

Welcome back to school for the start of the 2019 Autumn Term at Alverton. The Summer holidays now seem a long time ago, term is well underway and the children have all settled in fantastically to their new classes. Thank you for making sure that your children came back for the new year with very positive attitudes and looking so smart in their school uniforms.

We have been pleased to welcome quite a few new children into school this year, as well as two new teachers. Miss Hooton has joined the EYFS team and will be teaching alongside Mrs Daylak in Reception while Miss Rudge begins her teaching career with Trecrom Class. We are delighted that they have joined our team and are sure that they will be great assets to the school.

As always, the staff have been busy planning a range of engaging activities and topics for the new term including some very creative launch days. Years 5 and 6 have begun their "What is the Point of Pyramids?" topic by training to be archaeologists for Howard Carter. Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a range of food and sport-related activities with an Ancient Egyptian theme and Years 1 and 2 are planning an Explorer Day on the field next week.

Some of the biggest changes this summer have been happening over at the Woodlands Nursery where building work has enabled their pre-school room and our nursery class to work much more closely together in a single space. This has been transformed and the team of staff are working together led by Mrs Hall to create a fantastic provision for our very youngest children.

We look forward to working with you and your children over the coming year; if you have any concerns or questions at all, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher who will be able to help.

## Keeping Children Safe at Alverton School

Keeping children safe is a key part of what we all do. Our website has a Safeguarding section which contains lots of information. In addition, you can pick up a Parent Guide (which is also sent with this newsletter) from our reception which also has leaflets containing other important safeguarding information. Last term we sent the first of our termly Safeguarding newsletters – look out for the Autumn Term newsletter later in the term.

At Alverton, the Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Higgs and the Deputy DSL is Mrs Wicks who are both always available to meet with you should you be concerned about a child's safety in any way.

Molly in Kerris brought in this wonderful pyramid as part of her homework this week.



## Term dates

Please see the attachments for our year planner and Autumn term dates.

## Traffic and parking

Please could we inform all new parents and remind all our existing ones that to keep our children, parents and residents safe, we would prefer you not to drive down Toltuff Crescent. There is a free church car park at the Hope Church which you are welcome to park in which is only a few minutes walk away. There are also a number of nearby roads which are perfectly situated for parking in and we ask you to park considerately in these. Both the car parks at the school are for permit holders only. All roads in this area have a speed limit of 20mph and we ask that you observe this for safety reasons.



## Early Morning arrangements

Now that the term is under way and your children have settled into their new classes, we would like to remind parents that children in Year 1 and above should be left at the hall door each morning.

We realise that many of our Year 1 children are used to having the additional support of their parents in escorting them into class and completely understand that, for some children, coming in on their own can take a bit of time. There will be members of staff available at the door to work with you towards helping the children to come into school independently.

Many thanks.

## Date reminder

Please note school is closed on Monday 28th October and Tuesday 29th October for INSET days so the first day back after half term will be **Wednesday 30th October**. Half term is 21st to 25th October.



## Wanted!

### Good quality children's books

To promote our children's reading, we would be very grateful if you have any good quality second hand children's books that could be donated to our book shop. Children with book bank cheques will then be able to pick from a wide selection.

### Breadmakers

Do you have an unwanted breadmaker in the back of your cupboard? If so, please could you donate it to us? We can then use them to make lots of freshly made bread.

### Socks

Our Reception classes would be very grateful for any spare socks (aged 4-6 years) that you could donate to help keep feet dry. Thank you very much.



### **School lunches**

The current menu runs until the end of October. Spare copies are available at the office. Jacket potatoes and sandwiches are always available daily.

#### **Please pay either on the day or in advance**

either by cash or cheque (payable to 'Caterlink') as debts cannot be accrued. Unfortunately Caterlink do not, as yet, offer an online payment system. The cost has increased to £2.32 per day and they no longer offer juice. Water is always available.

All Reception children and Year 1 and 2 are eligible for a free lunch under the Government's Universal Free School Meals initiative. A reminder to Year 3 parents that payment must be made for meals from now on. If you think your child is entitled to free school meals, please contact the office for more information.

### **Wellies and coats!**

Please ensure that your child has a pair of named wellies in school at all times and a coat so that they can use the field at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

### **Water bottles**

Please can you ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school with them each day. It is important that the children drink plenty of water.

#### **Alverton water bottles**

We now have reusable water bottles for sale at the office priced £1.50 (cash only please). They are in house colours (red, blue, green & yellow) so please ask your child which one they belong to so they can have the correct coloured bottle.

### **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 your child's 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.

### **Uniform**

Whilst the weather remains warm, children are welcome to wear the summer uniform (red checked dresses) until half term. Grey shorts may be worn all year round.

### **PE kit**

**All** children from Years 1-6 should have a PE kit in school all week. This should consist of a pair of red shorts, white polo shirt or T-shirt, red zipped Alverton top, black tracksuit bottoms and a pair of trainers. These should be named and in a named PE bag or other bag. Although there are set days during the week for PE, other sessions can take place at any time during the week and children should not be disadvantaged by not having the appropriate kit to wear.

## Clubs

All clubs start next Monday 16th (except Drama club which begins on Tuesday 24th) 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.

## Applying for a school place for September 2020

If you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 you need to apply for a school place in a Reception class for starting in September 2020. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2020. The easiest way is to apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions). For more information call the Admissions team on 0300 1234 101 or visit the website.

## 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 2019. The easiest way is to apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions). For more information call the Admissions team on 0300 1234 101 or visit the website.

## Ryman Vouchers for Classrooms



We are currently collecting Ryman vouchers which are given out when you spend £5 or more in store. For every £5 spent, you will be given a voucher worth 50p for the school to spend on stationery. Please hand these in at the office. Thank you.

## After school provision

A reminder that Go Active run all the after school provision caring for children until 5.15pm. If you are running late, you will need to contact Go Active rather than school to book your child in. Please contact Ed Timmons for any further information or to book either by phone 07843 126833 or email [ed@goactivecornwall.co.uk](mailto:ed@goactivecornwall.co.uk). If you are currently using Go Active and your days or hours are changing, please contact Ed. If you are going to use this provision for the first time, please call into the office and complete a Go Active form which we will hand into them.

## October half term

Go Active will be running a one day holiday club on **Wednesday 23rd October** from 9am-3pm at school. The cost is £13. This is open to current Alverton pupils from Reception to Year 6 (sorry no ex-pupils, relations or friends). If you would like your child to attend, please contact Ed Timmons directly or ask at the office for a form. Please ensure the form is completed and returned with payment in cash by 14th October.

## 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

Puffins	Amelia	for effort and determination in her writing
Owls	Charlie	for showing great determination in English & Phonics this week
Kingfishers	Kai	for a brilliant start to school
Trencrom	Susie	for making a brilliant start in Year 3 & always putting in 100%
Lanyon	Zac N	for being a kind & understanding friend. We were really proud
Kerris	Kai	for settling in so well & working so hard especially in Maths
Bodrift	Oliver H	for making a brilliant start to school life and working really hard
Bosigran	Patricia	for settling into Alverton School so brilliantly
Kenidjack	Arthur	for amazing descriptive writing
Dinnertime	Logan C	for always being so helpful
Daisy's award	Winston	for doing loads of really good washing up when everyone else has to leave cooking class



## 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

Zac in Kerris lost his black Vans coat at the end of last term. It has four pockets on the front and is named inside.

Leo in Lanyon has lost his new black coat this week.

Please check and hand in if found.

## CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs		100%	1
Robins		99.3%	3
Puffins		98.9%	9
Owls		99.3%	3
Kingfishers		99.3%	3
Trencrom		98.0%	11
Lanyon		99.3%	3
Kerris		99.0%	8
Bodrift		99.3%	3
Bosigran		98.9%	9
Kenidjack		99.6%	2
Overall school attendance		98.8%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

## DIARY DATES

### SEPTEMBER

16<sup>th</sup> All clubs start today – letters have been sent home

18<sup>th</sup> Swimming for Y3 and Y4 begins today

### OCTOBER

1<sup>st</sup> Year 6 taster day at Mounts Bay

3<sup>rd</sup> Year 6 taster day at Humphry Davy

4<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Kerris at 2.45pm

7<sup>th</sup> FOAS AGM at 6pm – details to follow

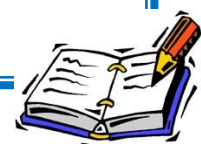
8<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival at 9.30am

11<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Bosigran at 2.45pm

14<sup>th</sup> Individual and Family photographs – details to follow

17<sup>th</sup> FOAS Halloween Disco – details to follow

18<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Bodrift at 2.45pm



# **BACK TO SCHOOL** TENNIS



## **AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS GROUPS**

**Fun tennis groups for kids of all ages and abilities  
courses start week commencing 9th September**

### **BOOK ONLINE**

**[WWW.PENZANCETENNISCLUB.CO.UK/COACHING/JUNIOR-COACHING](http://WWW.PENZANCETENNISCLUB.CO.UK/COACHING/JUNIOR-COACHING)**

**Teamwork, Respect,**



**Enjoyment, Discipline,**

**Sportsmanship**

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

**Non-Contact Tag rugby for boys and girls, Year 2 to 3 – 4:30pm Friday afternoon**

**Contact rugby progression for boys and girls, Year 4 to 11 – 4:30 or 5:30pm Friday afternoon**

**Training for an hour with games on Sundays**

**RFU Qualified coaches**

**First 2 Sessions FREE, Good Facilities, Great People**

**For more information please contact:**

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

**Come on and give it a go!!!**

