



# Alveston C of E Primary School News

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Aiming High: Achieving at Alveston

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

This week has been filled with excitement and nerves in equal measure! We have absolutely loved having all the staff and children back in school. We have delighted in seeing how they have grown and listening to their stories and news. We cannot wait to welcome everyone back properly in September.

We will be emailing a letter on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July with the outline for our return on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, which we hope will answer some of your questions. If you are unsure about anything, the staff team will be in school from 1<sup>st</sup> September. So please do get in contact at that point.



## Stars of the Week – The Alveston Family

This week we would like to thank everyone in our community for all their efforts over the last 17 weeks. You are all been super stars! It has been quite a storm, but we have weathered it well with the support of each other. Well done everyone!

## Good Luck Year 6!

We are all very sad that the final weeks of school for Year 6 have been experienced remotely. However we are really looking forward to a reunion and to give you a proper send off, as soon as it is safe for all to attend.

In the meantime Year 6, we wish you all the very best for your start in Year 7. We have no doubt you will all shine in the months and years ahead. Remember we are always here if you need us and do keep in touch!

## Staffing Update

As we reach the end of the school year, we sadly say goodbye to a few of our team.

## Au Revoir Miss Chapman!



As you all know, after 21 years at Alveston, Miss Chapman is leaving us. Part of the Alveston Family since 1999, we are very sorry to be losing her and she will be greatly missed by our whole community. Miss Chapman has taught all our children and supported so many of our families, not only in her role of Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator but also as the lead of our pastoral care.

During her time at Alveston, she has had a significant, positive impact on hundreds of children and their families and been an immense support to the entire community.

As a staff team we will miss the energy and colour she brings our school, as well as that very infectious giggle! Luckily, although Miss Chapman is looking forward to more time for herself and her family, it is only 'au revoir' as she will continue to support us both in the

classroom and with our Arts.

Thank you Miss Chapman for your decades of dedication to our school, to all our children, families and staff. You have been the difference that made the difference - in so many ways.

## Goodbye and Good Luck!

We are sad to be saying good bye and good luck to two further members of our team. Mr Fairbrother, our caretaker, and Miss Maeers in Reception also leave us today. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for all their support this year and wish them all the very best for their next adventures.

We welcome Mr. Donovan to Alveston. An experienced school caretaker, he will look after us until we can recruit.

## New Start Ahead

We are also sad to announce that Mrs. Pool will be leaving us at the end of September 2020. However, there are exciting times for her ahead as Mrs. Pool will be starting her own business later in the autumn term. Mrs Pool will however stay in touch and support us with our transition.

We are currently recruiting an Office Manager to start in September and an additional administration assistant to join Mrs. Hammond and support the administration team.

## School Equipment Update – Please read before you buy!



We will be sending a letter on Monday regarding our plans for September. The guidance is clear that we cannot mix bubbles during the school day. As a result, our current cloakroom facilities will need to change. To ensure we can safely accommodate the children's belongings, we need to change the bags children bring to school.

Belongings brought to school will need to be minimised and ruck sacks will no longer be permitted in school. Children are therefore asked to bring 2 bags to school:



1. Drawstring bag for PE kit. This is to remain in school for the half term. These will be left in the designated cloakroom spaces. (Cost £5.95 from [alcesternsc.com](http://alcesternsc.com))
2. Alveston book bag for books and their healthy snack of fruit or veg. These will now need to be put into their classroom trays. Sadly, rucksacks do not fit in their trays. If you are unable to purchase a book bag, please use a strong carrier bag for this purpose. (Book bags cost £6.60 and £7.80 from [yourschooluniform.com](http://yourschooluniform.com)).



Please ensure these bags are clearly labelled with your child's name.

## Uniform Reminder

As we start the new year in September, we would like to see everyone fully complying with the uniform expectations. Please make sure you check the requirements before you purchase any items.

Trousers, shorts, skirts and pinafores need to be charcoal grey school uniform items please.

Please also ensure shoes are black school shoes, PE Pumps are black or white and for the girls, black shorts for PE, rather than skirts please.

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Green sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo)</li> <li>✓ Grey trousers or shorts</li> <li>✓ White shirt or polo shirt (with or without school logo)</li> <li>✓ Black shoes</li> <li>✓ Grey socks</li> <li>✓ Green school fleece/coat (optional)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Green sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo)</li> <li>✓ Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers</li> <li>✓ Green and white checked or striped summer dress</li> <li>✓ White shirt or polo shirt (with or without school logo)</li> <li>✓ Black shoes</li> <li>✓ Grey or white socks</li> <li>✓ Green school fleece/coat (optional)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Indoor PE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ White t-shirt</li> <li>✓ Black shorts</li> <li>✓ White socks</li> <li>✓ Black or white pumps</li> <li>✓ Pump bag</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outdoor PE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Dark tracksuit</li> <li>✓ Trainers</li> <li>✓ Wellies for Forest School</li> </ul>

Wellies are part of our uniform for Forest School. With the current measures in place, we need to maximize the time our children are outside. It would be helpful if children in Reception and Key Stage 1 have a basic pair of wellies left in school for the half term.

At the start of the academic year 2021, (not this September but next) the green school coat will become a compulsory part of the uniform. Having all children in the same coat not only helps to keep us safe when we are out and about on a visit or trip, it also looks much smarter. We will be sourcing more options for these in the coming year.

School uniform providers:

- National Schoolwear Centre in Alcester ([www.alcesternsc.com](http://www.alcesternsc.com))
- YourSchoolUniform.com ([www.yourschooluniform.com](http://www.yourschooluniform.com))

## **Having a Toy Sort Out?**

A shout out from Mrs. Newitt and Mrs. Fielding...if you are having a sort out of toys at home, please remember the children in Reception love to play! Please send them in our direction!

## **Financial Relief for our Community**

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on many families in our community who, possibly for the first time in their lives have found themselves struggling financially. If you are having financial difficulties at the moment or are struggling to feed your family, there is help available. Please see below the contact details of some of the support available.

- **St James' Church Fund**

Our church is able to offer support to those in need. For support please contact Mr. Williams - rickthevic@gmail.com; Telephone: 01789292777; 07803426770

- **Stratford upon Avon Relief in Need Charity**

The Stratford upon Avon Relief in Need Charity is a charity which distributes financial assistance to individuals, residents in the town and, in very exceptional circumstances, from the immediate surrounding area of Stratford upon Avon.

You were recently emailed details about this charity. If you would like to apply for financial support please contact the Grants Administrator for an application form by telephoning 01789 293749 or 07539 459210 or follow this link to the Relief in Need section of the website <https://www.municipal-charities.org.uk/relief-in-need-charity>.

- **Alveston Relief in Need**

If any of you are in need at this time because of a fall in income and lack of support from the government please speak to the Vicar, Richard Williams, telephone 01789 292777, email rickthevic@gmail.com or contact Erica Johnston at ericajohnston@btconnect.com

We have funds available to help in a crisis and will be happy to help wherever it is needed.

If you would prefer one of the school team to contact Richard on your behalf, please do let us know.

- **Free School Meals – You may be eligible**

If your child is eligible for free school meals you will receive £15 of food vouchers each week, per child. To find out if you are eligible, please apply on line through the parent portal

<https://admissions.warwickshire.gov.uk/Synergy/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2FSynergy%2FParents%2Fappssummary.aspx>

Or call the Customer Service Centre: Telephone: 01926 359189 (Mon – Fri: 9am – 5pm, Sat: 9am – 1pm)

## **Safeguarding**

If you have any concerns about our pupils or concerns about adults in school, please contact

- Anne Clewley, Head Teacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead - tel: 07902 276974 – email: head3002@welearn365.com

Alternatively you may contact:

- Alex Quinn, Chair of Governors - tel: 07894 393748 – email: quinn.a@welearn365.com
- Local Authority Designated Officer – tel: 01926 742525; 07769 165444 – email: lado@warwickshire.gov.uk

## **General Communication**

If you need to get in touch during the holidays, please email admin3002@welearn365.com. Emails will be checked once each week. Please do not leave a message on our answerphone as this will not be accessed for the next 6 weeks.

With very best wishes for a safe and peaceful holiday, we look forward to seeing you all in September!

**Anne Clewley**  
**Head Teacher**

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