

Alverton Weekly News

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You say goodbye, I say hello!

This weeks newsletter carries a mix of emotions as we will be saying goodbye to Miss Turner at the end of the term. I'm sure I can speak on behalf of pupils, parents, staff and governors when I say that we will be incredibly sad to see Miss Turner leave. We are however immensely proud that she has secured promotion to a leadership role. Miss Turner will be returning to where she started her career at Brompton on Swale Primary School and will be their new Early Years Leader in September.

The training and development we invest in all our staff ensures they have an opportunity to secure promotions and positions in our own school and others to develop their careers. Miss Turner has made the most of these opportunities and we wish her every success. In return she has contributed highly to the running of the school with her fantastic teaching, subject leadership, team work and enthusiasm. She will be missed in school by staff as well as the pupils in her class and those throughout school after her shared role supporting 'key worker and Key stage 1 children during lockdown.



GOOD LUCK MISS TURNER, WE WILL MISS YOU!

It is not easy to fill the shoes of a great teacher particularly during these challenging times. We have however made two successful appointments this week after a rigorous selection process. Over 60 applicants applied for a position at Alverton and it is credit to the increasingly positive profile of the school that so many teachers were interested. I would like to thank all the staff that were involved, Sue Porteus our Chair of Governors and the Y6 pupils currently in school who had some great questions for the candidates and did themselves and school proud. We are pleased to welcome back a familiar face and also introduce a new member of staff. From September we are very pleased that Mrs Grant will be re-joining us and we are also excited about the arrival of a new member of staff, Mr Terry. More about our new members of staff next week.

Waiting List

We have now reached full capacity in school based on the Government guidelines and staffing capacity we have. I appreciate that this will be disappointing for parents who would now like their children to return to school. We have started a waiting list and are in regular contact with the local authority however until the advice and guidance changes we will be unable to accept any more pupils. Please get in touch with the office if you would like to be added to the list (key workers, Reception, Y1 or Y6 only) or contact your child's teacher if you require help or support in any way. We will always try our best to help and support you.

Black Lives Matter

This week has seen a continuation of the protest marches and demonstrations raising awareness of the terrible incident that happened in America a few weeks ago. It is important that we reflect on the challenges people of different faiths, cultures and colour face in today's society. This can be a sensitive subject but staff have thought carefully about how we can ensure our curriculum and teaching in school not only reflects issues in the wider world but also celebrates the diverse school population we are incredibly proud of at Alverton.

Premier Passions

It has been great to welcome back premier league football this week although very strange to watch it in empty stadiums. Similarly to school a stadium only truly comes alive when it is full with the passion of fans and supporters or the enthusiasm of learners in the case of school. As football starts in most leagues - other than in the lower leagues where Sunderland currently reside! - it has allowed me to reflect on how important Sport and PE are in improving physical and mental fitness. To that extent we have invested in a new PE resource to support staff in delivering these important features of the curriculum. Hopefully pupils will enjoy and benefit from a range of new activities and approaches. Friday is also my favourite day in school as it is Dance Day at KS1 - hip hop this week! Any dance stars out there who would like to share their moves please send them into school as I'd love to see them!



Cheese straws LIVE baking!

Miss Chamberlain's class had their first live Zoom baking session on Monday night. They made cheese straws together from the comfort of their own kitchens. Miss Chamberlain was very impressed by the precise weighing out and we definitely have some Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood's in the making! There was lots of feedback about how tasty the cheese straws were and what an easy recipe it was to follow.

Lily and Ruby in Year 6 have written a fantastic poem, based on a poem that was shared in class.

Lovely work girls - well done!

Slithery Snake

I heard that
you live
in the tree canopy
silently slithering.

Two-forked tongue
soft-bellied
yellow-brown skin.

Tasting the air
with your long red tongue.

Jaw wide open,
venomous yellow teeth
dripping with saliva.

Gulp,
one less frog.

In the dappled light,
sleeping on a branch
with a full belly.

Everything is safe
from the slithering snake.



Slow Sloths

I saw you,
you live in trees,
you only come out once a week.

Round-eyes,
long-fur,
always smiling.

You sleep all day,
using your claws,
to hang on trees.

You scratch the trees,
and munch the leaves.

You take up the day,
with your sleeps.

Days later,
you've still not reached the ground,
a slow thing,
smiling,
half way down the tree.

By Ruby Walker



Beach



YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES

Due to the current situation this year, we would like to purchase the Leavers Hoodies for all of Year 6. Before school closed, Year 6 had raised £100 from bake sales. This money is usually used to contribute to the cost of the end of year leaving trip, but this year we are going to use it towards the cost of the hoodies. Also, our PTA usually contribute towards the cost of the bus every year - however, they have kindly decided to let us put the money towards the cost of the hoodies instead.

We understand that some parents have already purchased them - we will reimburse those parents the cost. All year 6 parents should have received an email today - please ensure you [reply to Mrs Rolfe on: krolf@alverton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:krolf@alverton.n-yorks.sch.uk) as soon as possible, so that we know who to reimburse and who still needs a hoodie ordering. Please make sure you also let us know the size/colour your child would like. Thank you.