

What a great term at Alverton School!

We have had an extremely productive and successful term here at Alverton and there are lots of highlights to look back on. Most recently, there have been wonderful exhibitions which have been a culmination of the highly successful approach of immersive learning which we have followed this term. As well as that, there have been amazing Christmas concerts from all year groups and I think that we would all agree that the children – and staff – have been working incredibly hard and to an extremely high standard. As well as this, behaviour around school has been fantastic all term. We have also been working hard to develop our priorities including reviewing our action plan from the stakeholder consultation held in the Spring Term this year which can be found at the end of this newsletter.

This is a great opportunity for me to say thank you to all of our amazing staff, to all the parents for their support and most of all to the children who are a credit to their families and their school.

I am sure we are all now ready for a restful holiday! All that remains is for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Martin Higgs



Road Safety – we need your help!

Thank you to everyone who has not driven down Toltuff Crescent and has supported our efforts to improve road safety around the school. It is really appreciated by all the staff and also, I know, by almost all of our parents.

I have been campaigning to get a crossing point near the junction at the end of Toltuff Road and the County Highways department are sending a team of people to conduct a survey on **Thursday 7th January at the end of the school day** to assess our need for this. They will be counting the cars driving past the junction and the number of people who are crossing the road. It is really important that as many people as possible use that route on that day, both driving past and crossing the road. Even if you usually use an alternative route to come to school to collect your children, **please can you make sure that you drive around the corner at the bottom of Trevena Road / Toltuff Crescent and come down and cross the road there too on that day, both on the way to collect them and back again!**

Many thanks – I hope that if we all work together on this, we will be successful.



Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Quick as a Nursery teacher in Ducklings Nursery on Thursdays and Fridays after Christmas following the end of her maternity leave. Miss Caddick has been a fantastic addition to our staff and will continue to teach in Ducklings on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays.

Spring term

The Spring term starts on Monday 4th January 2016 at 9am.

School camp payments

A reminder that the total payment for camp are due on the following dates:

Year 3/4 Bude (£80 total): **12th February**

Year 6 London (£300 total): **15th April**

Year 5 Porthpean (£150 total): **27th May**

You can pay as much or as little as you want anytime up to the final date. Don't forget you can go online to pay: schoolmoney.co.uk

MENU CHANGE

Monday 4th January

Sausages or veggie sausages with chips
with baked beans, peas or sweetcorn

or

Packed lunch

Sorry no jacket potatoes

Music lessons in January

A reminder that ALL music lessons (except drums) begin in the first week of the Spring term in January so please remember your child's instruments if necessary. Drums will begin on 12th January. If you have had an invoice for guitars or keyboards, please make sure it is paid before your child's first lesson if you would like them to continue.

Thank you

The retiring collections from all the school Christmas performances raised a fantastic **£315.75** for Penhaligon's Friends. This is a charity which does wonderful work and has close links with our school. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Reception places for 2016

If your child was born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012, you need to apply for a school place for September 2016 **by 15th January 2016**. The easiest way is to apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions. For more information call the Admissions team on 0300 1234 101 or visit the website.

Toys and games in school

Please do not allow your child to bring toys, games, football cards, etc into school. Recently some football cards went missing and although they were soon found, it caused a lot of upset to the child involved. Things can often go missing and cannot be replaced so it is much better to keep them safely at home.



Twitter

Our school Twitter feed is proving very popular! We will be using this more and more to share all the exciting learning that goes on everyday at Alverton. If you haven't already done so, it doesn't take long to organise a Twitter account when you will be able to follow us @alvertonschool. You can also follow our teachers, for example @AlvertonBC (Mr Chalwin) or @AlvertonCW (Mrs Wicks).



Wanted!

We are doing an art project in school next term using glass jars. We need your help to collect enough for several classes and they need to be clean and without lids. Please leave in the box in the reception area.



Paying online

Please use our online payment system, Schoolmoney, if you are offered the chance. It is an efficient and secure payment collection system and will mean that you won't have to queue at the school office!

Any questions, please ask at the office.



Cornwall Children's Choirs

Congratulations to Rhys in Kerris who sang in his first concert with the Cornwall Boys Choir on Saturday. Well done Rhys, it was a wonderful performance.

If any boys in Year 4, 5 or 6 are interested in auditioning, please see Mrs Eddy or email leddyccc@gmail.com.

Any Year 5 or Year 6 girls can audition for the Cornwall Girls Choir which meets in Hayle - contact haylecg@gmail.com For more information please go to the website:

[cornwallmusiceducationhub.org\ensemble s\countychoirs](http://cornwallmusiceducationhub.org/ensemble%5Ccountychoirs)



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	85.9%	9
Robins ★	90.4%	8
Puffins	91.4%	7
Owls	94.2%	5
Kingfishers	96.4%	3
Trencrom	92.0%	6
Lanyon	81.3%	11
Kerris	95.3%	4
Bodrifty	98.6%	1
Bosigran	85.4%	10
Kenidjack	96.8%	2
Overall school attendance	91.6%	

Our collective target is 97.5%

LOST

Matilda in Bosigran and Lily in Trencrom have lost 3 school short sleeved shirts between them, all are named. They have also lost 2 Systema snack pots, one green & one pink. Please check and hand in if found.

DIARY DATES

The spring term begins on Monday 4th January 2016

January

- 4th Music lessons start
- 11th Clubs start
- 13th Swimming starts today for Kingfishers, Owls and Puffins

