

Dear Parents,

The Summer holidays now seem a distant memory and term is well underway. I am sure that you will all agree that it has been a fantastic start for everyone and have been hearing all about the children's exciting projects. It was great to see so many people at the Meet the Teacher meetings this week which, alongside the information provided in your child's Class News sent out recently, have hopefully answered any questions you may have as well as given you information about what your child will be learning this term. Your children's teachers are always happy to discuss any concerns or queries you may have and if you need to see them, please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment.

Best wishes,

Cathryn Wicks  
Acting Deputy Head



## Parent Helpers

We are always looking for parent helpers, whether occasional (for example accompanying the children on trips) or more regularly, especially for help with reading. We are incredibly grateful to those parents and relatives who come along for about half an hour, usually first thing in the morning, and listen to the children read. Regular practice makes an enormous difference to a child's progress in reading which, as we all know, is such an important skill. If you are able to spare some time to help in any way, please speak to your child's teacher who will be very pleased to talk to you about it.

## Staffing Update

If you have called in to the office over the last term or so, you may well have seen Mrs Trahair or Mrs Stacey. They are now members of our office team working alongside Mrs France and Mrs Gill and will be able to help you in exactly the same way.

In other staffing news, Mrs Clemens, who teaches in Trencrom Class, is expecting a baby at Christmas. We will be interviewing for her replacement shortly and will let you know more details about who this will be in due course.

## 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).



## Clubs

Clubs begin next week and many children have already returned their letters. There are, as usual, a wide range of clubs on offer across the school for your child to choose from should they wish. All details and relevant information were given on the clubs letter but if there is anything else you would like to know, please ask the member of staff leading the club or speak to Mrs Gill in the office. Please note that some clubs have been oversubscribed and there are waiting lists. If your child does not attend regularly then their place will be given to the next child on the waiting list.



## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held on **Thursday 8th October** at 9.30am and you are all very welcome to join us.

This year, we are particularly thinking about people who do not have enough to eat and we would be grateful for any donations of food that the children bring in as these will be going to the local food bank.

We are also going to have a collection on the day and the money raised will be going to provide help for refugees desperately in need of support.



## Music Lessons

There are still some spaces for learning a musical instrument in school. Maria has two spaces for learning the keyboard (Year 2 and older) and there are also spaces if your child would like to learn to play a woodwind or brass instrument or the drums (all from Year 3 and older) or the violin (Year 1 and older) Please ask at the office for more details.



## Cheque payments

If paying by cheque for items at school, please make cheques payable to 'Alverton School'.

## Friday News by email

If you are currently not receiving the Friday News by email and would like to, please let us have your email address and we will send it out to you. Please note that it sometimes disappears into your Spam folder so please check there first before letting us know that you haven't received it.

## Breakfast Club



We are pleased to announce some important changes to our Breakfast Club offer. The club will continue to run from 8am each day and the charge will remain at £2 per session.

However, from next Monday (September 21st), Breakfast Club will operate as a **flexible 'pay as you use'** provision, i.e. there will be **no need to book** in advance. If you can let us know though, this is very helpful to the Breakfast Club staff. **Sessions must, however, be paid for either in advance or on the day of use.**

Children who are entitled to **Pupil Premium** funding will be able to attend Breakfast Club each day free of charge.

To try to help **working parents**, we will charge £2 for the first child and £1 for siblings (e.g. £4 for 3 children).

To help children get off to a **healthy start** to the day, we are introducing some new clubs which will operate from 8am. Children taking part in these will also be able to enjoy a breakfast before they start school. The first of these is a Yoga Club which will operate on Friday mornings. Because we are buying in professional coaches there will be a charge for some of these clubs (free for Pupil Premium children), and places in the classes are limited.

We are also **increasing the number of staff** who will run the Breakfast Club which will enable us to increase the range of activities we offer and the spaces we use around the school which will increase the number of children we can accommodate.

To give you the full details on this, we are sending home a Parent Guide to our Breakfast Club with this Newsletter.

## Change of date - Lanyon class assembly

Please note that there will **NOT** be a sharing assembly for Lanyon on 13th November. It will be re-arranged for the Spring term.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Roxy	for her constant cheerful smile and caring nature
Choughs	Ryan	for attentive listening on the carpet
Puffins	Verity	for settling in so well into Puffins class
Owls	Meri	for her amazing start in Owls
Kingfishers	Zak	for fantastic work in Maths this week
Trencrom	Mercedes	for her excellent pyramid poem and neat handwriting
Lanyon	Finley R	for fantastic poetry based on a pyramid
Kerris	Vinny	for the effort and enthusiasm he has put into all of his learning
Bodrifty	Corey	for his fantastic work in Maths this week
Bosigran	Ezra	for his fantastic attitude and mature outlook to school life
Kenidjack	Emily	for a very hard working start to Year Six
Dinnertime	Esther	for her great help with our younger members of school
	Matilda	for her great help with our younger members of school
PE Star Class	Kingfishers	for excellent movement & understanding of spatial awareness



## LOST

Lucca in Kenidjack has lost his red, fleece-lined waterproof coat, brand 'George'. It is named and is brand new. It was lost last Friday. Please check and hand in if found.

## FOR SALE

Blue child's guitar with a fabric case £15. Call Sarah on 07794 381960

## DIARY DATES

### September

- 21<sup>st</sup> All clubs start today – places lists have come home
- 25<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Trencrom at 2.45pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Year 6 taster day at Mounts Bay



### October

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year 6 taster day at Humphry Davy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharing assembly – Kerris at 2.45pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival at 9.30am
- 8<sup>th</sup> Y6 sleepover at the school
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Bodrifty at 2.45pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation evenings – appointment times follow
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Kingfishers at 2.45pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Bernard Williams Concert at 6.30pm, venue TBC
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Individual and Family photographs
- 22<sup>nd</sup> FOAS Halloween Disco
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sharing assembly – Owls at 2.45pm

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM**



## CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	98.7%	3
Robins	94.8%	10
Puffins	97.7%	4
Owls 	100%	1
Kingfishers	95.7%	8
Trencrom	95%	9
Lanyon	97.7%	4
Kerris	96.6%	7
Bodrifty 	100%	1
Bosigran	97.1%	6
Kenidjack	90.4%	11
Overall school attendance	96.3%	

**Our collective target is 97.5%**