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Dear Parents

We hope everyone has had a well-rested half term break. This next half term is always a very busy time in school in the run up to Christmas. Please find below the important dates coming up next half term. Please take time to read through the letter and make a note of any events coming up for your child(ren). We will continue to send reminders out via text, email and through our weekly newsletters. If you have any questions about any of our events, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teachers, or email the school office admin@alvanley.cheshire.sch.uk

For reference: Class 1 – Reception, Class 2 – Years 1&2, Class 3 – Years 3&4, Class 4 – Years 5&6

Tuesday 3rd November: School reopens for all children

Tuesday 3rd November: Music for Life session.
Come and try and a musical instrument in the hall at Alvanley- Years 2-6 at 3.30pm

Thursday 5th November: Parents and grandparents of children in Class 1 and 2 are invited to join us for a class assembly at the Manley site 9-9.30am.

Friday 6th November: Class 3 swimming continues until the Christmas break.

Friday 6th November: Pyjama Appeal. Donations of pyjamas or £1 are very welcome for the Pyjama Appeal. Children should wear normal school uniform.

Friday 6th November: Flu Vaccinations- both sites.
Children across the school will have their nasal flu vaccinations.

Tuesday 10th November: KS2 Boccia Event.
A group of children from KS2 will be going to Frodsham Leisure Centre during the school day to take part in a sporting event. If your child will be attending, a letter will be sent out this week.

Wednesday 11th November: Western Approaches trip
Children from Class 4 will be visiting Western Approaches in Liverpool to learn all about World War 2. Parents should have already received a letter.

Thursday 12th November: Big Maths competition
Children from Year 6 will be attending the Big Maths competition at Helsby High school 1.40pm-3pm. Please collect from the High school if you are able to. If you are not able to collect your child from the high school, please let someone in school know. Letters will be sent out this week.

Friday 13th November: Children in Need
Today will be Children in Need day for the whole school. All children should come to school wearing something yellow or spotty. If you would like to donate to Children in Need, this can be done by following this online link https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/ Please do not send cash into school for this event.

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November: Anti-bullying week. During anti-bullying week this year, children from all classes will take part in activities every day to raise awareness of anti-bullying.

Wednesday 18th November: AmaSing Matinee Session
A group of 8 children from KS2 will be attending the Amasing matinee children's show performance at Chester Race Course between 1.30-2.30. If your child will be attending, a letter will be sent out this week.

Thursday 19th November: Class 4 Fire Safety Talk
Halton & Warrington fire service will be visiting during the morning to give children in Class 4 an interactive fire safety talk.

Friday 20th November: PTA Non-Uniform Day
Children can come into school in their own clothes, in exchange for bringing in small unwanted gifts and/or a bottle of something. These will be used at our Christmas Fair for a bottle tombola and in the 'Elfridges' store for children to purchase a gift for a parent/grandparent

Friday 20th November: Infant Christmas Making Day
Infant children will have a Christmas making day. Children will spend the day preparing for Ho Ho Helsby and the Infant Nativity, as well as creating Christmas decorations for the school Christmas trees. If you can help during part of the day, please speak to Mrs Bennett or Mrs Edwards.

Thursday 26th November: Key Stage 2 Tag Rugby Festival
Children from across Key Stage 2 will take part in a Tag Rugby Festival across the school day at Helsby Sports Club. Children from other local primary schools will also be taking part. If your child will be taking part, we will let you know what they will need to bring with them on the day.

Thursday 26th November: Christmas Fair 5.30-8pm
We are delighted to be able to hold our annual Christmas Fair this year at the Alvanley site. The PTA have lots of exciting things planned. Further information will be sent out in due course. We do need help from parents to run stalls/help set up. If you are able to help out on the night, please get in touch with a member of staff, any help is greatly appreciated.

Tuesday 1st December: Key Stage 2 Volleyball competition
Children from across Key Stage 2 will take part in a volleyball competition across the school day at Frodsham Leisure Centre. Children from other local primary schools will also be taking part. If your child will be taking part, we will let you know what they will need to bring with them on the day.

Tuesday 1st December: Reception Festive Open Morning 10.30-12pm
Mrs Bennett and Mrs Cupples will be holding a Festive Open Morning for any children and families that start Reception in September 2027. If you, or someone you know would like to attend, please email the school office (admin@alvanley.cheshire.sch.uk) to book your place and come along to the Manley site where children can take part in some festive craft activities. Visits to the Alvanley site are also welcome during the morning. You will be able to meet the Reception class teacher and have a tour of the school. Reminder: the closing date to apply for your child's school place is January 15th 2027.

Wednesday 2nd December: Whole school trip to Chester Zoo.
We have been fortunate enough to receive free Chester Zoo tickets for the whole school! All children will be visiting Chester Zoo during the school day. All children will start the day at Alvanley, please drop Infant children off at Alvanley in the morning. A letter will be sent out nearer the time with more details.

Friday 4th December: Year 2 Christmas Journey.
During the morning, children in Year 2 will be visiting Frodsham Methodist Church to take part in their annual 'Christmas Journey' event at Frodsham Methodist Church. This is always an enjoyable and popular event for all children. Children will travel to and from the Methodist Church with members of staff.

Saturday 5th December: Ho Ho Helsby
We will once again be taking part in Ho Ho Helsby this year with a singing performance during the afternoon, an Alvanley and Manley Village School float during the evening parade and children will Class 4 will have an opportunity to show off their brass skills. Further details will be sent out nearer the time. We will need a group of children to join us during the afternoon for our singing performance, and we will be able to have a group of children sitting on the float for the parade. The PTA and school will also need help decorating the float on the morning of this date, so please let us know if you are able to help.

Monday 7th December: KS2 Cookery Club Hayley from the 'Adventurous Kitchen' will be running a one-off Christmas cookery club for children in Class 3 and 4. Hayley joins us every year to deliver these popular cookery sessions. The session will run after school at Alvanley. There will be a charge for this club, we will let you know how to pay nearer the time. If you would like your child to attend, please email the school office (admin@alvanley.cheshire.sch.uk).

Tuesday 8th December: A group of children from Key stage 2 will visit Helsby High school during the school day for a rehearsal for Bound in Sound. If your child will be attending, we will send out further information before the event.

Tuesday 8th December: Christmas Sports Event
Some children from Key Stage 2 will be taking part in a special Christmas sports event at Frodsham Leisure Centre. The event will take part during the school day and children will travel to the Leisure Centre with school staff. If your child will be taking part, we will let you know.

Wednesday 9th December: Infant Nativity Performances 2pm and 6pm & Whole school day
Our Infant children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2), will be performing a spectacular Infant Nativity this year in St John's Church in Alvanley. All children will spend the day at Alvanley, please drop Infant children off at Alvanley in the morning. Infant children will spend the morning rehearsing their performance in the church before an afternoon performance at 2pm. Junior children will also watch the dress rehearsal during the day too. Infant children can be collected from the Church after the 2pm performance, or from normal school pick-up time from the church. Infant children will need to be dropped back off at the Church at 5.45pm ready for the 6pm performance. Details on how to get tickets will be sent out nearer the time.

Thursday 10th December: Christmas Jumper Day
We will be taking part in the 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day again this year. All children can come to school in a festive jumper (or plain if you wish). If parents would like to donate to Save the Children, this can be done by following this link https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate. Please do not send cash donations into school.

Friday 11th December: Theatre Porto trip
Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting Theatre Porto in Ellesmere Port for a special Christmas show. Manley children need to be dropped off at the Alvanley site in the morning before they leave for the theatre. After the theatre trip, children will spend the afternoon at the Alvanley site and should be collected from here at normal time at the end of the school day. A letter will be sent out nearer the time with more details.

Wednesday 16th December: Whole School Day and Christmas Service at Alvanley
We will be having a whole school day at the Alvanley site which will include the following events:

- Whole School Christmas Service at 9.15am. As with the Harvest Festival, the Christmas Service will take place at St John's Church (across the road from Alvanley) at approximately 9.15am. All parents and families are welcome to watch and take part in our Christmas Service. Please drop all children off at the Alvanley site, and then find a seat in the church. All children will be brought over with their classes. Please drop-off at normal times.

- Christmas Party Lunch for all children
- Children may also have a special visitor in the afternoon. In order for our special visitor to have enough presents for all children, please can each child bring in a 'Secret Santa' gift by Friday 11th December – the gift should cost no more than £3 and should be brought into school wrapped. Please can you also make a note on the gift if it is suitable for a girl/boy and young or older child.
- At 2.30pm, our special guests Tim and Katie will once again treat us to their Christmas Sing-a-long. All families are welcome into the Alvanley School Hall for our Christmas sing-a-long to finish off our wonderful Christmas day.

Thursday 17th December: During the morning, a group of children from Key Stage 2 will join the elderly members of the OPAL club at Alvanley Village hall to sing some songs and get into the Christmas spirit.

Thursday 17th December: Bound in Sound- Chester Cathedral.
Children from across Key stage 2 will be taking part in the biennial Bound in Sound concert. This lovely musical event is led by Helsby High School and children from other local primary schools will also be taking part. Children will need to be brought to Chester Cathedral by a parent. Unfortunately, school can not provide transport to or from this event. More details will be sent nearer the time. A letter with further information, including information on how parents can purchase tickets for this spectacular event, will be sent out soon.

Friday 18th December: Last day of school.

May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, particularly through this extremely busy time in school. If you have any questions about any of our events, please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and New Year with your families. School will reopen for all children on **Tuesday 5th January.**