

Parent survey

Well done to Jackson and his Mum, Hannah, who completed a parent survey and were picked out at random as the lucky winners. They received a book token from the Edge of the World bookshop. Many thanks to all the parents who completed the survey. The results are attached with the newsletter.



Clubs

Athletics will be cancelled next **Tuesday 9th May** due to a staff meeting (Drama, Woodland Learning and Ball Games will be ON).

Roller Disco will be cancelled on **Wednesday 10th May** due to the Hall being set up for SATs. All other clubs will be on next week (apart from Athletics).

Parent consultation meeting re: TPAT

If you would like to find out more about the possibility of Alverton School joining the Truro and Penwith Academy Trust, Dr Jennifer Blunden (CEO of TPAT) and Judy Brinson (Business Manager for TPAT) will be available to meet with you and answer any questions which you might have. This meeting will be held here at Alverton School on **Tuesday 9th May at 5pm.**

Staffing news

We are very sad to announce that Mr Alan Penn, our Caretaker, will be leaving us at the end of this half-term in order to return to Yorkshire. As many of you will be aware Alan's wife, Anna, tragically lost her life in a road accident in Wherrytown in March. Anna led the cleaning team here at Alverton and was a genuinely lovely lady. Since relocating to Penzance from Yorkshire, both Alan and Anna had become highly valued and very popular members of our staff. As you can imagine, we were all deeply shocked and saddened by Anna's untimely death.

I am sure that you will join me in sending Alan our thanks and best wishes for the future as he moves back to the Harrogate in order to be with his children and grandchild.

Year 5 have been writing about the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes in Literacy last week and here is an amazing piece of work about it by Sid W.

Sid Wilson
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BESS the Landlord's Daughter

As the tall, green trees swayed from side to side, the highwayman galloped into sight. BESS turned. She had concern on her face; suddenly it was formed into a deep, happy smile. BESS's heart was beating faster by the second. Slowly, joyfully and elegantly she plaited a bright red-love knot into her beautiful, long, black hair. Slowly, BESS looked at the moonlit ribbon of road, where the highwayman was riding, looking directly at her. On the outside, BESS was calm and collected; on the inside, she was excited to meet the man of her dreams. Thrilled, BESS heard the highwayman, "One kiss my bonny sweetheart, I'm after a prize tonight." Although the wind was fierce and it was a cold night, BESS saw the highwayman's cheeks glow. With a hint of happiness on her face, the highwayman turned and rode away into the distance. Smiling, BESS closed the shutters and slipped back into her lonely room - BESS was deeply in love.



Thank you to Alverton School from Ella Upton

Ella, a former pupil at Alverton School, is spending three weeks this summer building a children's playground in Uganda in a project run by the charity East African Playgrounds, which helps some of the most vulnerable children in the world.

Last week's non-uniform day raised £204.75 towards her trip which costs £2,500. The money raised will go to the charity towards the purchase of swings, bikes and other playground equipment. During her stay Ella will be put up by local families. Working alongside other volunteers, Ella will spend almost two weeks building a playground, before spending two days visiting a gorilla conservation project. She will then take part in a creative play project.

Ella says: "I want to say a big thank you to everyone at Alverton School. I am very grateful for Alverton's support. The money will make a real impact. These children have nothing and research shows how play can make a real difference to their lives."

"To give people an idea of where the money you donate goes; £15 = a play motorbike (also known as a Boda Boda); £20 = full safety equipment for one member of staff; £85 = a relaxation and games area in a playground; £250 = an obstacle course for children to climb, jump and hide; £500 = three swing sets with 4 seats on each; £800 = Educational Play training course delivered to 16 schools."

For information:

A general breakdown of the costs involved in Ella's trip is given below: £400 - goes towards a Gorilla Permit, purchased from the Ugandan Wildlife Authority, a charity that work on conservation of Ugandan national parks and look after the endangered silverback gorillas; £500 - goes towards accommodation, including money given to the Home of Edirisa, a social enterprise that works on building up the communities and towns. They have, for example, built a swimming pool on Lake Bunyoni for children to learn to swim safely; £1000 - goes towards East African Playgrounds, who employ over 40 Ugandan staff and have built over 100 playgrounds across Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya, including 8 playgrounds in refugee camps, helping some of the most vulnerable children in the world. (A breakdown of the costs of play equipment are listed above). £800 travel costs



Safer Internet sessions

Advanced notice of some very important Safer Internet sessions for parents on **Thursday 15th June**. Please save the date. There will be a very knowledgeable visiting speaker and lots of information provided. Sessions will run in the late afternoon and early evening. More information to follow.

PE kit

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school **all week** as they will need it on different days, not just PE days. Lately there have been a number of children who regularly do not have PE kit in school and have to take part in their uniform.



FRIENDS OF ALVERTON SCHOOL

ANNUAL DUCK RACE

SATURDAY 13th MAY 2017

AT WHERRYTOWN BOATING LAKE

To raise funds for the school we are holding a Duck Race again this year on Saturday 13th May starting at 11.00am. Please come and support us. Ducks are £1 each and can be 'bought' from the office. You will be allocated a number for each duck and there will be a board with all the numbers on at the duck race. Cash prizes for the winner and runners up. Refreshments available.

We are very grateful for your support in helping us to raise funds to support the children's learning at school. FOAS have, for example, recently paid for our new playground markings and for cooking equipment which will be used by the whole school.

Bake sale

Next Friday (12th) after school, some of our Year 5 pupils, Annie, Amber, Alexis and Tiana will be selling bakes such as dipped fruit, shortbread, lemon drizzle cakes and cupcakes. The bakes will almost certainly not contain nuts but if they do, there will be a sign. All prices will be 50p or under. All proceeds raised will go to Cancer Research. Thank you.

CHARITY FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY MAY 13TH FROM 7PM
PENZANCE ASTRO PARK

RAFFLE DRAW & LIVE MUSIC
HUMPHRY DAVY SCHOOL MUSIC STUDENTS FROM 7PM
BLONDE E LUX FROM 8:30
FREE ENTRY - ALL AGES WELCOME

In aid of **ABIGAIL BIRCH** taking up her place on the **2017 World Dwarf Games GB Team**

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Wraparound Childcare provided by Go Active at Alverton School.

We are delighted to be able to offer all students at Alverton School a wraparound childcare service
between 3.15pm until 6.15pm, starting after May Half Term!

This service will provide children with the opportunity to complete **daily homework**, such as reading, spelling and maths, as well as **participating in a variety of physical activities**. These activities will vary throughout the week, from traditional sports such as football, touch rugby and basketball, through to the more alternative activities that Go Active Cornwall offer, such as Fencing, Street Surfing, Rocketball, Urban Polo and Tchoukball. In addition to this, we will also provide other activities which will vary throughout the week. We have attached a timetable below to give you all a basic understanding of how the wraparound club would run, and what you could expect your child/children to participate in if they attended the club.

We will run a very flexible club to fit around parents/guardian's work/other commitments. To try and cater for all your requirements, we are offering one, two or three hours of childcare at a time daily throughout the working week. We also offer sibling discount. A breakdown of the fees is listed below:

Fees		
Monday to Friday	Daily cost for One child	Daily Cost for Additional Sibling
3.15pm – 4.15pm (One hour)	£3.50	£3.00
3.15pm – 5.15pm (Two hours)	£7.00	£6.00
3.15pm – 6.15pm (Three hours)	£10.00	£8.00

We will be invoicing parents who have children using our wraparound childcare service **on a weekly basis** via email &/or paper based. When paying an invoice, please state the invoice number so we can update our records.

During your children's time with us at our childcare service, we will provide all children with the opportunity to have a variety of fruit, toast and other snacks, as well as a drink, which will vary throughout the week.

After looking over the information provided, call into the office for an application form and please can you tick the boxes of the day(s) and time(s) you require, followed by your child's details. Once this has been completed, **please hand back in to the office.**

NB: If more than one child, please fill in one sheet per child and clearly indicate this when handing the forms back to ensure the sibling discount is applied.

Lion King

FOAS would be very grateful for help with refreshments at the interval of the Lion King on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th May. If you are able to help, please let the office know. Thank you.

Tickets for the show are now on sale at the office priced £4.50 for adults and £2.50 for children.



Year 5 Porthpean

A reminder that all payments for the London trip in July must be made in full **by 26th May at the latest** (total cost £150). Please pay online at schoolmoney.co.uk.

Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @alvertonschool to keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are going on and to see some great photos!



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	99.4%	3
Robins	93.5%	11
Puffins	98.3%	7
Owls	97.3%	8
Kingfishers	99.1%	4
Trencrom	99.1%	4
Lanyon ★	100%	1
Kerris	99.0%	6
Bodrifty	95.6%	9
Bosigran ★	100%	1
Kenidjack	95.5%	10
Overall school attendance	98.0%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

Year 6 London trip meeting

There will be a meeting with lots more information about the London trip on **Monday 15th May at 3.30pm** in Kenidjack classroom. Please come along if you can. We will be giving out consent forms, the itinerary and you will have the chance to ask any questions you may have.

Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers

Although Sainsburys has now stopped giving out vouchers, please could you collect any that you may already have and hand them in as soon as possible. We would like to count them up and start spending! Thank you.



Attendance

To support our work improving school attendance, Mrs Daylak is available to answer any questions you might have regarding attendance, absences and holidays, after school every Tuesday until 4pm. She can be found in Robins classroom.



DIARY DATES

May

- 8th-12th SATs week for Y6 – **Some music lessons cancelled this week**
- 9th TPAT consultation meeting for parents at 5pm
- 13th FOAS Duck Race at Wherrytown Boating Pool at 11am
- 16th Class photographs
- 24th & 25th School production of 'The Lion King' – tickets now on sale

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June – HALF TERM

