

Message from the Head Teacher:

Unfortunately, due to rising cases of Covid 19 in the local area, we have taken the decision to make Year 11 Parents' Evening a virtual event and will send out login details etc. to parents in due course. We have also decided to postpone our Celebration Evening until the Spring so that this event can hopefully be held in person, allowing us to properly celebrate our young people.

Sadly as you will no doubt be aware, a young student from Alvaston Moor Academy lost their life in a serious road collision in the local area. Our thoughts and condolences go to the families affected and we will do all we can to support those young people who were affected within the school.

On a positive note, this week we have held a Rewards event. We have spoken to many of our lovely children about what they have learned in lessons, given out lots of praise postcards and rewarded good behaviour with chocolate bars! Our students have been a delight and we are very proud of them.

Attendance Matters:

Authorised and unauthorised absence: There are two types of school absence:

- Authorised - where the school approves the student's absence.
- Unauthorised - where the school will not approve the student's absence.

If your child is ill, please call the school before 8.15am to inform us of the reason and advise when your child is expected back in school (tel 01332 572026). In order for the absence to be authorised, we require a letter or email from the parent/carer detailing the reason for the absence to be sent upon the child's return to school. Whilst this is straightforward in most cases, there may be a time when the school will refuse to authorise an absence without medical support. To enable us to update your child's attendance records, please log onto Go 4 Schools, and if there are any 'N' codes listed on your child's register, please inform us of the reason for the absences. Many thanks.

Quality of Education:

Did you know that reading can actually be good for your mental health and wellbeing, as well as developing your knowledge and vocabulary? Research has shown that reading for as little as six minutes a day can reduce stress by 60% by reducing heart rate, easing muscle tension and altering your state of mind. In fact, the same research showed that reading is actually better at reducing stress than listening to music or playing video games. With this in mind, we encourage all of our students to take advantage of our library of over 6000 books - there really is something for everyone to enjoy!

LEAD:

Form of the fortnight: 7E – (Miss Allsopp), who had the top attendance of 97.2%. Congratulations and well done.

Star of the fortnight: Di Di N - 11O, for consistently supporting the school community, working hard in lessons and receiving reward points on a regular basis.

EMPOWER:

Form of the fortnight: 11E - for their excellent attendance record – well done and keep it up!

Star of the fortnight: Taya-Rivers H in 7B – for receiving the highest number of rewards points. Well done and keep up the amazing work!

ACHIEVE:

Form of the fortnight: 7K – for being consistently brilliant and enthusiastic. Led brilliantly by Miss Brown 😊

Star of the fortnight: Evelyn H (9L) – for being a model student at all times and representing Achieve House as a prefect.

DRIVE:

Form of the fortnight: 11R and 11K - well done to the year 11's in Drive for an amazing start to your mock exams. You are all a credit to yourselves, keep up the good work!!

Star of the fortnight: Jennifer S - for receiving the highest rewards points last week. Well done and keep up the amazing work!!

EXCEL:

Year group of the fortnight: Year 8 – for consistent positive behaviour within their lessons each day. Well done year 8's!

Star of the fortnight: Leeland G – for showing great effort to improve his behaviour and attitude in lessons. Well done Leeland!

Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead and PSHE Topics:

Week commencing 29th November: "The essence of knowledge is, having it, to apply it, not having it, to confess your ignorance." *Confucius, Chinese Teacher.*

Week commencing 6th December: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood." *UN Charter.*

Year 7 will be covering:

Healthy mind.
Equality for all.

Year 8 will be covering:

Emergency first aid.
Taking a stand against bullying.

Year 9 will be covering:

Law and justice system.
Managing money.

Year 10 will be covering:

Parliamentary democracy.
Online awareness.

Year 11 will be covering:

Parliamentary democracy.
Jobs for the future.

Lateral Flow Testing:

A reminder to all parents/carers to continue to carry out and log Lateral Flow Testing twice weekly as requested. This initiative is really important and is continuing to keep everyone safe. You can obtain free kits via the government website.

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. We are therefore asking all parents to continue testing their children to help us to continue to provide a normal education for our students and keep the school open.

Safeguarding:

Now that we are well into the winter months and the dark nights are upon us, please reinforce with your children that they must walk directly home. If they are riding a bike, please ensure that it is fitted with lights and that they wear a bike helmet.

Please also encourage your children to wear their warm winter coat with a hood to school, as we do not have the facilities to dry clothing for our children at school in the event of inclement weather.

Facilities Management:

To limit congestion at the main entrance at the start of the school day, can we please request that those of you who drop your children off at school do not drive onto site. Thank you for your support in keeping our children and other site users safe.

Behaviour:

Mrs Donaghy has been deluged with children showing their praise postcards in return for a Dairy Milk chocolate bar. So if your child is coming home with lots of chocolate, please ask your students to show their postcards to you. We are very proud of them.

Jennifer S	Drive	8K	23
Charlie P	Empower	7B	23
Oliver B	Empower	7B	21
Michael H	Lead	7O	16
Taya-Rivers H	Empower	7B	22
Ethan R-G	Empower	7B	22
Elena W	Empower	7B	22
Zachary W	Empower	7B	23
Todd C	Drive	8K	19
Macey E	Empower	9E	19
Evelyn H	Achieve	9L	18
Samuel R	Achieve	7K	17
Eleanor W	Empower	7B	21
Lilly A	Drive	10R	16
Daniel S	Empower	7B	19
Behashta Y	Drive	9A	18
Mitchell B	Achieve	7A	19
Aimee C	Empower	7B	19
Shanade C	Empower	7B	18
Cassie D	Empower	7L	16
Kiani H	Empower	7B	17
Tomas S-A	Achieve	7A	18
Ilona A-S	Achieve	9L	12
Konka B	Lead	9N	14

Huge congratulations to the above students who have received the most rewards this week. Well done to everyone this week who has received a reward or praise postcard



Christmas Fair

Sat 27 Nov 2021
12 noon – 3pm

in Alvaston Parish Church
Church Street, Alvaston, DE24 0PR

Stalls include:
Refreshments, Tombola, Crafts, Raffle,
Cake Stall, Bric-a-brac, Bran Tub,
Jams & Pickles, Jigsaws Games & Books

All proceeds to Alvaston Parish Church Development and Maintenance Fund



Join us to celebrate

Christmas 2021

at Alvaston Parish Church

Church Street, Alvaston, DE24 0PR


Sun 12 Dec - 10:45 – Christingle Service

Sun 19 Dec - 18:00 – Lessons & Carols

Fri 24 Dec - 16:00 – Family Carols

- 23:30 – Midnight Communion

Sat 25 Dec - 10:00 – Christmas Day Worship

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