

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

Hurrah - well done everyone on reaching the end of a very long half-term!!! There are a huge number of pupils that have achieved 100% attendance, which is fabulous. Remember, you have to be here to learn and to access our support... and even though we sometimes wake up tired and with headaches and the weather can sometimes be a bit rubbish, we should still be making every effort to come in. Fortunately, we are heading into a new half-term and we always have the opportunities for fresh starts at Albright - so for anyone that didn't have great attendance this time, it can always be improved!

There have been all kinds of spooky activities going on this week in preparation for Halloween. Forms have been working together to decorate pumpkins, there have been fun lunchtime activities and crafts, 'Mummy wrapping' and children and staff also had the opportunity to go all out on some fancy-dress outfits today! If you are planning on getting up to any Halloween activities over the holiday, please do so safely and respectfully - remember not everyone else is as much of a fan of the spooky season as we are here at Albright!



This week, all of our pupils have taken part in Healthy Relationships workshops, run by Brook Charity. This has covered many of the compulsory topics that have to be covered as part of the RSE curriculum. We are grateful to have Heather come in to work with our children and be able to cover such topics in a direct but sensitive manner. Well done to our pupils who listened really well and participated so maturely in the conversations.

Today we were visited by Shane Johnson, who delivered our assembly and gave a really motivational talk to our children. His talk, 'A journey of Resilience and Redemption', was so inspiring to listen to. We all face so many difficulties in our day-to-day lives, whoever we are and whatever our circumstances. Often, we never know what someone might be going through behind closed doors, and many become very adept at 'putting on that mask'. Shane's story showed that even when things don't go to plan, and even



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when we face a range of difficulties - if we make positive choices and stay focused and work hard, there is always the opportunity to achieve in life and be successful and happy - whatever form that takes. Thank you, Shane, and thank you to Miss Smith for arranging it.



Finally, we have to share some very sad news (for us, not him!) Pat, one of our wonderful drivers, is retiring today. After working with our provision for 9 years and at the grand old age of 73 we think he has well and truly earned a rest! Pat has always been so hard-working, reliable and the loveliest of gentlemen and his retirement will be a big loss to us all at Albright. However, we wish him the very best and hope he now gets to enjoy some quality time with his family and doing the walking and running that he continues to enjoy so much.

As we say goodbye, we also say hello - to Paul Turner. Paul will be taking over Pat's journey and I know he has already been out and met our pupils and families. It is always a pleasure to welcome new people into the Albright team and we hope he is very happy with us.



I wish you all a really lovely, restful and safe half-term. Enjoy time together with family and friends and we will see all of our pupils again on Monday 6th November!

Mrs Hazelwood