

Alverton Weekly News

Friday 16th October 2020

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We close for half term on THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER and we re-open on Monday 2nd November

Blended learning is coming to Alverton!

Over the next few days, your child will be bringing home their new school email address so that, in the event of any future lockdowns, the children's education is not disrupted. Each child has now been assigned to an online 'classroom' and will be taught in real time, using the Microsoft Teams app. Using the child's school email address will help to ensure that each taught session is completely secure and encrypted.

We are hoping to run a test session for each virtual classroom before half-term, so please download and install the Microsoft Teams app onto a device that your child can use for their learning.

If you do not have a device that your child can use, please let us know.

PARENTS OF YEAR 6

You can now apply for your child's secondary school place for September 2021 by visiting:
www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions

This MUST be done online, by Saturday 31st October 2020.

Please contact school if you need help with your child's seesaw account.



Flu Immunisation

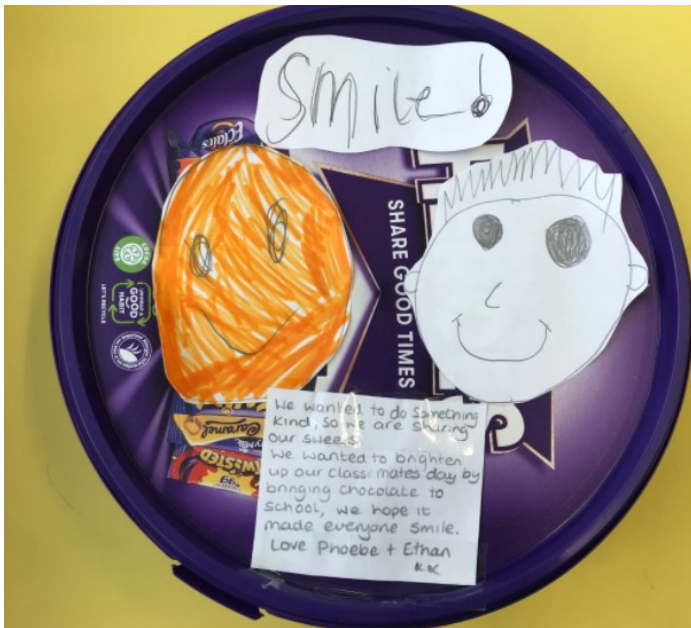
This years flu immunisation (nasal spray) will be given to children on Wednesday 21st October. Children will only be given it if you have been online and given consent.

#HelloYellow

Thank you to everyone that
took part in supporting
#HelloYellow last week!



Ethan and Phoebe brought in chocolates for the children in their class. They attached a note which said "We wanted to do something kind, so we are sharing our sweets. We wanted to brighten up our class mates day by bringing chocolate to school. We hope it made everyone smile."
What a thoughtful thing to do - thank you Phoebe & Ethan!



A Mars a Day....

Mars was at its biggest and brightest earlier in the week as the Red Planet lined up with Earth on the same side of the Sun. Every 26 months, the pair take up this arrangement, moving close together, before then diverging again on their separate orbits around our star. Tuesday night saw the actual moment of what astronomers call "opposition". A separation of 62,069,570km, or 38,568,243 miles. That's the narrowest gap now until 2035.



It's around opposition that space probes are launched from Earth to Mars. Obviously - the distance that needs to be travelled is shorter, and the time and energy required to make the journey is less. Three missions are currently in transit, all of which were sent on their way in July: The United Arab Emirates' Hope orbiter; China's Tianwen orbiter and rover; and the Americans' Perseverance rover. Hope, Tianwen and Perseverance are all on course to arrive at Mars in February.

Staffing News

I mentioned in last weeks newsletter that Miss Merryweather will be joining the Alverton Team after half-term, ready to take over when Miss Adams leaves in December for her Maternity leave. In this newsletter you will find a short introduction from Miss Merryweather.

Next week we will be saying a very sad goodbye to our fabulous KS1 Cook, Mrs Jackson. She is retiring after working in our school kitchens for over 28 years! Joining us after half-term will be our new cook, Mrs Rahman.

Collection Policy

I would like to remind Parents that School has a collection policy that only adults - aged 16 years and over - and with suitable identification, will be authorised to collect children. I appreciate that this may not always be convenient for parents and if children are to be collected by someone other than the parent/carer including a younger sibling then this must be indicated to the school office via a written note or email as soon as possible.

Permission and arrangements for children leaving the school at the end of the day will be confirmed in writing by the parent/carer. Year 5 and 6 pupils have the option to walk home by themselves. If they are responsible for collecting and walking home with a younger brother or sister this must be discussed with the school first and written consent provided. The school reserves the right to refuse permission for a child to walk home alone or be collected by anyone under the age of 16 depending on the distance and concerns the school may have at that time.

Parking.... Again

We have this week spoke to local PCSO's and have ordered some cones to stop people using the gates in front of KS2 as a parking space and turning circle. I appreciate that the congestion and traffic is not easy in Moor View but the safety of parents and pupils is our priority. We have seen some improvement lately with the measures we have put in place and I hope that this continues with greater police involvement next week.

Remote Learning

As we move forwards through the year we have started to look at how we can best support pupils if we have to enter a second phase of lockdown or have to close a bubble. The Government have requested that by 22nd October all schools have a remote learning plan in place. I would like to ask parents to download both the Seesaw and Teams apps or explore ways of accessing them through their browsers. Both of these apps will allow pupils to receive online learning activities set by teachers.

During the previous lockdown we used seesaw extremely well and we will be doing the same if it happens again. The advantage of Teams is that it provides a secure environment for teachers to interact daily with pupils and provide an opportunity for them to have face to face contact. Other methods of communication, including phone calls and email, will still be available as will paper copies of any tasks set. We started to trial the Teams app with Y5 last night and this was useful in how we will move forwards. Other classes will have the opportunity to do this next week in small groups.

Many thanks for your support in keeping our school community safe.



Hi everyone, I am Miss Merryweather and I am extremely delighted to announce that I will be joining Alverton Community Primary School after half term. I am a newly qualified teacher, who cannot wait to start working with you all. From my Physical Education degree, I am very passionate about pursuing a healthy active lifestyle and inspiring children to be active.



In my spare time, I enjoy watching football, walking my dog (Ozzy), and having a spontaneous shopping spree. I am extremely lucky and excited to start my teaching journey at this amazing school.

I hope you all are staying safe and healthy.
I cannot wait to meet you all very soon.

Alverton Community Primary School Holiday List for 2020/2021

TERMS	CLOSE	Rectangular OPEN	TRAINING DAY (Staff Only in school)
AUTUMN 2020		Tuesday 8 th September 2020	Monday 7 th September 2020
(Half Term)	Thursday 22 nd October 2020	Monday 2 nd November 2020	Friday 23 rd October 2020
	Friday 18 th December 2020		
SPRING 2021		Tuesday 5 th January 2021	Monday 4 th January 2021
(Half Term)	Friday 12 th February 2021	Monday 22 nd February 2021	
	Friday 26 th March 2021		
SUMMER 2021		Tuesday 13 th April 2021	Monday 12 th April 2021
<i>May Day Holiday</i>	<i>Friday 30th April</i>	<i>Tuesday 4th May</i>	
(Half Term)	Friday 28 th May 2021	Monday 7 th June 2021	
	Friday 23 rd July 2021		Monday 26 th July 2021

Please can we remind parents that the school offices do not open until 8:30am.

If you ring school before 8:30am, please leave us a voicemail. Alternatively, you can email your message to admin@alverton.n-yorks.sch.uk or send us a message via our Facebook page. Thank you.

Unfortunately, we are unable to have our usual Celebration Assemblies at the moment. However, children are still going to receive Going for Gold and Star of the Week Awards. These will be given out in their class bubbles on a Friday.



Going for Gold Awards



<u>FS2 (KK)</u> Kacey McLaren Kingsley Lowther Isabelle Rodgers Angus Richmond Maddison Dove Henry Snowden	<u>Year 1/2 (JA)</u> Venna Warris Penelope Bonney Rose Mullan Katie Hooker Lilly Willoughby Allyse Simcoe	<u>Year 3 (EC)</u> Elsie Kirk Phoebe Herron Nicola Balejko William Bonney Charlie Osgood Holly White Sarah Alhsria	Wynter Seymour Louie Thirling Macie Thompson <u>Year 4/5 (JB)</u> Demi-Leigh Daggett Finan Wilbor Leo Pearson Rebecca Farn	Lilly McCormack Keyona Butterworth <u>Year 6 (SE)</u> Jack Hall Connor Stevenson Maisy Flanagan Ryan Kirk Imogen O'Connor Paige Hoban-Morley Esmee Seymour
<u>Year 1 (ST)</u> Anastazia Smyl McKenzie Thirling	<u>Year 2 (FG)</u> Limar Aldakhlallah Jack Dodsworth Thomas Heslop Leo Ord	<u>Year 4 (LE)</u> Emiliana Bainbridge Ruby Gilbert Oscar Mullan	<u>Year 5 (CA)</u> Tyler Pearson Lily Robinson	



STARS
OF
THE
WEEK!



<u>FS1 (JST)</u> Austin Sheraton Alyssia Watson	<u>YR 3 (EC)</u> Kayden Tolu Ethan Farn
<u>FS2 (KK)</u> Annie Ward George Trousdale	<u>YR 4 (LE)</u> Ellie-Mae Braithwaite Laiken Ward
<u>YR1 (ST)</u> Isaac Smith Joao Oliveira	<u>YR 4/5 (JB)</u> Rebecca Farn Kallia Lowe
<u>YR 1/2 (JA)</u> Shayla Brundle Dan Wyer	<u>YR 5 (CA)</u> Chenelle Wilbor Charlie Walker
<u>YR 2 (FG)</u> Rose Hawkes Timur Brizgalovs	<u>YR 6 (SE)</u> Jake Ord Brody Reilly-Scott

Attendance for: LAST WEEK

	% Attendance
Mrs Kirby	94.6%
Mr Terry	90.5%
Miss Adams	99.5%
Mrs Grant	99.0%
Miss Chamberlain	97.7%
Mrs Eastwood	95.0%
Mrs Brugmans	97.5%
Mrs Alexander	94.1%
Miss Eddowes	94.6%
<u>School Total:</u>	<u>95.9%</u>