



Executive Headteacher ♦ Mrs Jane Green

The New School Year 2017/18

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you all had a wonderful break over the summer holidays and would like to welcome all children and parents back to the Autumn Term. All the children are looking very smart back in their uniforms and are keen to get started in their new classes!

We have some exciting events and projects coming up in the next few months! All of us at Alvaston are really looking forward to seeing what the Autumn Term brings, we are sure it's going to be a great one!

### A few polite reminders:

#### Lost Property

We already have a number of items of clothing in the lost property bin, please could I remind you to label all items of clothing, including coats and hats! Thank you.



#### PE kit

Should be a white/blue t shirt, black/blue shorts and a sweatshirt for cold weather days. Football kit is not school PE kit and children are not permitted to wear this for PE. All earrings must be removed for PE, therefore if you would rather do this yourself, please enquire about the day your child does PE if you haven't already done so.

#### Free School Meals

If you are entitled to free school meals, please complete the relevant paperwork which can be obtained from the school office and they will forward to the FSM Dept on your behalf so that the application can be processed. Having siblings in school who are in receipt of the pupil premium funding or free school meals, does not automatically mean that each child in the family will be in receipt of them as they join the school. Applications must be completed, if they are not, you could be incurring a dinner debt. Please ask at the school office for more information if you require it.

**Free  
School  
Meals**   
**Are you entitled?**

Thank you to those children who have remembered the school rules and are walking their bikes and scooters across the playground- it is very busy out there at the start and end of the day so the less 'traffic' the better!

As children are settling back into school and the new routines, they are getting used to the systems that we have in place. We have noticed at lunch time, in the sandwich room, that some of the children are particularly enjoying the move to sandwiches from school dinners in KS1 and enjoy comparing and sharing what they have in their lunch boxes. I noticed that one child had quite a large lunch - a sandwich, a packet of crisps, a yoghurt, grapes, strawberries, an apple, a biscuit and a snack bar- which is quite a considerable amount to get through- a lovely lunch, just quite a lot!



### Clubs after school

We are looking forward to starting our school clubs soon. We have 'Pool' and 'Football Club' being led by Mr Bhogal and have two new clubs starting after school, which will be Cheerleading and Musical Theatre, this term. Separate letters to follow.

### Please Note - Urgent

We have been notified that there is a slight change to one of the local bus routes and therefore there may be more buses passing outside the school over the next few weeks. Please be extra vigilant around road safety.



I've attached a calendar of dates for the school year, which we are hoping to stick to as much as possible. I hope you find this useful to keep you informed.

Thanks for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you this school year at one of our school events.

Kate Spencer Lovesey  
Head of School

## Key Dates For Your Diary!

06/09/17
18/12/17
19/12/17
23/3/18
25/5/18





# Special events!

September	
06/09/17	Inset Day
20/09/17	School Photographer in School
26/09/17	Languages Day
27/09/17	School Council Election Day
29/09/17	Macmillan Cake Sale (Pupils)
October	(Black History Month)
9/10/17	Padleys Harvest Festival
16/10/17	Careers Week Parents Evening
20/10/17	Gold Award Break Up
30/10/17	Back to school
November	
6/11/17	Science Week
13 -17/11/17	Anti Bullying Week 'All Different, All Equal'
December	
4/12/17	PTFA DISCO 3.30- 4.30 Yr 3&4 4.45-5.45 Yr5&6
5/12/17	Year 3 Christmas Nativity
8/12/17	Christmas Markets PTFA
11/12/17	Whole School to Church
12/12/17	Years 4 and 6 Christmas Party a.m/p.m
13/12/17	Year 5 Christmas Party p.m
14/12/17	Year 3 Christmas Party p.m Christmas Dinner Day
15/12/17	Christmas Jumper Day- Save the Children Gold Award
	Break Up
18/12/17	INSET DAY
19/12/17	INSET DAY
January	
3/1/18	Back to School
February	
5/2/18	E Safety Week
12/2/18	PTFA Valentines Disco Yr 3 and 4 3.30-4.30 Yr 5 and 6 4.45-5.45
16/2/18	Break Up
26/2/18	Back to School
March	
1/3/18	World Book Day
5/3/18	History Week
19/3/18	Parents Evening
22/3/18	Gold Award
23/3/18	INSET DAY

April	
9/4/18	Back to school
May	
7/5/18	Bank Holiday
14/5/18	KS2 SATS Week
21/5/18	Art Week
24/5/18	Gold Award
25/5/18	INSET DAY
	Break up
June	
4/6/18	Back to school
12-14/6/18	Pine Lakes Y6
18/6/18	PTFA Summer Disco Y3/4/5
19-21/6/18	Pine Lakes Y6
25/6/18	Sports Week
29/6/18	Sports Day
July	
2/7/18	British Culture Day
3/7/18	Move up day
6/7/18	Summer Festival
12/7/18	Y6 Prom
20/7/18	Gold Award
23/7/18	Y6 Talent Show
24/7/18	Platinum Award Assembly 9.00am Yr 3 and 4 2.30pm Yr 5 and 6
25/7/18	Last day of term

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