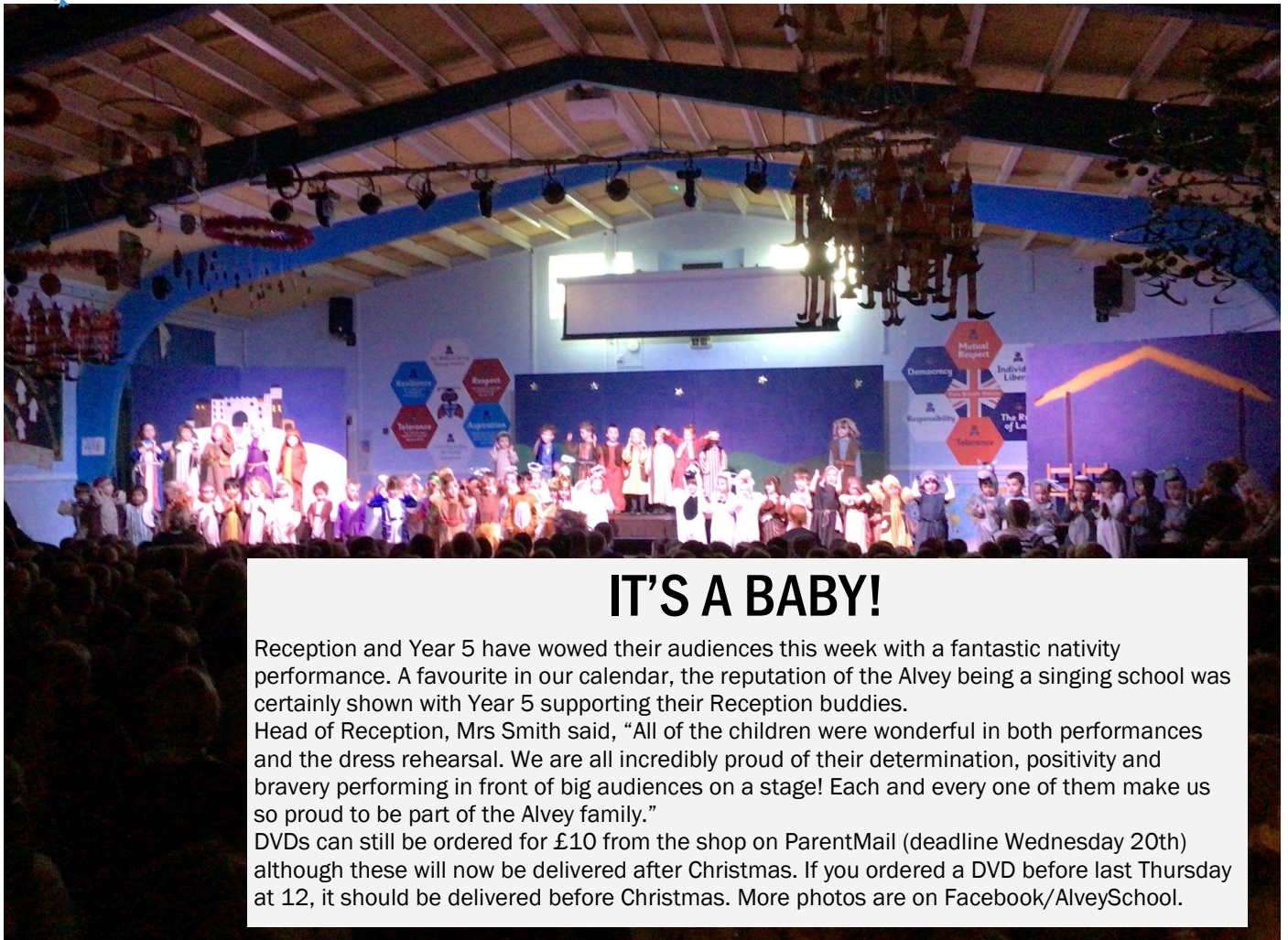


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IT'S A BABY!

Reception and Year 5 have wowed their audiences this week with a fantastic nativity performance. A favourite in our calendar, the reputation of the Alvey being a singing school was certainly shown with Year 5 supporting their Reception buddies.

Head of Reception, Mrs Smith said, "All of the children were wonderful in both performances and the dress rehearsal. We are all incredibly proud of their determination, positivity and bravery performing in front of big audiences on a stage! Each and every one of them make us so proud to be part of the Alvey family."

DVDs can still be ordered for £10 from the shop on ParentMail (deadline Wednesday 20th) although these will now be delivered after Christmas. If you ordered a DVD before last Thursday at 12, it should be delivered before Christmas. More photos are on Facebook/AlveySchool.

LEARNING TODAY FOR LIVING TOMORROW

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 15th December
KS2 Choir at Care Home

Friday 15th December
Christmas Disco

Tuesday 19th December
Alvey Christmas service at St. Denys

Wednesday 20th December

Last day of term 2

Wednesday 3rd January
Term 3 begins

Wednesday 3rd January
Mission Possible: Growth Mindset

Thursday 18th January
Year 5 trip to Leicester Space Centre

Friday 2nd February
Year 5 Stargazing Sleepover

Friday 9th February
Term 3 ends

Monday 19th February
Term 4 begins

Monday 19th February
Young Voices

Resilience

Tolerance

Aspiration

Respect



ACHIEVEMENTS

WRITTEN BY OUR HEADTEACHER

My week started in the best possible way. I was privileged to watch the EYFS nativity performance at 9.15am on Monday morning. This was the perfect way to start the week. This was complemented by being part of the Rotary Club's 'Good Citizenship' award assembly on Monday afternoon. It was a delight to learn about the amazing ways our children have contributed towards the community, whether that be at school, Sleaford or further afield. The contribution of each child is outlined in greater detail below. I am sure you will enjoy learning all about it. Similarly, the achievements of the children who took part in the nativity play is outlined in more detail elsewhere in this publication. If you were there, you will know how amazing it was. If you weren't – you missed a delightful treat. I feel very grateful to be paid to witness, and be part of, such wonderful events like the nativity play and

Citizenship awards. I feel equally blessed when your children tell me about the amazing things they achieve on a weekly basis. It was lovely to hear from Luther and see the Christmas globe decoration he made over the weekend. Luther was lucky enough to make this gift in a store in London. It looks very professional. It has been lovely being able to read the additional writing Irem and Hollie have produced. They are both very talented and their writing was a joy to read. I am really looking forward to being part of William Alvey's annual Christmas carol service on the 19th December. I do hope as many of you as possible can join us for what will be, I'm sure, a fantastic event. I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Mr Farrington



Luther



Hollie



Irem



GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

On Monday, a child from each year group were recognised by the Sleaford and North Kesteven Rotary Club in a special award. The children were chosen for their self-less contribution to society in the good citizen award. From Reception, Sofia won the award for always being considerate to her classmates. In Year 1, Lola will help her friends with reminders of instructions, she will pick up and tidy up anything that is out of place whether it's hers or not and she offers help to the grown-ups in the room throughout the day.

William from Year 2 is always thoughtful, offering to help, patient and kind and gives out sincere and heart-warming compliments to people. He's a secret helper and often tidies away things without being asked. In Year 3, Henry T offered to share his dinner with an adult who had forgotten theirs. Perry from Year 4 won the award for litter picking around Sleaford. From Year 5, Elyse was nominated for all of the help she offers her nan in raising money for charity. This is all the more impressive because Elyse always tries to come to school with a smile on her face, showing great **resilience** in the face of some health issues she has encountered. Aaron in Year 6 is looking after the natural environment, and animals. He is growing lettuces at home and regularly bring them in for Mrs Reynolds snails. We are so proud of you all – a big well done for showing our Alvey values.



County netballers

Last Friday, the netball team threw themselves through to the next round of a county tournament. They won two of their matches and drew one, making the Alvey winners overall. They will be playing the next round at Will Rob after Christmas. All children showed lots of **respect** and **resilience**.



TALENTED ALVEY

Written by Mrs Risdell

There really is so much talent in the Alvey school! In the past few days I have heard the choir singing in St Denys Church as part of the Sleaford Concert Band's Christmas show. Then what a joy it was to come into school and see the wonderful Nativity performance by the Reception classes and their Y5 friends. The enthusiastic singing and telling of the Christmas story was superb and they obviously loved the dressing up and transporting us all to Bethlehem. Then the whole school gathered for the presentation of Rotary Star Certificates and badges to a representative from each year group who had shown they were good citizens by putting "service before self" in some way. There were proud parents watching at each event. Well done everyone and also especially to the teaching staff who make it all happen.



Mission Possible

On the first day of next term (Wednesday 3rd January) every child will be taking part in 'Mission Possible'. The day is designed to challenge children with lots of fun activities so that we can help to develop a positive mindset and 'keep going'. We will finish the day with a special assembly to recognise those children who have really risen to the challenge. We will share photos with you from the day.

Cranwell Aviation Museum Quiz

On the next pages, Cranwell Aviation have produced a free-to-enter musical quiz. Send the completed answer sheet to cranwellaviation@n-kesteven.gov.uk by 8th January for a chance to win a prize.

Numbots Changes

From the 16th December, Numbots have informed us that they will be making some changes. They are reducing the number of levels to improve the experience for all children. To find out more, read the full letter at the end of the WASP.

Social media

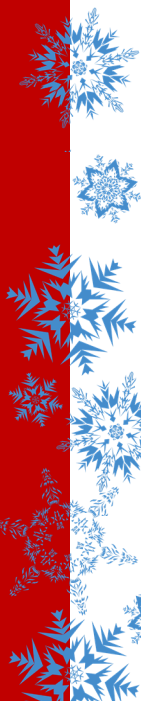
Several issues have been reported to the school involving social media. In a lot of the cases, the children are simply too young to be accessing the apps they are on (most are 13+ including Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Tiktok and WhatsApp). Parents are advised to check the age ratings of apps. For more advice thinkyouknow.co.uk is really useful for parents.

Year group Christmas parties

Each year group will have a Christmas party in the final days of school this year. On your child's Christmas party day, they are invited to come to school in party clothes. If your child brings lunch to school, they are invited to bring party food (no fizzy drinks please). Year 5 children will need to come to school in uniform for the Christmas service at St. Denys and bring their party clothes to get changed into after.

Year group party days are as follows:

Friday 15th December: Y4 & Y2
Monday 18th December: Y1 & Y6
Tuesday 19th December: Y5 (come in school uniform and get changed after church).
Wednesday 20th December: Reception & Y3



CHARLIE'S CHRISTMAS SONGS QUIZ

Charlie hopes you will enjoy doing his Christmas Songs quiz.

The closing date for entries is January 8th 2024



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Write your answers below with a name and contact details and return them to:

Cranwell Aviation Heritage Museum, Heath Farm, North Rauceby, Sleaford Lincs.

Email: cranwellaviation@n-kesteven.gov.uk

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Dear parent/carer,

Through the school, your child has access to the fantastic NumBots online game. NumBots have informed us that from the 16th of December, the number of levels within the game has been reduced to significantly improve the experience for all children.

Please note that, as these changes are being made, the NumBots website will be unavailable from 5pm on Friday the 15th December, to 9am on Saturday the 16th December.

Why the change?

By analysing children's performance, the NumBots team have found ways to help them make the same great progress, in fewer levels. Fewer levels mean your child can progress through the game more quickly, significantly improving their recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts.

How will this affect my child's game?

All changes have been seamlessly integrated into the game, so we doubt your child will notice the changes (please update the NumBots app to the latest version of any home devices to see all changes.) However, you should spot over time that they're making faster progress!

Children will keep all their same coins, badges and achievements. Very observant children may spot:

1. There are fewer levels to complete their current Stage.

Their level number may have changed.

1 In the vast majority of cases, pupils will maintain their current level number. If a pupil was very near the end of a Stage, they may find their level number has lowered. However, they'll also see that they are nearer the end of the Stage and closer to reaching that next step in their Story!

A level they've previously completed may no longer be visible.

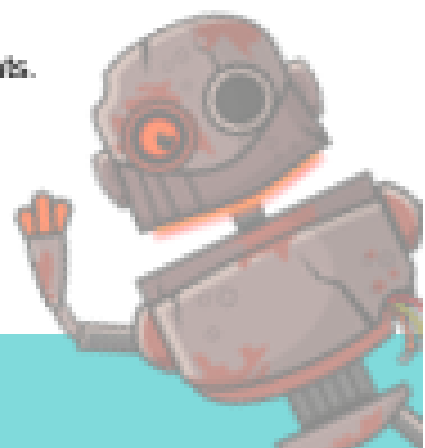
1 All coins earned from previous levels will be maintained.

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The number of stars in a Stage may have changed.

Your child may spot that there are fewer stars to earn in a Stage. That's because there are fewer levels, and fewer levels mean fewer stars. The total number of stars they've earned may have also been adjusted, but this will affect all pupils equally.

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or comments.



SATURDAY 16TH, SUNDAY 17TH, SATURDAY
23RD & SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2023.

Breakfast with Santa



Join us at 10am on **Saturday 16th,**
Sunday 17th, Saturday 23rd & Sunday
24th December 2023.

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