



Weekly Round Up 24.4.20

A message from Mrs Spencer Lovesey:

I hope this weekly round up finds you all well. It's surprising to think that we are actually only at the end of week 3 of home learning. In those first two weeks of setting work for the children [we sent home the hard copies of home learning packs], lots has changed both from advice given to us and the way in which we are approaching the tasks given to children remotely.

I have seen lots of wonderful messages on the class dojo pages of thanks and appreciation, thank you - this gives everyone a boost! If you would like extra materials for your child there are plenty of resources to access including from the BBC and the Government (Oak National Academy) should you wish to use them. Again, I would like to stress that we do not expect you to do these. Everyone's situation is different and needs to be treated as such. We are all individuals that come together to produce a great Alvaston Team - this is what makes us work.

We WILL get through this time if we stick together as that team, build each other, celebrate achievements no matter how big or small, be kind to ourselves and each other and show empathy for others and their circumstances. Right at the beginning, I mentioned that our children won't remember the COVID virus they will remember how the adults reacted to it around them and this still stands as staying at home becomes an increasing challenge for some.

Home Learning

We have seen so many creative, thoughtful pieces of work this week on the theme of kindness. Mr Bull is sending out information today to remind staff and pupils how to upload to their personal portfolio on Class Dojo to share the work that they have been completing. The teachers have been busy setting tasks on Purple Mash and planning Reading Challenges for the week. The overview of the Home Learning for next week will be uploaded on Monday morning.

As of next week, we will be making contact with all of our families via telephone. We would like to collect feedback on how you all are, if you are able to access the home learning activities and if there is anything that we can do to support you with this. Please do not be alarmed to hear from us – we are looking forward to speaking to you all.

Health and Safety / Safeguarding

This week I have received the following from Derbyshire Constabulary and would like to reiterate the points they make. If you have any concerns about a child, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

This is a difficult time for everyone. Being at home doesn't mean you are isolated. There are people who can help. Being at home can put extra pressure on families. If you have concerns about a child please contact: KSpencer-Lovesey01@theharmonytrust.org.

If you are worried a crime is happening now, call 999 now.

If it isn't an emergency, but you think the police should know about it call 101 or report it online.

Twitter - @DerPolContact

Facebook - @derbyshireconstabulary

If you would prefer not to contact the Police directly:

Crimestoppers – 0800555111 (anonymously)

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000 or email - help@nspcc.org.uk

Child Line - 0800 1111

CEOP via their online site. (Anonymously)

The main thing is, if you have concerns about any child including those in your home, please consider the options above.

We are all here to help!

It is also important to look after our own mental health during these strange times, should you feel in need you can contact The Mental Health Helpline on:

0300 790 0596

or explore the [Mental Health Helpline](#) for advice.

Staff in the Spotlight:



Mr Bull – Year 5 Class Teacher

I've been a teacher for 12 years, spending the last 6 years at Alvaston. I love working at Alvaston and honestly think it's the best school in the world - though I might be slightly biased as I'm a former pupil! I love teaching and finding new ways to make lessons exciting and memorable. Maths, English, Science and PE are my favourites.

Outside of working at Alvaston I have a brilliant wife (Kirsty) and two children (Brooke and Dougie) and amazing friends. When I'm not driving my children to cheerleading, football, cricket and swimming lessons, I enjoy playing cricket at Elvaston Cricket Club, where I have been playing since the age of 7, running (although my first 10k race has been postponed), playing mixed netball with Kirsty, and spending quality time with family and friends BUT most of all I love reading. I am currently on my third book since the start of lockdown and I try to find time to read most days.

I do hope you are all keeping safe and I honestly can not wait to see you all soon.

A huge thank you to you all for your continued support during this time. Please keep in touch, and keep sharing what you are all up to.

Keep safe all,

Kate Spencer Lovesey