



Alverton Primary School

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Dear Parents,

For many of you, Friday marked a premature end to the Spring Term, without any real certainty as to when the new term will begin. It has certainly been a challenging and unsettling period for everyone, whatever your walk of life. Having started the year with Brexit dominating the news and trying to predict the changes this would bring, we have moved immediately into the COVID-19 impacting upon us all in one way or another.

Throughout all of the uncertainty, however, your children have continued to be an absolute pleasure to be with, working hard, behaving well and impressing us all with their humour, wisdom and resilience. As always, there have been many things to celebrate in school over the term with many children taking part in a range of inter-school sports events and achieving great success along the way. Particular congratulations go to the swimming teams who scooped most of the medals in the various galas held recently, and to the team who won the inter school Go Active team championship. I should also mention the two teams who represented the school in this year's Youth Speaks competition and were, as always, hugely impressive in terms of their confident speaking performances - truly awe inspiring.

As you will be aware, the school will be open from Wednesday of this week for a limited number of children of Key Workers. We contacted parents on Friday with information on how to register for this provision and will be in touch with those parents who are eligible on Monday or Tuesday in order to finalise the details.

For children who will not be attending school until we re-open, each class has a link on the school website (www.alverton.eschools.co.uk) under the Home School Learning tab. Class teachers will be updating these pages daily with suggestions for work to be completed by children during the period of closure. We have also set up temporary email addresses for the class teachers to use which they will share with parents so that children's work can be submitted etc; Choughs and Robins parents should continue to use the existing Tapestry system to do this. Any general queries should still be sent through to Vervan on the secretary@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk email address; in addition, the school office will be open for telephone (01736 364087) queries most week days for the period of closure.

I am sure that you will join me in thanking our staff for their hard work and professionalism in ensuring that the children's learning experiences continued to be of their usual high quality despite the uncertainty and disruption in the outside world. It is a shame that we won't be able to properly share some of this work with you in the exhibitions we had planned. I know that staff are sharing some of the work produced on our Twitter site (@alvertonschool).

The global nature of the COVID-19 problems has once again reminded me just how interconnected we are as a world population. Conversely, it has also reaffirmed my belief that it is our local communities which are best placed to meet the needs of families and individuals. I hope that one of the positive consequences of the current difficulties will be evidence that we are still capable of working together and acting selflessly for those in need of our help.

On behalf of all our staff and governors I look forward to working with you next term, whenever that begins, and wish you all a very safe and healthy extended break.

Best wishes

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