



WEST ALVINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



West Alvington Church of England Academy 19th March 2021



Dear Parents,

We've had a fantastic week in school and enjoying the sunny weather outdoors. The whole school had a fantastic time at Forest School this week. They loved seeing Olive Pete's dog and trying out the new equipment Pete brought along.

With another fabulous week completed the children have continued to settle back into the rhythms of school beautifully. This week the teachers have started to ease the children back into the routine of regular lessons whilst still ensuring that there has been plenty of time to look after the children's well being as well continuing to focus on the re-establishing of relationships with their friends.

Yet again, the whole school has been filled with a buzz of learning and laughter - the music to every teachers' ears!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Coombe



Lockdown Anniversary Day of Reflection: 23 March 2021

The Church of England has teamed up with the Marie Curie charity to organise a Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first lockdown on 23rd March 2020 and acknowledge the grief and loss that so many people have experienced. As a school we will be marking a minute's silence at 12:00. We welcome our families to join us.

LFT Tests for Families of School Aged Children

Home-testing kits are now available from the Government for members of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil. Their test kits can be collected only from NHS testing locations, or ordered online. These cannot be collected from Devon County Council Community Testing Service locations or school at this time.

Here's the link to the Devon County Council Website - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/coronavirus-testing-in-devon/>

After school clubs and volunteers

Under the current guidance from the Department for Education we sadly are currently unable to welcome volunteers in school or provide our usual after school clubs. We very much hope that these restrictions will be relaxed in the Summer Term so that we can restart clubs and welcome parent volunteers into school once more.

Summer plans

As mentioned last week, we have tentatively booked a few dates in the diary for some end of term/year events. How these events will look and whether we will be able to invite parents in will depend on the Government guidance at this time, however we are hopeful that we will be able to finally welcome parents for these events - fingers crossed!

- Arts Week W/B Monday 28th June
- Year 6 Activities Week W/B Monday 5th July
- Summer Play Dates TBC
- Sports Day Wednesday 7th July
- Year 6 Leavers' Service Thursday 22nd July



Easter plans

We invite parents to join us for our virtual Easter Service on **30th March 2021 at 11am.**

Each class will be contributing to the celebration. We hope our families will be able to join us. Joining information will be shared in next week's newsletter.



Nursery places

We have funded places available for children from age 2 in our lovely Nursery. If you have any friends or family that might be interested please ask them to contact Mrs Broadfoot for more details, in the Academy Office on 01548 852002 or take a look at the website. <https://westalvington-lap.co.uk/parents/classes/chestnut-class/>

Staff Vacancies

**Learning Academy Partnership
Thurlestone All Saints C of E
Academy Learning Support
Assistant (LSA) NJC Grade C 3 - 4
(£9.62 - £9.81 per hour) Permanent
- 26 Hours Per Week /39 Weeks
Per Year Required as soon as
possible**

For further details please contact
Juliet Brodie - telephone - 01548
560 494 or email –
thurlestone@lapsw.org to arrange
an telephone or video call. For an
application pack, please contact the
Trust HR Team, hr@lapsw.org or
call the Trust HR Team – 01626
248801.

The closing date for applications is
Monday 29th March 2021 2021
(9am) with interviews to take place
soon after.

The Learning Academy Partnership
is committed to safeguarding and
promoting the welfare of children
and young people, and expect all
staff and volunteers to share this
commitment. DBS disclosures are
required for this post along with the
other necessary checks

Happy News

I'm thrilled to be able to share with you the news that Miss Cusack is expecting a new arrival in September! I know you will join us in congratulating her on this happy news.

Catch up

There has been lots of talk in the media about children 'catching up' this seems to be the wrong choice of words! We are keen to see our children as a 'bounce back' generation. Staff are working hard to make sure we have a really clear picture of where each child is with their learning as well as importantly, how they are managing socially and emotionally with the challenges of the last year.

Now more than ever we are investing in the very best professional development for our teachers and support staff. Research proves great teachers and great support staff are the most important factor in ensuring children thrive with their learning in school as well as socially and emotionally.