

Alverton Weekly News

Thursday 22nd October 2020

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We hope that you have a lovely half-term.
We will see you all again on Monday 2nd November.
Keep Safe!

As we have been unable to have our annual Pumpkin display in school this year, we would like you to send us photos of your pumpkins instead. We love to see the wonderful creations you come up with, so please send them to us via Facebook or email and we will show as many as we can in the newsletter, when we return after half term!

Please email them to Mrs Rolfe: krolfe@alverton.n-yorks.sch.uk



PARENTS OF YEAR 6

There are still a few parents of Year 6 children that have not yet applied for their Secondary School Place. This MUST be done by 31st October by visiting: www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions

After half-term we have poppies available to buy in school. There are also pencils, rulers, pencil sharpeners, erasers, reflectors and bracelets. There is no set price, it is just a donation of whatever you can afford.

Please bring your donation into school in a named envelope and give to your class teacher.

Please do not bring money to the office. Many thanks.



Crowe's Wood Halloween Trail

Spook-tacular family fun on your doorstep!

Kiplin is located half way between Northallerton and Richmond on the B6271. With 90 acres of parkland to explore and rigorous COVID-SECURE procedures it is the perfect place to escape to this October.

Museum - Gardens - Tea Room

www.kiplinhall.co.uk



Heads Up!

Love at First Bite

My first performance review as a young teacher over 20 years ago taught me an important lesson; I was prepared with data and ready to discuss the pupil progress of my new class. Before I had even opened my file the headteacher told me that I had passed the first term, because the caretaker, cleaners, cook and secretary were talking about me in the staffroom and said I seemed nice but needed to tidy my hair up! Something that has got easier, but I have never forgotten as I've got older! Behind the pupils and teachers at Alverton is a great TEAM that is essential in ensuring the school runs smoothly. As we approach the end of this half-term it is with great sadness that a key member of the Alverton Team at KS1 is retiring.

Mrs Jackson has given much to the school over the years, and without wanting to upset the Local Authority, they don't make it easy for cooks to interpret some of the recipes they send out that appear to look good on paper. Often she creates specialist meals for pupils with specific dietary requirements or adapts the menu to encourage all children to try something. Originally starting at Bullamoor, she has worked in school for just over 28 years serving thousands of meals to pupils, staff, governors and parents. She will be missed not only for her food and great cooking but for her personality and manner. She is a friend to many and we are lucky as a school to have benefited from her enthusiasm and dedication over the years.

Staff and pupils will be sharing some of their favourite memories in a virtual assembly on Thursday - my own involves a love of Jam Roly Poly and the fact I used one she made for me to enter a family competition with my brother which beat his very poor effort - he still doesn't know the truth!

On behalf of governors, staff and pupils I would like to wish her a very happy and well deserved retirement and look forward to seeing her in school as a visitor as soon as things get back to normal. We have been provided a new cook to work at KS1 and we will feature them in the next newsletter after half-term.



Heads Up!

ICT SURVEY

Can I thank all the KS2 parents that have completed the ICT questionnaire- it was important that as a school we got an idea of the thoughts and issues that parents are facing. I would just like to reiterate that no decisions have been made and we are exploring a number of options so that we can provide the best for you and your children. Initially we are interested in providing support for those families that need equipment to support any bubble closures or remote learning opportunities in the near future. Much longer term we are looking at how we can integrate the technology pupils use in school at home and vice versa. These thoughts are very much in their infancy and your responses will shape where we go next. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss any of the issues raised.

AB FAB Club

We have been taking votes in class for a new name for our Ab Fab Club and can announce that we have a new name! After half-term, Ab Fab will be known as 'Rainbow Club.'



And Finally....

In what has been an extremely challenging half-term for everyone, I would like to sincerely thank parents, pupils and the whole Alverton staff TEAM for ensuring we have managed to remain open and provide everyone with some much needed stability. I am under no illusions that the rates of infection are spreading in our local area, but we feel that we are better prepared for any bubble closures and that by working together we can support each other.

I hope everyone manages to have a restful half-term and is able to spend time with their family and friends guidelines allowing!

Many thanks.

ATHLETICS - SPEED BOUNCE CHALLENGE

We have been asked to step up for a Challenge! We are looking for pupils to take part in a virtual competition. For this challenge, you will need a towel, balance, coordination and stamina!

Place a rolled-up towel on the floor or row of cones. Stand feet together with the towel/cones next to the outside of one of your feet. Jump sideways over the towel/ cones making sure your feet stay together finishing with the cone on the outside of the opposite foot. Repeat back and too as fast as you can in 20 seconds.

Each bounce equals 1 point.

Try as many times as you like, but your score will start to reduce if you get too tired. Once finished, use the link below to register your best score. This way, you can help your school to win the Speed Bounce Challenge!

You can log in to register your results at: www.koboca.co.uk and use the username [Alverton5](#) and the password [61036b3703fb](#)

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> Adam Rajszewski Joseph Gibson Christopher Read Kaleb Boocock Stephen Hamilton	<u>Year 1/2 (JA)</u> Issy Stockdale Sophia Stockdale Scarlett Whorley <u>Year 2 (FG)</u> Ethan Hoggart Phoebe Hoggart TJ Horrigan Archie Wood <u>Year 3 (EC)</u> Lexi Clark Tierney Ward	Mustafa Almousa Callum Parker Nicola Balejko Belle Porter The Whole Class <u>Year 4 (LE)</u> Ellie-Mae Braithwaite Lyla-Rose Knowlson Alfie Martin Freya Stapylton Laiken Ward	Emiliana Bainbridge <u>Year 4/5 (JB)</u> Leo Pearson Bailey Rodgers Lucas Whittle Mohamad Aldakhlallah Ahlam Almousa <u>Year 5 (CA)</u> Ewan Wood Joshua Osgood	Tilly Nelson Alex Whittaker <u>Year 6 (SE)</u> Imogen O'Connor Joe Young Maisy Flanagan Corran Wilbor Lily March Scarlett Zatrak Oscar Bonney Connor Stevenson
<u>Year 1 (ST)</u> Joseph Collins Sofia Marsh Vinnie England James Duggan Harry Heslop				



STARS
OF
THE
WEEK!



<u>FS1 (JST)</u> Isobel Thirling Aurora-Rose Jackson	<u>YR 3 (EC)</u> William Bonney Josh Hammond
<u>FS2 (KK)</u> Kacey McLaren Angus Richmond	<u>YR 4 (LE)</u> The Whole Class
<u>YR1 (ST)</u> Sophia Rolfe Lotus Metcalfe	<u>YR 4/5 (JB)</u> Savannah Wilbor Hayden Whiting
<u>YR 1/2 (JA)</u> Benjamin Horsfield Katie Hooker	<u>YR 5 (CA)</u> The Whole Class
<u>YR 2 (FG)</u> Christopher Gibson Kieran Lewis	<u>YR 6 (SE)</u> The Whole Class

Attendance for: LAST WEEK

	% Attendance
Mrs Kirby	97.8%
Mr Terry	97.9%
Miss Adams	98.9%
Mrs Grant	97.9%
Miss Chamberlain	100%
Mrs Eastwood	96.1%
Mrs Brugmans	97.5%
Mrs Alexander	97.9%
Miss Eddowes	94.6%
<u>School Total:</u>	<u>97.6%</u>

St★r of the Week

Congratulations!

Y5

You are Star of the Week!

- willingly working tirelessly all week
 - playing together at break
 - cheerful and responsible attitude to learning
- A lovely class! 😊

Signed: CA

Date: 22.10.20



SparkleBox



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County Council

Information from NYCC

We have some tips on celebrating Halloween this year in a fun and safe way. To prevent further spread of the virus over Halloween and to protect children and others, this year we are recommending people do not go knocking on doors on Halloween, or collect sweets from communal bowls.

We're encouraging children and families be creative in coming up with alternative ways of having an enjoyable Halloween.

Some suggestions we have;

- Create a pumpkin trail where you live so everyone can join in without knocking on doors.
- Be active: get dressed up and take a walk around your neighbourhood to see homes decorated for Halloween.
- Be virtual: consider an online party with decorations, fancy dress and themed food. Play Hallowe'en games, bake Hallowe'en treats or tell spooky stories.
- Be social: take pictures of your spooky costumes and activities to share on social media.
- Be colourful: dress up the outside of your house with Halloween decorations for you and your neighbours to enjoy.
- Be treat-wise: buy your own sweets to give to your children so they don't miss out.
- Be bright: if you carve a pumpkin, use a battery-powered light inside it to reduce the risk of fire.

We also ask that people take care to stick to the everyday Covid-19 safety rules over Halloween and half term.

Follow the "Hands. Face. Space" advice and;

- Wash your hands regularly and take hand sanitiser if you go out.
- Wear a face covering indoors where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet
- Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or one metre where extra precautions are in place such as indoor ventilation.
- When seeing friends and family you do not live with, or who are not part of your support bubble, do not meet in groups of more than six indoors or outdoors.
- When meeting friends and family you should also follow social distancing rules, meet people outdoors where practical and limit how many different people in total you see socially over a short period of time.

Keep up to date with Covid-19 guidance and news in North Yorkshire at www.northyorks.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-information