



# March



## AJA News – 15.03.24

### A message from Mr Dunn

Hi everyone,

I hope that you have had a great week! Thank you so much to all the parents who came to our Parents' Evening this week. It was great to see so many parents over the two days. If you haven't yet spoken to your child's teacher about your child's work then it isn't too late to make an appointment, they will be glad to make time for you!

Have a great weekend everyone! See you bright and early Monday morning!

### A message from Mrs Bower



Our fabulous kitchen team secured the highest food hygiene rating during our recent kitchen inspection. All our school dinners are made fresh on site, and they are delicious! Having worked in different schools over the last 15 years, I can honestly say that the school dinners at Alvaston are the best I have ever seen and tasted!

Congratulations to the wonderful kitchen team!

This afternoon, I visited Mr Smith's class to see a music lesson. We have recently spent £600 on new glockenspiels so that all children have their own glockenspiel and can play more in the lessons. It was lovely to see pupils playing the new instruments today. Well done 3CS!

### A message from Mr Scott

Well done again to 4CB for being the most active class on Times Tables Rockstars this week. We're going to have to work hard to knock them off that top spot! On Sumdog, 3MK spent an average time of nearly 2 hours this week, which is an incredible achievement!

The most active players in Times Tables Rockstars this week were: Ellie-Ray, Kyran and Zachary - well done! I will have your certificates ready next week. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

### Important Dates

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Y4 walk to Elvaston Castle

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Whole school visit to the church for Easter service

#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Wear purple day** £1 donation  
Year 3 and year 4 Disco  
3.20pm – 4.30pm

#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Rock Steady concerts to parents whose children have Rock Steady lessons 2.30pm

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Online Safety workshop for parents 1.30pm – 3pm  
Last day of Spring term!

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Start of Summer term

### Attendance

This week's attendance  
**94.88%**

Highest class attendance  
**Spectacular Scorpions 100%**

# What's been happening this week?

## Year 3



This week we had our Mayan day. All children behaved impeccably, and they all engaged with the activities. They learnt a lot from it, and this will show in their work in books over the next couple of weeks. This week, we have been changing the colour of petals, dividing by 10 and 100 and planning and writing our first draft of our persuasive advert. Next week we have test week, we are very excited for the children so we can celebrate how amazing they have been and how hard they are working!

Thank you to everyone who made it to parents evening, if anyone did not make it, please send Mr Bull or Mr Smith a Dojo to arrange a time or a phone call.

Children have taken home with their learning logs (also posted on Dojo), I hope you enjoy giving one (or more) of the activities a go! Have a great weekend!

## Year 4



Year 4 have had a great week this week and have shown some excellent work ethic. Maths has focused on money, and how we can calculate change, convert from pound to pence, and round our money to the nearest pound - your child can now help you with the weekly shop! In English, we are persuading a logging company to replant one sapling for every tree they chop down, focusing on formal and emotive language, and rhetorical questions. Science has continued with our experiment on enamel, discovering the liquids which damage our teeth, and discussing how we can slow down the damage by brushing our teeth and drinking more water. In geography, we are locating areas and features on maps, using our knowledge of map symbols and compass points. Thank you to year 4 for all your hard work this week. The Year 4 Team.

## Year 5



It has been another incredibly productive week in Year 5! We have explored the delights of France, ready to start writing our non-chronological report next week. In reading, we have been exploring the island of Madagascar, this links to our geography topic as they are a French speaking country. In maths, we are still working hard with our fractions, but this time - multiplying! This has been tricky, but you have all shown perseverance and resilience and we are proud.

A reminder that iPads need to be charged and in school every day, we use them every lesson, and remember to write in your reading diaries when you read, this will earn you lots of dojos!

Lastly, Miss Barbour and Miss Thompson watched the football match on Thursday night and were incredibly proud of everyone who took part for Alvaston. A special mention to our year 5s - Malakai, Oliver, Ben and Declan. Good job boys!

## Year 6



The Year 6 team would like to say thank you to the parents who came to see us for Parent Consultations. It was great to catch up and share how well the children are progressing. If you were unable to attend, please get in touch with us so we can organise a mutually convenient time to meet. This week's highlight for most of the children was our DT project - weaving their placemats. The quality of work is amazing, they are so focused and neat with an excellent eye for colour. In writing, we are also tapping into the creative side as we write up our mountain reports. Along with excellent writing, demonstrating the use of our grammar features, we want to produce an attractive format that will catch our readers' eyes. We continue to plough through our maths learning and hope that our hard work is reflected in next week's assessment week! Wishing you all a relaxed weekend, hopefully reading the Harmony Trust book which the children chose on Tuesday.