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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, this newsletter is coming to you every two weeks because we are concentrating on developing our use of seesaw to improve communication. It is early days yet, but I have received some very positive feedback from parents about Seesaw. However, I will be sending out a newsletter next week with a round – up before half term.

**E-Safety**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/683895/Education\\_for\\_a\\_connected\\_world\\_PDF.PDF](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/683895/Education_for_a_connected_world_PDF.PDF)

Click here to see the UK Council for Child Internet Safety’s guidance about keeping safe in a connected world.

We are determined to keep the children of Alveston C of E safe on the internet. Our E-safety team have been looking at some new resources to help us do this and I would like to share them with you. The UK Council for Child Internet Safety has a parent zone and lots of useful guidance. National Online Safety have published a lovely book called Oscar’s Adventures in the Online World – the link for this is below. Enjoy.



We are planning an assembly after half term that will be presented by our e-safety team and will cover aspects of online safety such as gaming. We will let you know the details nearer the time.

<https://parentzone.org.uk>

<http://online.fliphtml5.com/rotpe/jksg/>

**T4U Christmas Shoebox appeal**



On Thursday, Bob, from T4U came in to talk to the whole school about filling Christmas shoe boxes to send to children in deprived countries. He spoke about where boxes, filled by children at Alveston last year, went to. He showed a video. The little girl on the posters in school is six year old Florentina. She lives with her parents and five siblings in one room with no electricity and no water at all. Mum said last year, ‘I have to struggle a bit’. Last year was the first time she had ever been able to give her children anything around Christmas time.

Last year 38,000 boxes left Evesham and their hope is for 50,000 this year. Every box is a smile on the face of a child.

If you would like to fill a box, they are being collected from school on **Thursday 15th November**. Leaflets will be going home this week with suggested ideas of items to include and how to include your donation towards delivering the parcel.



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**Share your success!!**

After half term we will be introducing special sharing assemblies on a Tuesday, when children can share with their peers what they have done outside of school. This might include sporting achievements and awards for other activities such as dance, drama, music and art. If you and your child would like to share their achievements, please send details to Mrs Bolland and I will include them in the following week's collective worship. If your child has a certificate, medal or trophy to share, please send it to the office on the day and we will take care of it.



**Team points**

The winners of the cup this week are Charlecote Green's. Last week's winners were Othello Yellow's – Well done all of you!

**Half Term cups**

Thank you to the pupils who have already returned the half term cups they received before summer. If you still have one at home please bring these back by **Monday!**

**Cool-milk**

As you are aware, our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. All pupils up to the date of their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday can receive free milk via this scheme. After their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, if you wish for your child to have milk you need to register (and pay) for this via school milk at <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>

**Bags2School**

The next bags2School collection will be held on **Tuesday 27th November**. Please start saving your unwanted clothes and bring them to the school on this date only (apologies, we have nowhere to store them prior to this date!)

**Poppy Appeal**

As always, we are supporting the British Legion Poppy Appeal in the run up to Remembrance Day. We will be selling poppies and other poppy merchandise (e.g. pencils, snap bands, erasers rulers etc.). If your child would like to purchase a poppy or an item please ensure they bring in some money or please call into the school office. The suggested donation is 50p per item for rulers, pencils, erasers and reflectors and £1 for the snap bands. Thank you



**Harvest Festival – St James' Church, Alveston**

**Please remember** that we are having our Harvest Festival at St James' Church, Alveston on **Tuesday 23rd October at 2.15pm**. We will walk the children down to the church (we will be very grateful to anyone else who can help us with this) and then the children will leave, with you at the end of the service.

If you are unable to get to the church, please make arrangements for your child to be picked up by someone else and let us know who this will be beforehand. Otherwise speak to us about how we can help. There will be a collection at the end of the service and the school council will choose a charity. I hope you can all join us! The football club that is run by Going for Goals will still go ahead at school.

**PLEASE HELP**

**Donations for Church Harvest Festival**

We, as a school are collecting items for our Harvest Festival that we can donate to the Stratford Foodbank. If you would like to contribute, they are particularly in need of donations of rice pudding, tinned veg (especially potatoes), instant potatoes, tinned fruit, juice (long life) and biscuits. Please bring these into school on **Monday** (not direct to the Church). All items will be collected by Reverend Williams from school and delivered to the Foodbank. Thank you in advance for your support.



**Nasal Flu vaccination**

Following on from the email yesterday, the nasal flu immunisation team will be visiting school on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November** to offer the nasal flu mist to all pupils in YR-Y5. Consent forms are being sent home today. Please can you return these to the school office before half term – even if you do not wish for your child to have this we need the signed forms returned. Thank you

**After school clubs payments**

Thank you to everyone who has already paid for after school clubs for this half term. We still have quite a few outstanding payments due, please can you kindly pay if you haven't already done so.

**Changes to pick-up after school**

If there are any changes to who is collecting your child after school, please make sure you contact the school office in advance or leave a message on the answerphone.

**Sporting News**

2<sup>nd</sup> October – Boy's Football – Away to Thomas Jolyffe. The team played fantastically well with a positive attitude. We won 4-0

10<sup>th</sup> October – Netball – Home to Bridgetown. This is a new team who were playing against an experienced opposition. We didn't win but we have gathered valuable experience and the team are really developing well together.

17<sup>th</sup> October – Boy's Football – Away to Stratford Primary School. Having lost to this team earlier in the term, there was trepidation amongst the players. However, their win against Thomas Jolyffe and their hard work in football club is beginning to pay off and they lost 2-1 but Mr Foyle (who knows his stuff) assures me that this should have been at least a draw and that the team have improved a great deal. We look forward to seeing progress in the future for these hard-working teams. WELL DONE!

Have a lovely weekend!

**Suzanne Corry**  
**Acting Headteacher**



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## FUTURE REMINDERS - Over the next two weeks:

Please remember that all school led after school clubs finished today (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October!) please arrange to collect your children at normal times from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank You.

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

- Harvest Festival, St James' Church, Alveston (2:15pm)

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

- School Photographer in school (Individual and sibling portraits) - morning
- Football (Boys & Girls) v Willows (H)

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

- Break up for half term holidays
- STFC Halloween Party, Gates open 6pm. Tickets available from FoA (PTA) school reps

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

- School reopens to pupils
- Y5 Swimming lessons begin

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

- Open day for new, prospective parents only of Reception children 2019 entry (9:30am or 1:30pm)

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

- RE Remembrance Service for Y2/Y6 pupils at memorial, 11:00am

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**Please note that the special assembly will now start after the Friends of Alveston AGM**

- Friends of Alveston AGM prior to the Special Centenary Assembly (**approx.8:50 start** – in the Community room)
- Special whole school assembly to commemorate 100yrs since WWI. **Approx. 9:15am**