# **Alverton School**

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#### **FRIDAY NEWS**

No. 8

Thank you from the Food Bank for the Harvest Festival donations

To All at Alverton School.

I am writing to thank you for the wonderful amount of items you donated to see Churches Together in Rengance Food Bank.

We had been very busy recently and some of our shelves were empty but with your help they are now well stocked.

The support we receive from so many members of our community enables us to provide a weeks supply of food for those who find themselves in financial crisis.

With all good wishes to you all.

Christine Gendall

(Chairman of Management Committee)

## Change of dates - KS1 and Reception Christmas performances

Please note new dates:

#### **Tuesday 10th December**

KS1 Performances at 2pm & 6pm

#### Wednesday 11th December

Reception Performance at 4pm

#### **Thursday 12th December**

Reception Performance at 2pm

## Change of dates - Lanyon and Kenidjack assemblies

Lanyon's sharing assembly which was to have been on Friday 15th November at 2.45pm has been postponed until the Spring term. New date to be confirmed.

Kenidjack's sharing assembly which was to have been on Friday 8th November has now been moved to Friday 29th November.

#### Clubs

#### Advance notice of cancellations

Due to Parents evenings, the following clubs will be **cancelled** in the week beginning Monday 18th November:

Monday 18th: Football, Needlecraft, Story club, Gymnastics

Tuesday 19th: Drama, Baking

Wednesday 20th: Dodgeball

All other clubs that week will be on as normal.

An extra session of Gymnastics will take place on Monday 2nd December (last one) and KS2 Dodgeball on Tuesday 3rd December (last one).

#### Jack and the Beanstalk

We are delighted to be welcoming M&M Theatre Company back to perform Jack and the Beanstalk on 25th November. All children from Reception upwards will be seeing the performance on that day. Please help us by paying £3.75 per child online as soon as possible if you haven't done so already.

#### **Online safety**

Please see the information below with some excellent advice about Instagram. We will be publishing a different information page each week.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.







What parents need to know about



#### **HOOKED ON SCROLLING**

#### SLIDING INTO DM'S

#### **INFLUENCER CULTURE**

#### DAMAGETO CONFIDENCE, **BODY IMAGE &** MENTAL HEALTH

#### LIVE STREAMING TO REC **STRANGERS**

IN-APP PAYMENTS - Instagram allows payments for products directly through the app. It operates under the same rules as Facebook Payments, which state that if you are under the age of 18, you can only use this feature with the involvement of a parent or guardian.

#### **EXPSOSING LOCATION**

#### **HUACKED HASHTAGS**

Twitter, hashtags are also an extremely prominent tool nstagram and with that comes dangers for your child, person may use a seemingly innocent hashtag with one cular thing in mind, and before you know it hundreds of ople could be using the same hashtag for something nappropriate or dangerous that your child certainly shouldn't be exposed to.







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#### RESTRICT DIRECT **MESSAGES**

If your child receives a message from somebody they do not know, encourage them not to accept their message equest and 'block' this person; this is the only way to stop them messaging your child again.

#### LOOK OUT FOR #ADS

#### REMOVE PAYMENT METHODS

u are happy for your child to have a card associated n their Instagram account, we suggest adding a PIN n needs to be entered before making a payment; th so help prevent unauthorised purchases. This can b added in the payment settings tab.

#### **SCROLLING**

Instagram added a 'You've completely caught up' message in late 2018. This message breaks up the feed and notifies you when you are up to date and there are no more new posts from followers. This features is enabled automatically, but have the conversation with your child about how much time they are spending on the app and set healthy time limits.

### PROTECT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION

#### **USE A PRIVATE ACCOUNT**

By default, any image or video your child uploads to tagram is visible to anyone. A private account means the u have to approve a request if somebody wants to follow ou and only people you approve will see your posts and videos.

#### FILTER INAPPROPRIATE **COMMENTS**

Instagram has an 'anti-bullying' filter, which hides comments relating to a person's appearance or character, as well as threats to a person's wellbeing or health. The filter will also alert instagram to repeated problems so they can take action against the user if necessary. This is an automatic filter, but it can be turned off. Make sure it is turned on in the app's settings.

#### TURN OFF SHARING

Even though this feature will not stop people from taking screenshots, it will stop others being able to directly share photos and videos from a story as a essage to another user. This feature can be turned off in the settings. We also recommend turning off the lature which automatically shares photos and videos from a story to a Facebook account.

DON'T FORGET TO BE VIGILANT & TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITIES!

#### **Cycle to School week**

It's been wonderful to see all the bikes and scooters outside school this week and we really appreciate your support especially considering the weather! We've had a wonderful week with a fantastic assembly from Sustrans (a Cornish bike charity) and cycling activities including lighting a disco ball and bubble machine with a generator bike! Cycling will be our year long focus in preparation for the Tour of Britain next September which will start in Penzance.













Due to a clash with Remembrance Sunday on 10th November, the Family Cycle will now go ahead on **Sunday 17th November**. This will start from the Bissoe Trail, Portreath at **11am**. Please come along with your family and cycle together with some members of staff.

#### Parents Evenings - KS1 and KS2

Our Parents Evenings this term will be held in the week beginning **Monday 18th November** from 3.30—6.30 pm and we are really looking forward to meeting you and discussing your child's progress.

Our system for booking appointments through the eschools facility on our school website (www.alverton.org.uk) is now open so if you haven't yet booked an appointment, please do so as soon as possible as slots are filling up fast.

You will previously have been sent log in details for eschools. If you are unsure what this is, please ask at the office and they will arrange for new details to be sent to you. These details will be needed in order to go online and book the appointment slot that suits you best.

If you have had a review meeting with Mrs Hughes and your child's class teacher, you don't need to book an appointment.

#### Log ins

Some parents are getting a little confused about log in details for our online payments system and our website. Let us help you!

Schoolmoney (Eduspot) (eduspot.co.uk) is used for online payments only and you will need your mobile number, email address and a password that has been sent to you. It is a computer generated one which you cannot change but will always be the same so please save it somewhere safe. You can then pay for trips, camp, swimming, etc securely with your debit or credit card. When signing in, please choose the 'schoolmoney for parent login' at the bottom.

**Eschools** (via the Alverton school website) is used for booking parents evenings twice a year. You will need your user name (your first name and surname with a full stop in between) e.g. john.smith (all lower case) and a password which we can reset in the office for you if you lose it.

#### **Year 5 camp deposits**

If your child would like to go to Porthpean next June, the deadline for the deposit of £30 (paid online) is Friday 22nd November. Please ensure you pay by then to reserve a place.

#### Absence from school

If your child is unwell or will not be attending school it is your responsibility to contact the school on the first day of absence no later than 9.30am (there is an answering machine if you wish to leave a message before 8am). If we have not heard from you by this time we will need to telephone home to ascertain the nature of their absence. This is in line with the Government's policy on attendance. Please note that any child who is ill with sickness or an upset stomach should remain away from school for 48 hours after the last episode of illness.

#### Lost

Levan in Lanyon has lost his camouflage raincoat, aged 8 years. It is named.

Lani-Rose in Kingfishers has lost her Next silver rain jacket, aged 7 years. It is named.

Murphey has lost two V-necked red jumpers, George at Asda brand, both are named and a zip-up Mountain Warehouse brand red top, also named. Please check and hand in if found.



### Early Help -



## Being Passionate About Parenting

Ever wondered why your child behaves a certain way?

Feel alone? Not sure who can Are you thinking that something needs to change?

Come along to our free One Day Parenting Workshop on 15th November 9.30 to 2.30 at Alverton School to learn some new skills on how to manage difficult behaviour and improve you and your child's relationship at home.

Our next workshop is below, please call soon as places are limited.



To request a place, please speak to the office or your child's teacher. Tea and coffee provided Please bring lunch with you!

#### **FamilyLine**

Family pressures can sometimes be difficult to manage without emotional support and guidance to help.

The free FamilyLine service tackles these issues in a new and innovative way by using a network of trained volunteers from across the country with the knowledge and experience of family issues to support family members over the age of 18 through telephone calls, email and text message.

They can provide a listening ear, answer particular parenting questions or help with guidance around more complex issues. They can also provide longer-term support through regular sessions with their Befrienders and Counsellors. All support takes place via telephone, text message or email and is free.

Family members aged 18 years old and over from anywhere in England and Wales can get in touch with the service for free using the details below.

#### Opening times:

Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm and 6pm to 9pm

#### Contact details:

Telephone: 0808 802 6666Text message: 07537 404 282

Email: familyline@family-action.org.uk

Live web chat

https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/familyline/



BAG 2 SCHOOL - please start saving your donations

Having a pre-Christmas clear-out? The Friends of Alverton School has organised another fundraising Bag2School collection. Please help the school by donating good quality clothing for re-use in Eastern Europe or Africa. Bags have now come home. You can bring your filled bags in to school on the morning of **Thursday**14th November - why not start collecting now? The more we donate, the more money we earn

for the school!

Yes please: clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves & ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, bedding.

No thanks: duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, carpets, rubs and mats, soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, school uniforms, corporate clothing and workwear, textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

Please bring them to school on the morning of Thursday 14th November (not before, please, as we have nowhere to store them). Thank you very much for your support.

#### **STARS OF THE WEEK**

| Choughs & Robins | Ekkam     | for being a delightful member of Robins class                          |
|------------------|-----------|--|
|                  | Jemima    | for always being so kind, caring & smiley                              |
| Puffins          | Logan     | for his effort in Phonics this week                                    |
| Owls             | Lani-Rose | for exceptional perseverance in Maths. What a superstar!               |
| Kingfishers      | Kenzi     | for being a super reader & being brave enough to perform at the Minack |
| Trencrom         | Dusty     | for brilliant work in Maths, working independently                     |
| Lanyon           | Katie     | for writing an excellent set of instructions. Fantastic!               |
| Kerris           | Lolabelle | for being simply wonderful all of the time—amazing!                    |
| Bodrifty         | Skye      | for putting so much effort into her Maths                              |
| Bosigran         | Isla      | for fantastic creative writing this week                               |
| Kenidjack        | Kyle      | for his amazing knowledge of pre-History & the spread of humanity      |
| Dinnertime       | Hazel     | for lovely manners   |

#### 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!

#### **CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK**

| Choughs        | 93.0%  | 10 |
|----------------|--------|----|
| Robins         | 98.5%  | 1  |
| Puffins        | 94.8%  | 7  |
| Owls           | 96.0%  | 6  |
| Kingfishers    | 94.7%  | 8  |
| Trencrom       | 91.3%  | 11 |
| Lanyon         | 97.3%  | 3  |
| Kerris         | 98.0%  | 2  |
| Bodrifty       | 93.1%  | 9  |
| Bosigran       | 97.1%  | 4  |
| Kenidjack      | 97.1%  | 4  |
| Overall school | 05 50/ |    |
| attendance     | 95.5%  |    |

Our collective target is 96.5%

#### **Twitter**

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

#### **DIARY DATES**

#### **NOVEMBER**

| 18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> | Parent Consultation evenings – <b>Year 1</b> - <b>6</b> – please book online at school website                |
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| 25 <sup>th</sup>                    | M & M Theatre Production of Jack & the Beanstalk – please pay online  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                    | Last swimming for Kerris, Lanyon and Trencrom   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>                    | Sharing assembly – Kenidjack at 2.45pm – <b>please note new date</b>  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>                    | Non uniform day in aid of the FOAS Christmas<br>Fair – details to follow                                      |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>                    | ALL CLUBS FINISH TODAY  |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>                     |   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                     | Advent Service at 9.30am – followed by mince pies and coffee for parents                                      |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                     |   |
| 6                                   | FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                    | FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow  KS1 Christmas performance at 2.00pm & 6.00pm  – please note new date |
|                                     | KS1 Christmas performance at 2.00pm & 6.00pm  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                    | KS1 Christmas performance at 2.00pm & 6.00pm – please note new date   |