

We hope that you all had a fantastic Easter holiday and enjoyed at least some sunshine. We are delighted to welcome back all your children looking so smart, enthusiastic and ready to learn.



Great News!

As you may have seen on the Cornishman website, we have recently received the brilliant news that we have secured funding to replace our ancient Elliott hut.

Working with Vickery Holman in Truro, in December we applied for an annual Condition Improvement Fund grant (which is available to academy schools) from the Education Funding Agency. We were delighted to be selected as one of the successful bids for our project. There were almost 4000 applications for the grant with only 1200 being successful so this really is a great result.

The new building will be constructed over the Summer holidays so when your children return in September, one lucky class will be enjoying a brand-new classroom complete with panoramic views of Penzance and Mounts Bay.

We are all extremely excited and are sure that you will be equally delighted that we will have such a fantastic new space for your children.

Keeping children safe is a key part of what we all do. We have produced a Parent Guide, which is attached as an appendix to this newsletter and also available in the school reception which outlines our safeguarding practice and gives guidance should you be concerned about a child's safety in any way.

At Alverton, the Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Higgs; Mrs Wicks and Mrs Burlton are the designated members of staff who cover in his absence. Mrs Hughes, Mrs Hall, Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Clemens and Mrs O'Neill are additional Safeguarding Officers. Our Safeguarding Policy, detailing our practices and procedures, is also available to read in the School Policies section of our website.

Autumn term dates

School re-opens for the Autumn term on Wednesday 7th September 2016 and closes for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 20th December. Autumn half term is 24th-28th October inclusive.

CLUBS

All clubs will start next week from Monday 18th April. Your child should have brought home their form to say which clubs they will be doing. Please check carefully and collect your child promptly at the correct time and at the venue on the reverse of the form. If your club requires payment, please ensure it is paid before the first session.

Advanced notice of cancellation

ALL clubs will be cancelled on **Monday 25th April** due to staff training.

Year 3/4 Auction

A big thank you to everyone who came along and donated to the auction at the end of last term. We have raised an amazing **£252** so far for Shelterbox.



Year 3/4 Camp meeting

We are holding a Year 3/4 camp meeting on **Monday 25th April** at 3.30pm in the Hall. There will be lots of information given out about the venue, activities, etc and forms to take away and complete. Please come along if you can.

KS1 SINGING GROUP

LITTLE RED HEN CONCERT

A reminder from Mrs Eddy that the concert for the KS1 singing group is being held next **Tuesday 19th April at 2pm** at St Mary's Church. Please come along if you can. Tickets are available on the door at £3 for adults and £1 for under 18s. Please either collect your child from the Church at the end of the concert at 2.45pm or from school at the usual time. The children need to wear their smart school uniform with tie and black shoes.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Now we are in the summer term, if it is warm enough for your child to wear their summer uniform they may do so. A reminder that it is:
Girls: Red & white checked dresses.
Boys: Grey shorts with white shirt and tie (no polo shirts please).

WANTED!

Do you or anyone you know works for a tree surgeon or similar and can donate a large quantity of wood chippings? Ducklings would be very grateful for chippings to put down on their woodland paths in their play area. Please contact the office if you can help.



WELLIES

We are using the field as much as possible from now on so please make sure your child has a pair of wellies in school every day so that they can go onto the field even when it is too wet for trainers.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Kitty V	for settling into Robins class so well
Choughs	Gracie-Mae	for super effort with her reading and writing
Puffins	Jacob	for perseverance with multiplication this week. Well done
Owls	Max	for his determination and resilience in Maths lessons
Kingfishers	Poppy V	for a fantastic first week in Kingfishers class
Trencrom	Armandas	for super Maths, completing the hardest challenge and helping others
Lanyon	Daisy	for an improved confidence in her own Maths ability
Kerris	Eboni	for her enthusiastic approach and delightful manners all of the time
Bodrifty	Neve	for her fantastic teamwork in Penlee park, devising an exercise routine
Bosigran	Joel	for his amazing attitude and focus in all his work
Kenidjack	Polly	for extreme bravery in battling illness to come in & play for the school team
Dinnertime	Kensa	for her support and help with our younger members of the school



Paying online

If you can pay online for trips, swimming, camp, etc please do so. It will save you and us lots of time and is simple and secure to use. Visit 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.



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	91.7%	11
Robins	98.3%	5
Puffins	100%	1
Owls	92.1%	10
Kingfishers	97.8%	7
Trencrom	99%	3
Lanyon	98.1%	6
Kerris	100%	1
Bodrifty	98.6%	4
Bosigran	94.1%	8
Kenidjack	92.5%	9
Overall school attendance	96.6%	

Our collective target is 97.5%

DIARY DATES

18 th	All clubs start today
20 th	First swimming for Robins, Choughs and Year 5/6 group
25 th	Year 3/4 camp meeting at 3.30pm
May	
2 nd	Bank Holiday – School closed
5 th -6 th	Year 3 & 4 camp at Bude
9 th -13 th	SATs week for Y6 - some music & clubs cancelled
14 th	FOAS Duck Race at Wherrytown Boating Pool
25 th & 26 th	School production of 'Annie' – details of ticket sales, etc to follow

May half term - Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June inclusive

