

Dear Parents and Carers

Thanks again to everyone for supporting our attempts to keep the area outside of the school relatively traffic free at key drop-off and pick-up times. The feedback from parents and residents has been very positive indeed and our intention is to continue to have a patrol at the junction of Toltuff Road and Trevena Road. For any parents who are unsure where to park, there is a car park by Alverton Free Church which is marked on the map below with a red X. This is, as you will see, only a short walk from the school.



We have arranged for the School Crossing service to conduct an assessment after half-term with a view to getting a manned crossing on Trevena Road as this is clearly another area of potential risk. There is no guarantee of being able to secure funding for a manned crossing as it will depend upon the number of pedestrians trying to cross Trevena Road and the number of cars using the road at that time, but we will do our best. Obviously, the more people who walk to school the stronger our case. We are also trying to push for some traffic calming measures around this busy junction.

Finally, in response to the large number of people who indicated that they would like to use a Walking Bus to and from the Free Church Car Park, we are looking to re-establish this during the next half term. We will look to use a member of staff to co-ordinate and lead this but will need volunteer parents to commit to walk with the bus on a rota basis in order to ensure that we have the correct ratio of adults to children. If you would be willing to volunteer to be on a rota for the walking bus we would ask you to please complete the slip on the fourth page and return it to the school office. Without enough parental support to help operate a Walking Bus, we will not be able to do this. Thank you.

Martin Higgs
Headteacher

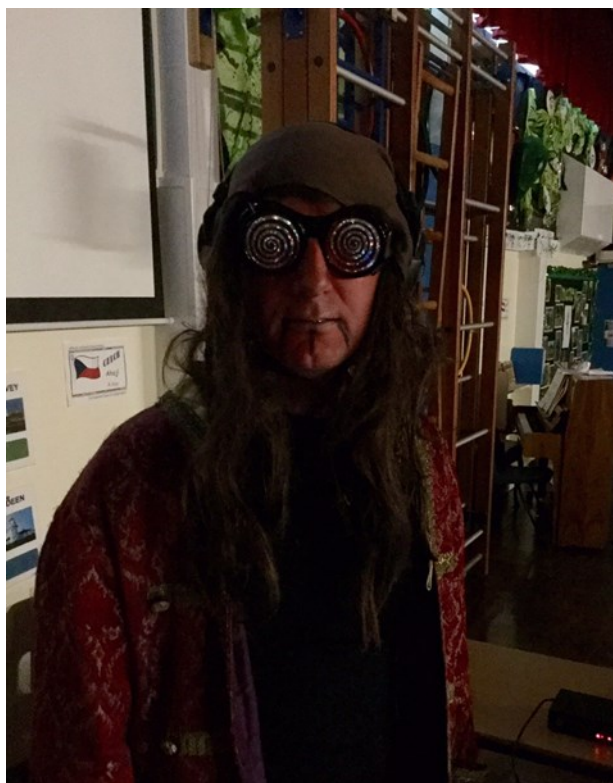
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FRIDAY NEWS

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Halloween Disco

Well done to everyone who attended the Halloween Disco last night and made such an effort to dress for the occasion. Particular thanks to the FOAS volunteers and staff who organised and ran the events, especially to our stand in DJ MC Dawe 'n' of the Dead (below) who was so impressive he may give Mr Chalwin some serious competition for this role.



PE Kit

We have found recently that several children have not had their PE kit in school when it was needed. PE kit consists of:

- **Plain white** polo shirt
- **Plain red** shorts
- Trainers or plimsolls

In the colder months, it is important that the children are dressed appropriately for outdoor PE and they may wear a school tracksuit for outdoor games.

We recommend that children bring their PE kit to school on Monday and leave it here for whole week.



Chartwells news

Well done to Haulwen and her team in the kitchen who have been working really hard on improving our school meals over the past few months following the concerns raised as part of our 360° Whole School Survey in February. There have certainly been significant improvements both in the quality, variety and nutritional value of the food on offer, with the feedback from children and staff being extremely positive. Chartwell's have also risen to the challenge providing sandwich and salad bars for children to use in addition to the improved menu. The proof of the pudding is, as they say, in the eating and children are now eating over 800 meals a week for the first time in the school's history!

Radio Cornwall

Did you hear Mr Higgs on Radio Cornwall yesterday? He was interviewed by Laurence Reed about holidays during term time. If you'd like to listen, follow the link below.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radiocornwall>

Mr Higgs spoke about half an hour into the programme.

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Healthy Eating

Chartwells, our school meals provider, will be leading an assembly on 9th November at 2.45pm to promote healthy eating. Parents are very welcome to attend.



Clubs

A reminder that all clubs continue as normal after half term and run until 27th November. KS2 Gardening club is now on a **Tuesday** and Hockey club is now on a **Wednesday**.

Tempest photographs

If you would like to buy any of your child's individual photos, they need to be back in by **Friday 6th November** at the latest for Tempest to collect, process and return before Christmas.

Transfer to secondary school

If your child is currently in Year 6, you need to apply for their place at your preferred secondary school **by 31st October 2015**. 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.

Swimming payments

Many thanks to all the parents who have either paid in full or pay weekly for swimming. If you have paid up to half term, please don't forget to pay £10 for the four remaining weeks.

Big Dig 3

The Big Dig is back! Advance notice that we will be out on the school field on **Saturday 7th November from 9am - 4pm**. We will be creating a woodland space for our eldest pupils. More information to follow. Sorry but for health and safety reasons, no children will be allowed to accompany the adults. Please come along and support us - tea, cake & pasties provided!



Rotary shoe boxes

If you have kindly taken a shoe box to fill for Eastern European families, they need to be back in school ready for collection by **Monday 2nd November**. Thank you.

FOAS Christmas cards

Many thanks to everyone who ordered Christmas cards. A fantastic **£502.65** was raised for FOAS funds. All the cards are due back around 5th November and will come home with your child.



Friends of Alverton School AGM

Wednesday November 4th, 7pm at school.

Please come along and meet the current FOAS team, learn about what we do, ask us questions, give us feedback and find out the many ways you can get involved. FOAS is changing and growing every year, and we are always open to new people and new ideas. Wine, soft drinks and snacks available! See you there.



Menu change

Bonfire Day menu

Thursday 5th November

Pork or veggie banger in a bun with
wedges

or

Jacket potato with various fillings
with beans, sweetcorn & salad bar

Ice cream tub or fresh fruit



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).



Chartwells Catering Vacancy

School meals catering assistant 7.5 hours per week at Alverton School.

Are you interested in School Catering that fits around your family life? If so, why not join our friendly, professional Catering team. Appropriate training will be given and smart uniforms provided.

Contact Chartwells Recruitment line on 01872 540263 or email cornwall.vacancies@compass-group.co.uk

Free wildlife event at Penzance Farmers' Market

Friday 30th October 9am-1pm, St John's Hall car park.

Free wild life event for all the family. Talk to a bee expert, get close to falcons & owls, storytelling, a kids art table & our local produce & refreshments.



Still lost

Bailey in Choughs has lost his brand new red zipped tracksuit top, aged 5-6. It is named. Please check carefully at home and hand in if found.

WALKING BUS

I would be interested in helping out with the Walking Bus and can commit to helping out regularly.

I would be able to help: in the mornings/in the afternoons/both morning and afternoon*

**Please delete as appropriate.*

Name/s:

Parent of:(child)

Please return to the school office. Thank you.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Emma	for being a thoroughly delightful member of Robins
Choughs	Thomas G	for great independent learning
Puffins	Poppy	for amazing effort in her space leaflet writing
Owls	Sienna	for her organisation and writing on the planets
Kingfishers	Esme	for fantastic work on our Black History project
Trencrom	Kacey	for her sensible attitude and hard work
Lanyon	Kotryna	for amazing progress in swimming & a new found confidence
	Destiny	for amazing progress in swimming & a new found confidence
Kerris	Jake	for the effort & determination he has shown in learning to swim
Bodrift	Samuel	for working hard to make his time slip story the best it could be
Bosigran	Megan	for such a fantastic time slip story
Kenidjack	Louis	for fantastic re-drafting of his time slip story
Dinnertime	Issac C	for lovely use of his knife and fork
PE Star Class	Kenidjack	for showing great understanding of official Dodgeball game rules



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	95.6%	6
Robins	97.8%	4
Puffins	91.8%	10
Owls	89.6%	11
Kingfishers	94.8%	9
Trencrom	98.0%	3
Lanyon ★	99.0%	1
Kerris ★	99.0%	1
Bodrift	95.6%	6
Bosigran	96.3%	5
Kenidjack	95.0%	8
Overall school attendance	95.9%	

Our collective target is 97.5%

DIARY DATES

October

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – HALF TERM

- 4th FOAS AGM at 7.00pm
- 10th Music Concert at 6.00pm for school musicians & parents
- 13th Children in Need fundraising day
- 13th Sharing assembly – Kenidjack at 2.45pm
- 20th M & M Theatre Production of Robin Hood
- 25th Last swimming for Kerris, Lanyon and Trencrom
- 27th Non uniform day in aid of the FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow
- 27th ALL CLUBS FINISH TODAY

DECEMBER

- 1st Advent Service at 9.30am – followed by mince pies and coffee for parents
- 4th FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow
- 4th Guitar and keyboard lessons finish

