



## **Weekly Round Up 26/06/2020**

### **A message from Mrs Spencer Lovesey:**

We are all desperate to have all of the children back in school; it just isn't the same without all of the children here and we look forward to resuming back to normal as soon as we can. Over the next couple of weeks we will be looking at the best, safe way for the class teachers to make contact with current classes and the new class teacher and we will be in touch as soon as this is finalised. We are hoping to see every child in some capacity over the last week of the summer term – not for a full day in school, but a face to face meeting. Next week the class teachers will be in touch with the children who are working at home. They will be asking questions about the home learning and how we can support further with this.

### **Home Learning**

We have updated the approach to home learning by introducing more knowledge based facts and quizzes to engage the children and hopefully encourage more interest in completing the work. The class teachers have updated class story with the information on how to access this. Kahoot! quizzes are a popular feature in school, so we have introduced them into the home learning alongside a 'knowledge based' task. All of the information that you need is provided in the home learning overview that parents are provided with; this is also in the entrance area for ready for collection from Monday, for those of you who prefer the paper copies.

### **Staffing**

Unfortunately for us, Mrs Underwood has decided to embark on a new adventure in her teaching career – however- very exciting for her! She has been successful in her application for a post as a secondary school English teacher out of the Derby City area. This leaves some big shoes to fill here at Alvaston and we are all sad to be saying goodbye. Mrs Underwood has worked tirelessly to ensure that the children in her class reach their full potential and she has played a huge role as SENCo, working across the school with children and families. I know that she will be greatly missed by parents, pupils and staff alike but we wish her all the very best for the future.

In light of this, over the last couple of weeks, Mrs Patmore, Mr Smith and I, have been busy going through the recruitment process to recruit a new class teacher for September. The successful candidate is Miss Abigail Hill, who will be joining us to teach in Year 6 and we are very much looking forward to her joining the team.

Mr Bull will be taking on the role of SENCo and will be working closely with Mrs Underwood for the remainder of the term to aid a smooth transition into the role.

Keep Safe all,

Mrs Spencer Lovesey

Principal