the 100 metres, Gold in the Long Jump at the Greater Manchester County Championships and Gold in the 100 metres Northern Inter-counties championships. His times for the 100, 200 & 300 metres this season put him in the top 20 sprinters for his age-group in the UK.

Jack puts his achievements down to a more focussed training regime and the hard work and tireless dedication of his coach Howard Tarry and the work of the committee and volunteers at Altrincham Athletics Club.

SIXTH FORM

A reminder that the popular **Ladies Fashion, Musicals and Treats Evening** takes place on **Tuesday 22nd November**, 7pm in the Sixth Form Common Room. Tickets cost £5 which includes our fabulous raffle!

For more details please contact Gill (gwilliamson@agsb.co.uk). As always, many thanks for your support.

Gill and the Chad's Challenges Team



PFA NEWS

Key Dates

- * Friday 11th November
 - * Friday 2nd December
 - * Sunday 4th December
 - * Monday 5th December
- PFA Quiz Night
 - PFA Own Clothes Day
 - PFA Christmas Fair
 - PFA meeting

PFA FRIENDS LOTTO

The **October 2016** winners were:

1. Mr D P Barton
2. Dr B J Harrison
3. Mrs H M Duff



These winners have been notified directly by post.

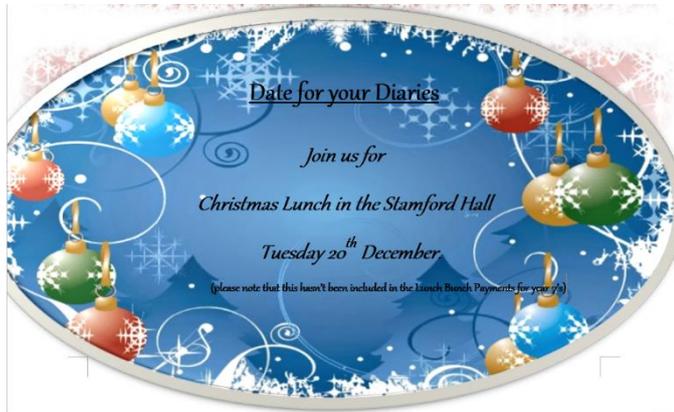
Mr Kinney, Treasurer PFA

FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Free School Meals are available to any full-time student who is still at school and eligible. Please follow the link to apply: <https://myfreeschoolmeals.com/>

PUPIL CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Sodexo are providing **Christmas Lunch** in the Stamford Hall on **Tuesday 20th December**. The cost will be **£3.15** (please note that this has not been included in the Lunch Bunch payments for Year 7 pupils).

There will be a **Christmas Street Food Tent** in the Stamford Hall on **Tuesday 7th December** – pupils will be able to choose from a festive selection of pulled meats and breads.



Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch information for *next* half-term is now on the Sodexo page of the School website – follow this link for details: <http://www.agsb.co.uk/info/sodexo/>

This is for Year 7 pupils who would like a pre-paid for lunch, half a term **in advance**. This will put parents at ease as we ensure your child has a healthy nutritional meal each day. The cost for **next half term** (Monday 4th January to Friday 10th February 2017) is **28 pupil days = £70**. (Please note that the Lunch Bunch deal is available by the term only, not part-way through a term). *Please send your payments in during the last week of this half-term to enable set up ready for the first day back!*

For more information, please contact the General Manager at patricia.bowden@sodexo.com



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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Remember to keep an eye on our [School Calendar](#) for information on upcoming events.

Key dates are:



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| * Friday 11 th November | PFA Quiz Night |
| * Thursday 17 th November | GCSE Awards Evening, 7.30pm |
| * Tuesday 22 nd November | Chad's Challenges Ladies' Treats Evening, 7pm |
| * Tuesday 29 th November | Y7 Parents Evening, 5pm |
| * Friday 2 nd December | PFA Own Clothes Day |
| * Sunday 4 th December | PFA Christmas Fair |
| * Monday 5 th December | PFA meeting |
| * Wed 7 th to Wed 21 st December | Y11 exams |
| * Mon 12 th to Tue 20 th December | Y13 exams |
| * Monday 19 th December | A Level Awards evening |
| * Wednesday 21 st December | End of term: pupils finish at 12.20pm
after the Carol Service at St Mary's Bowdon |
| * Wednesday 4 th January 2017 | School re-opens at normal time |

