



## Punctuality

We are finding that quite a number of children are arriving late at school on a daily basis. The school doors open at 8.45am to give your child plenty of time to arrive and settle before the formal start to the school day at 9am. Even just a few minutes late can mean that they have missed the opportunity to say hello to and chat with friends and are likely to feel unsettled and embarrassed as they start morning lessons.

If you arrive after 9am we will ask you to sign the late book at the office which Mr Higgs monitors on a weekly basis.

If your child arrives after the register closes at 9.30am, this counts as an unauthorised absence and will show on your child's attendance record. Not only has your child missed the chance to meet with their friends before school, they are likely to have missed the start of lessons which are key to your child's learning and they may well feel much less confident than their classmates as the lesson moves on.

Please ensure that you get your child to school before 9am so that they are settled and ready to start work on time.

## Clubs

All clubs start on **Monday 14th** and if your child put in a clubs form, they should have received it back showing which clubs they are doing. Many clubs have long waiting lists so if your child does not commit to attending regularly, their place will be given to the next person on the list. If your child is not attending a club for any reason, please let us know so that this can be put on the club's register for that day.

**If your club requires payment, please ensure that it is received before the date of the first club or your child will not be able to be start.**

Please collect your child promptly at the end of their club. If you are going to be late to collect them, please contact Go Active to book them into their after school provision on 07843 126833.

## Club cancellations

**Thursday 24th January & Thursday 7th February**

As there are hockey tournaments on these dates and Mrs Dennison is attending with the team, hockey club will be cancelled.

**Drama club** will not take place on **Tuesday 12th February** (the last one before half term).

**All clubs** will be cancelled on **Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March** due to parent consultations.

## School camp payments

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

Year 3/4 Bude (£90 total): **8th February**

Year 6 London (£310 total): **5th April**

Year 5 Porthpean (£150 total): **17th May**

**Full payment is needed by the above dates. If it is not paid in full by these dates, we will cancel your child's place and refund any money you have already paid (less the deposit) with immediate effect.**

You can pay as much or as little as you want anytime up to the final date. Don't forget to pay online at [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk). Click into the amount box and change the total payment to the amount you'd like to pay. If you cannot pay online, please ask at the office for a Paypoint barcode which you can use to pay cash at a local Paypoint retailer.



## PE kit

ALL years (except Reception) should bring their full PE kit to school on a Monday and leave it in school all week. Please only take home on a Friday for washing. Thank you.

## Music lessons

All music lessons start next week including keyboards and guitars. If you haven't yet paid your invoice for Maria or Julyan, please can you ensure payment is made before your child's first lesson so that they can take part.

## Menu change

### Thursday 17th January

As this is Census Day, there is a special menu. It really helps our school funding if as many children as possible in EYFS and KS1 have lunch that day.

Beefburger and chips

or

Macaroni cheese

Served with baked beans or peas.

Ice cream

There will also be jacket potatoes and packed lunches available.

## Payment for school lunches

As the school kitchen is run by Caterlink, you are unable to pay for school lunches online. You can pay by cash or cheque (payable to 'Caterlink') either direct to the kitchen or via the office.

## Need a chat?

Come and have a cup of tea with Mrs Daylak if you have any questions or concerns about anything which might be affecting your child in school. You can find her any Monday to Thursday after school until 4pm. If you would rather make an appointment, please ask the office. She might even find you a biscuit to go with your tea!



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Sofia	for super writing about the holidays
& Choughs	Harris	for super writing about the holidays
Puffins	Livia	for her hard working attitude & excellent listening skills
Owls	Finn	for exceptional enthusiasm during Mr Watson's gym lessons
Kingfishers	Madeline	for settling into life in Kingfishers class so brilliantly
	Daniel C	for settling into life in Kingfishers class so brilliantly
Trencrom	Harry	for making an excellent start to the new term. What a fantastic attitude!
Lanyon	Maisie	for throwing herself into our new project & trying new things
Kerris	Josh	for his superb Bhangra & Bollywood dancing this week - such enthusiasm!
Bodrift	Seb	for using amazing vocabulary in his poetry this week
Bosigran	Amber	for always working hard & producing the most beautiful work
Kenidjack	Taylor	for being a consistently cheerful, hard working & enthusiastic Year Six
Dinnertime	Skye	for sharing her enjoyment of dance with the younger members of the school



## Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @alvertonschool to keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are going on.



## LOST

Zachary in Trencrom has lost his dark grey coat hood. It has poppers & buttonholes on it. Please check and hand in if found.

## CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	95.5%	6
Robins	97.9%	3
Puffins	97.1%	4
Owls	98.7%	2
Kingfishers	93.0%	9
Trencrom ★	99.7%	1
Lanyon	94.2%	8
Kerris	91.9%	10
Bodrift	91.2%	11
Bosigran	95.0%	7
Kenidjack	96.7%	5
Overall school attendance	95.4%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

## DIARY DATES

### January

- 14<sup>th</sup> Music lessons start
- 14<sup>th</sup> Clubs start
- 16<sup>th</sup> Swimming starts today for Year 5

### February

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sharing assembly for Kenidjack at 2.45pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly for Choughs and Robins at 2.45pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> School closes at normal time of 3.15pm for half term break

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – HALF TERM





## Penzance and Newlyn RFC Minis and Juniors want you!

Join the rugby community, come and give it a try!

Non-Contact Tag rugby for 6 to 8 year-old boys and girls –

4:30 pm Friday afternoon for an hour with games on Sundays

RFU Qualified coaches

Good Facilities

For more information please contact:

[info.PZNrfc.minijuniors@gmail.com](mailto:info.PZNrfc.minijuniors@gmail.com)



## INDOOR WINTER TENNIS COURSES

AT MOUNTS BAY ACADEMY SPORTS CENTRE

**SATURDAYS and MONDAYS**



Come along and enjoy our fun and active tennis classes

We run groups for all ages and abilities

Equipment can also be provided

For more information please visit our website

Head Coach Ian Vidgen 07582669511 [ian.vidgen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ian.vidgen@hotmail.co.uk)

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