



Important Update Letter

Dear parents/ carers,

Please help the school's communication and help to ease staff and teacher workload by reading the letters and keeping up to date with Class Dojo. At times, staff are being asked lots of questions that have been communicated and this is adding to their daily workload.

Window Works:

I am pleased to announce that we are having the windows replaced in Year 1 and at the front of the school (hall) on Wednesday 10th November. Whilst I am pleased that this will improve security and will help to better insulate the building, I am aware that this will cause us some disruption... but I am sure that it is nothing our school family can't work through! The works are expected to last 3 weeks and will affect drop off and collections to and from the hall and at the side of the Year 1 classrooms. Year 1 classes may also be taught in the main school hall, whilst their windows are being replaced. This will only be for a few days at a time and their education will not be affected.

I have been sent a schedule of works, but with the best will in the world, this may be subject to change based on the workers' circumstances. Therefore, I will endeavour to keep you updated, daily, if the arrangements below are subject to change. Your patience and understanding will be greatly appreciated – please bear with us so we can help keep everyone safe. Being extra vigilant and adhering to the one way systems will help us all. Please also ensure we have your correct mobile numbers – you can update any contact details via the main office. If your child's class number is not listed under the headings, the collection arrangements will remain as normal. When teachers are dismissing, please do not call children over to you – we have tried to educate your children about the need to safeguard them and we will need them to line up with their teacher, who will then hand the children over to the relevant adults.

Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th November: Collection from Class 7 will be impacted. There will be a narrowed walk way down to the Year 2 Tunnel. Please take extra care and be patient with one another. Collection will be from 3:00pm to ease congestion.

Monday 15th November – Tuesday 23rd November:

The hall exits will be out of use

Reception Arrangements: Class 1 will be dismissed from the main Reception area. Class 2 will be dismissed from Class 4 (I will be on site to direct you) and class 3 will be dismissed from the Year 2 Tunnel. Children in Reception will be ready for collection from 2:45pm (to help ease congestion).

Year 1 Arrangements: Children will be ready for collection from 3pm. Class 4 and Class 5 will be dismissed from Class 4. Class 6 will be dismissed from the main Reception area.

Year 2 Arrangements: Class 7 and Class 8 will be dismissed from the Year 2 Tunnel. Class 9 will be dismissed from the main Reception area. Children can be collected from 3pm.

Wednesday 24th November – Monday 29th November:

Class 6 will be dismissed from the main Reception area. Please line up down the pathway and the teachers will escort the children to you. Once again, children can be collected from 3pm to help ease congestion. All other classes will resume normal collection arrangements.

Tuesday 30th November – Wednesday 1st December:

No changes to dismissal arrangements.

Behaviour Policy Update:

Our new behaviour policy has been written and is awaiting approval from the Governing Body. After engaging in a variety of research and discussing Class Dojos with children and staff, we have made the decision not to award Dojo points this year. Instead, we are focussing on 'recognition' more than 'reward'. Instead of Dojos, children will be recognised in a variety of different ways and there will be a focus on ensuring children can articulate why they have been 'recognised' and or 'rewarded', as ultimately, we should feel a great sense of pride and satisfaction when we have achieved something. To help, if your child does receive a reward e.g. a sticker, please ask them what it was awarded for. In addition, each week, teachers will select a 'star of the week' which will link to the Alvaston Attitudes and they will be recognised on the School Dojo page and during a special celebration assembly with the whole school. Every half term, when children do something exceptional, they may be selected to attend a special party with other children who have been recognised and myself. If your child is selected to do this, they will receive an invitation and will be asked to bring their slippers. We will also share some treats and a hot chocolate! If you would like to view the behaviour policy, please see the link on Class Dojo or visit the school website.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Miss Allen