



West Alvington Church of England Academy

Parent Updates Newsletter
16th October 2020

Dear Parents

This week we had a super Harvest Celebration with our friends from Charleton Academy. The children reflected on the gifts of the Harvest and the importance of food production especially in our local area. We were joined by Ken from St. Mary's who led prayers about caring for our environment and valuing the natural world. Below are some pictures of the children in action! A particular highlight was Hazel Class using sign language to 'sing' a Harvest song and Start Point Class at Charleton dancing to Dingle Dangle Scarecrow. Thank you for your generosity in donating so much food for Kingsbridge Food Bank. Their work in the community has seen a huge increase since the start of the pandemic so I know they will be grateful to receive your donations.

Our children enjoyed their CAP workshops this week learning about keeping safe around other children, around strangers (including online safety for the older children), and around people they know.

A big thank you all of our parents for keeping our school family safe by wearing face masks at drop of and pick up times.

Along with our staff and PTA we have started to think about and plan Christmas celebrations! We are determined that, despite the restrictions we are under, the children will have a fantastic Christmas at West Alvington. We are also looking into ways to safely involve our families in the celebrations.

Have a great (hopefully sunny) weekend.

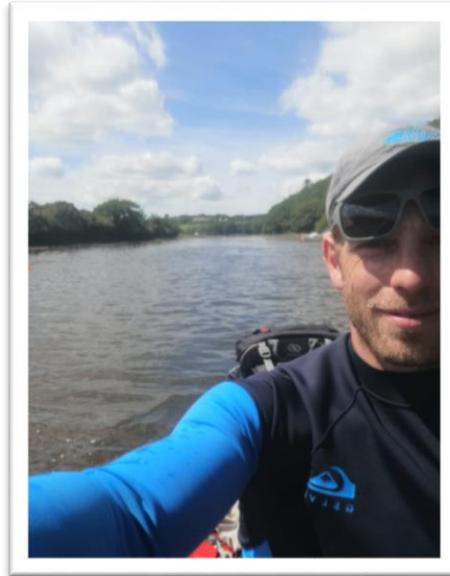
With best wishes,

Miss Coombe

A Reminder- Next Friday 23rd October 2020 is the last day of this half term. School starts again on Tuesday 3rd November 2020.



Mr Nute



I know you will join me in welcoming Mr Nute to the West Alvington family. He will be joining us as a HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant). Here's a little introduction from Mr Nute;

Hi, My name is Mr Nute and I'm going to be working at West Alvington as a HLTA for 3.5 days a week. I've been a teacher for 5 years, which I do alongside being a Royal Marine Reservist; a carpenter; and spending time with my wife and three children... mostly at the beach! I love the outdoors: running along the South West Coast Path; Surfing, paddleboarding, swimming or kayaking at one of our stunning beaches; or getting out on my bike around Devon's hills. I'm looking forward to getting stuck in at West Alvington and will help support the teachers. The school is set in beautiful surroundings and I hope to use these as much as possible to enhance your child's experience. Occasionally, I might bring my 3 year old labrador (Uno) to school too. She belongs to my 10 year old daughter and is very used to being around children. I will be starting next week!



Harvest Celebration



A message for parents of Nursery and Reception children

If you haven't managed to log onto Tapestry yet, please do have a go and let us know if you have any problems - your username will be the email address you provided to us on your child's information sheet.