



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all of you who have taken the time to complete and return your Travel Survey forms. We have had an amazing number of responses and a great deal of support for our plans to reduce the impact of cars around the entrance to the school. The strength of feeling coming through from your questionnaires was clear. There is clearly an overwhelming desire to find ways of taking away the potential risk which cars create around the school entrance, with several parents actually describing near misses they have been involved in.

We are in the process of collating the responses and an overview of these will appear in the Friday News in a couple of weeks. In the meantime we are pursuing the proposals put forward in last week's newsletter and looking at some of the suggestions which parents have made in the questionnaire.

As an immediate response to the problem, from Monday we will be trialling a scheme to actively discourage parents from driving into Toltuff Crescent at the beginning and end of the school day. We would request that parents who need to drive to school allow time to park in one of the nearby roads and make the short walk to the school gates to drop off or collect their children.

Thank you again for your support in attempting to resolve this longstanding issue **before** we have cause to wish we had acted sooner.

Martin Higgs
Headteacher

Staffing Update

We are delighted to let you know that we have appointed Miss Verity Rogers as Mrs Clemens's maternity cover. Miss Rogers is well-known to the school as she has often covered staff absence for us and we look forward to welcoming her to our team.

Staff Vacancy

We are currently looking to appoint a part-time, temporary Teaching Assistant to work as 1:1 support. If you are interested in the role and would like further details, please have a look at the Cornwall Council website <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/> and search for jobs in School Support.

Pick up times after school and clubs

We have found recently that a number of children are not being collected promptly after clubs or at the end of school. Please ensure that you collect your child on time.

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Cancellation of clubs next week

The following clubs are **cancelled** next week:

Mon 12th Oct: Football, High Fives, Creative writing, Multi-sports, Story club & Drawing

Tues 13th Oct: Hockey & Drama

Weds 14th Oct: Band

All other clubs will be **ON**.

Transfer to secondary school

If your child is currently in Year 6, you need to apply for their place at your preferred secondary school **by 31st October 2015**.

The easiest way is to apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions. For more information call the Admissions team on 0300 1234 101 or visit the website.

Thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who donated food for the local food bank and money for the refugee crisis. We filled a car boot with food and raised **£58.02**.

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).



What is FOAS?

We're an informal group of parents who raise money to enhance the school experience for all children at Alverton.

In the last school year, we have paid for or supported:

- The Eden Project's outdoor space project to enhance the whole school's outdoor learning opportunities and playtimes
- Early years Christmas presents
- KS1 puppet show
- Christmas lunch
- KS1 Minack trip
- Early years play trays and willow huts
- Year 6 leavers' presents
- Membership of the Scrap Store
- Bibs and balls for the High Fives club
- Year 6 playground marking
- Play equipment and storage for all three playgrounds
- Parasols, plants, paint and bunting for the KS2 outside learning area
- And...
- We have committed £1,000 to a fantastic project that, if we receive more funding, will result in an amazing woodland-themed library (watch this space!)

We don't have any special training or experience; we just get together and try to do our best in our spare time. We run things like the summer and Christmas fairs, school discos, the duck race, Bag2School, Lolly Fridays and more, and we always welcome new people and fresh ideas. If you can help in any way at all, we're always grateful!



Friends of Alverton School AGM

Wednesday November 4th, 7pm at school.

Please come along and meet the current FOAS team, learn about what we do, ask us questions, give us feedback and find out the many ways you can get involved. FOAS is changing and growing every year, and we are always open to new people and new ideas. Wine, soft drinks and snacks available! See you there.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Harry	for a wonderful recital of an alphabet song
Choughs	Cora	for being a great friend
Puffins	Lexi	for trying so hard in her writing
Owls	Issac	for his delight when he tries his best and succeeds
Kingfishers	Brook	for great multiplication work this week
Trencrom	Milly	for her mature attitude to her learning
Lanyon	Charlotte	for always trying her best and being a sensible member of our class
Kerris	Charlie N	for sheer focus & determination shown in the amazing improvement to his swimming
Bodrifty	Leila	for the most amazing pyramid made for her homework
Bosigran	Frank	for fantastic writing about Egyptian life. Keep up the good work, Frank!
Kenidjack	Rose	for bravery in the face of adversity
Dinnertime	Stacey	for lovely manners
PE Star Class	Lanyon	for showing great enthusiasm during the entire lesson




Bosigran - cancellation of sharing assembly

Bosigran's sharing assembly on 6th November has been cancelled.

Wanted!

Any spare protective knee, elbow or shin pads wanted for roller skaters on Wednesday mornings. If you have any to donate, please let us know. Thank you.

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	92.9%	9
Robins 	99.1%	1
Puffins	95.5%	6
Owls	97.5%	3
Kingfishers	97.8%	2
Trencrom	96.0%	4
Lanyon	91.0%	11
Kerris	95.5%	6
Bodrifty	94.4%	8
Bosigran	95.6%	5
Kenidjack	91.1%	10
Overall school attendance	95.0%	

Our collective target is 97.5%

Lost

Grace in Puffins has lost her pink lightweight coat. It has butterflies on it, size 5-6 years. Please check & hand in if found.

DIARY DATES

October

- 12th – 14th Parent Consultation evenings – appointment times have gone home
- 16th Sharing assembly – Kingfishers at 2.45pm
- 20th Bernard Williams Concert at 6.30pm, venue TBC
- 22nd Individual and Family photographs
- 22nd FOAS Halloween Disco
- 23rd Sharing assembly – Owls at 2.45pm

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – HALF TERM

