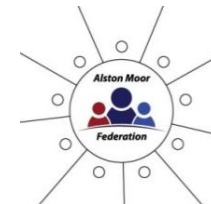


Weekly Bulletin 2018/2019

WEEK 1:
Monday 7th January 2019



Coming Up This Term	This Week's Diary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PANTO: It's coming to us this year on Monday 14th January in the Hall at Church Road for Years 7/8 and all Pre and Primary School children. ▪ Staff Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Week beginning Monday 14th January ○ Week Beginning Monday 4th February ▪ Governor Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monday 14th Jan: TLAO Committee ○ Monday 21st Jan: Finance Committee ○ Monday 28th Jan: PDBW Committee ○ Tuesday 5th Feb: FGB Meeting ▪ Monitoring Week begins on Monday 28th January, ▪ Assessment Checkpoint is on Wednesday 13th February with Subject Reports for all SKS students required by Friday 8th March, ▪ We break up for half term at 3.25pm on Friday 15th February. The Church Road site will be open during the holiday to cater for revision sessions ahead of the GCSE mock exams during the first week back. 	<p style="text-align: right;">Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8.40am Alston Site Briefing ▪ 9.12am Alston Schools assembly with IPJ ▪ 1.05pm NPS Assembly with IPJ ▪ 4.00pm IPJ at AMBA meeting at Lowbyer Manor ▪ 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting <p style="text-align: right;">Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8.00am Alston LT Meeting in ST's Office ▪ 9.00am June Venus meeting with IPJ ▪ 1.05pm APS Key Stage Assemblies ▪ 4.15pm Music Club & after school minibus <p style="text-align: right;">Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8.00am Football club with Balla ▪ 8.40am Alston Site Briefing ▪ PM Soft Play out this afternoon ▪ 2.45pm APS Singing Assembly with HW ▪ 4.30pm After school minibus ▪ 7.00pm Alston Ambulance training session in Middle Fell <p style="text-align: right;">Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9.12am APS Celebration Assembly in the Hall with IPJ ▪ 3.40pm Staff Spinning session with Jonny Bell – all welcome ▪ 6.00pm PTA Meeting <p style="text-align: right;">Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8.40am Alston Site Briefing ▪ 9.12am SKS Assembly with ST ▪ Period 3 SKS Reading Lesson ▪ Today Staging going up for Primary School & Year 7/8 PANTO next week

Other Items

From Sally Timmons:

- ⇒ Tutor activities are PSHE themed discussions/tasks.
- ⇒ Reading lesson is period 3 on Friday (moved on from the last week of Autumn term).
- ⇒ Please continue to monitor students in terms of focus and concentration in lessons and continue to have high expectations of their behaviour, particularly those who were on report in the Autumn term. Please let me know if you have any concerns about any students on return from the holidays. It is a short term and imperative students work as hard as they can in and out of lessons.
- ⇒ A reminder for all staff to complete the core Educare courses this term please - Safeguarding, FGM, Prevent and Health and Safety.

From Lindsey Chapman:

- ⇒ It is a shorter half term this time so be prepared to make the most of it.
- ⇒ Mock exams will take place when we return after the next break so start planning what you want to achieve from these. Please let Pat and myself know what you want in terms of how many papers and timings to allow us to start to get a plan together that caters for your requests.

Claire Reed:

- ⇒ Thank you to all staff who have organised their resources and teaching spaces ready for the new RWI groups to start this week.
- ⇒ We need to push reading at home more. Children who are regularly reading at home are making rapid progress. Please make sure books go home (scanned) on the last day of the timetable, with a note/sticker to parents in reading records. Remind children that a Dojo is awarded for reading at home.

From Kate Bainbridge: We are finalising our intervention / booster schedule for the half term this week.

From Ian Johnson: You will see from the calendars that this term is deliberately quiet on the activity / even front.

- ⇒ With mock exams coming up it is essential that Years 9-11 are focused and working hard.
- ⇒ The latest round of assessment data for the primary schools shows that we need our younger children settled, focused and working hard too. We need to maintain the excellent progress being made by the younger APS children and push on faster at KS2 and at NPS.
- ⇒ Claire has reminded us above of the importance of parents to what we do. I will be writing to them all shortly with an updated Homework Strategy and reminder of where we are in the school year and what they can do to help their child get the best from his/her time with us.