

Thank you!

Here are our Sports Ministers with a selection of the sports and play equipment that we got from the Sainsburys Active Kids voucher scheme in the summer. You kindly donated over 18,000 vouchers! Thank you very much to everyone who collected them and sent them in. Please look out for next year's event so we can get even more!



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 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.

Car park

Please remember that the school car park is for staff cars and as a drop off point for the Once Upon a Time nursery parents only. Parents should not park in the car park at the beginning of the school day when bringing their children to school when collecting them at the end of the afternoon. The car park was created to replace the staff car park immediately in front of the school in order to make this area safer. It was not intended as additional parking spaces for parents.

We continue to work hard to make the immediate school vicinity safer for your children. Please help us by supporting our aim to keep cars away from children and parents by not driving down Toltuff Crescent.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

This week we were delighted to have members of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in school to perform to our children who were introduced to lots of different instruments and pieces of music.



Parents Evenings - KS1 and KS2

Our Parents Evenings this term will be held in the week beginning **Monday 20th 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. Ducklings Nursery parents will also not need to use this.

BAG 2 SCHOOL - please start saving your donations

Having a pre-Christmas clear-out? The Friends of Alverton School has organised another fund-raising Bag2School collection. Please help the school by donating good quality clothing for re-use in Eastern Europe or Africa. You can bring your filled bags in to school on the **morning of Thursday 30th 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, rugs 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 30th November** (not before, please, as we have nowhere to store them).

Thank you very much for your support.



REMINDER

Alternative Sports Day - Tuesday 14th November

Non uniform day to raise funds to buy new equipment for playtimes and lunchtimes. Please wear a sports kit of your choice. Suggested donation £2.

Clubs

Advance notice of cancellations

There will be no High Fives club next **Wednesday 15th November** due to a hockey match that clashes.

Due to Parents evenings, the following clubs will be **cancelled** in the week beginning Monday 20th November:

Monday 20th: Football, Needlecraft, Story club

Tuesday 21st: Drama, Photography, Baking
(Baking will take place on Weds 22nd instead)

Wednesday 22nd: Running, Board games, High Fives

All other clubs that week will be on as normal.

Year 5 camp - July 2018

There will be a meeting on **Monday 13th November** at 3.15pm in Bodrifty classroom about Year 5 camp next July at Porthpean. There will be lots of information given out and a chance for you to ask any questions. Please come along if you can.

Cinderella

We are delighted to be welcoming M&M Theatre Company back to perform Cinderella on 28th November. All children from Reception upwards will be seeing the performance on that day. Please help us by paying £3 per child online as soon as possible if you haven't done so already.



Healthy snacks

In line with Ofsted guidance on healthy eating in schools, please ensure your child brings a healthy (low fat, low sugar) snack in at breaktime, for example, breadsticks, vegetables, fruit, crackers, etc. As we are a Healthy School we do not allow chocolate bars, sweets, biscuits or crisps for morning tuck. As regards drinks, please ensure that only water is brought in in your child's bottle for drinking throughout the day.

Crossing patrol absence

Please note that Mrs Slesser will not be patrolling the crossing on Toltuff Road in the afternoons of **Tuesday 14th** and **Wednesday 22nd November** due to staff training.

Wanted!

Year 5 and 6 would be very grateful for lots of cereal boxes and a range of larger cardboard boxes for their Roman exhibition project. Please bring them in next Monday and Tuesday. Thank you.

Rotary boxes

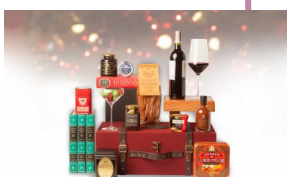
Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who kindly filled a shoe box for the Rotary Shoe Box Christmas Appeal. Over a hundred were sent to Eastern Europe from this area.

Go Active after school provision

A reminder that if you'd like to book your child into the Go Active after school club you need to contact them direct on **07843 126833**.

FOAS Christmas hamper raffle

Although the Christmas Fair is not until 8th December, FOAS would like to start collecting items for Christmas hampers to raffle. If you would like to donate any suitable items such as Christmas foods, small decorations or a pack of quality Christmas cards, please drop them into the office. FOAS will then transform them into lovely hampers. Thank you very much. Raffle tickets to sell will be coming home next week and your support will be gratefully received.



Can we help you?

Mrs Daylak, who many of you know as she has been teaching our younger children for some time now, is available to meet any parents who might have questions or concerns about their child's attendance (including absences and holidays) or would simply like a chat about anything which might be affecting their child in school. She can be found in Robins classroom on Mondays after school until 4pm.



Twitter

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



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	91.3%	10
Robins	83.0%	11
Puffins	93.4%	8
Owls	99.3%	2
Kingfishers	91.4%	9
Trencrom	94.1%	5
Lanyon	94.1%	5
Kerris	97.0%	3
Bodrifty	97.0%	3
Bosigran	94.1%	5
Kenidjack ★	100%	1
Overall school attendance	91.3%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

- 14th Alternative Sports Day fundraising day
- 20th – 22nd Parent Consultation evenings (not Choughs & Robins) – please book online
- 24th Sharing assembly – Kingfishers at 2.45pm
- 28th M & M Theatre Production of Cinderella - please pay online
- 29th Last swimming for Kerris, Lanyon and Trencrom

DECEMBER

- 1st Non uniform day in aid of the FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow
- 1st ALL CLUBS FINISH TODAY
- 4th Advent Service at 9.30am – followed by mince pies and coffee for parents
- 5th EYFS concert at 9.30am & 2.00pm – **please note new date**
- 7th KS1 exhibition/Christmas performance at 2.00pm & 6.00pm – **please note new date**
- 8th FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow
- 12th KS2 concert at 6.30pm at the Chapel Street Methodist Church
- 14th Pupils Christmas lunch
- 20th **SCHOOL CLOSES at normal time 3.15pm**

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