

A flock of geese is flying across a clear, light blue sky. The geese are captured in various stages of flight, with their wings spread wide. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

# Alder Grangers

Week 7 message from Mrs Griffiths

18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

# Weekly update

- Well done again for doing so well at virtual school, I am so proud of all of you.
- I am sure you have been reading news stories about schools coming back, and I expect you are as confused as we are by the mixed messages.
- I am sending your parents and carers a letter today which will have a little more detail but I want to share my thoughts with you...

# Weekly update (continued)

- We are all desperate to get you back in to school. It is not the same here without you all. But we must make sure we do this in a way that keeps you and all the staff safe.
- We will not reopen to more pupils on 1<sup>st</sup> June.
- We may be able to open to more of you later in June, but I cannot give you a date yet.
- We are making plans for Year 10 and Year 12 to come in to school and have some face to face contact with teachers.
- School will not feel 'normal' and you will not be in full classes at the start.
- I know you miss your friends and teachers but you may not see everyone. Start times will be different and you will not all be in school at the same time.
- All the staff are thinking about ways to organise this and as soon as we have a proper plan I will let you know.

# Form Council

- Thank you for all your feedback, I have enjoyed reading it. As I expected I got more sense from all of you than I have from some official guidance!
- In summary you want: To see your friends and teachers and have time to chat and catch up & time in form
- You are worried about: Spreading and catching the virus, catching up on work, new rules, toilets, how to social distance
- Your ideas are great: Rotas and different start times, handwashing, staff moving not pupils, focus on wellbeing first

# Form Council responses

- I will do my best to include your views in to my plans.
- I want to reassure all of you about the toilets! These are being decorated and repaired whilst you are not here, the soap dispenser problems will be resolved and you will be really pleased with how much better they look.
- Form groups and classes will not change, but you may not all be in together at first.
- We will not be giving you tests as soon as you get back.
- Year 8 will be getting options information after half term.
- Y11 will be getting transition work to prepare for sixth form after half term too.

# Mental Health Awareness Week

- This week is mental health awareness week, there will be information about this each day.

- Keep an eye out for ideas.

- This year the theme is **Kindness**.

Let us know if you do something kind for someone else and share on social media with: #KindnessMatters

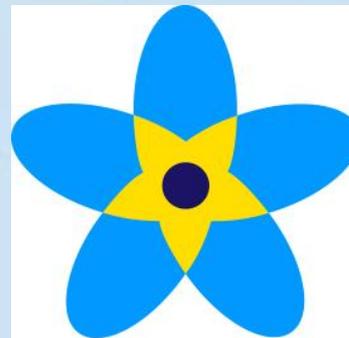
- The other focus for the week is to get everyone active, be kind to yourself by taking some time out each day for you.

- Try and be actively doing something you enjoy for 30 minutes a day. This could be anything at all that you enjoy.



# Dementia Action Week

- We should have been having some whole school dementia friend training this week.
- This can't happen now but we will arrange as soon as we can. In the meantime you can find out more on this website:  
[www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk) there is a video you could watch.



**Dementia  
Friends**

An Alzheimer's Society initiative

# Half term

- Next week is half term so you won't be getting any work from teachers.
- Have a break and try to focus on the mental health ideas and being kind.
- Look after yourselves, keep in touch and take care



And as always keep remembering we are  
a team!

Alder Grangers look out for each other  
Work together to achieve the same goal

Take the lead when times are tough  
Encourage and cheer each other along

Honk!!