

EYFS GARDEN

We are very pleased to report that Phase 1 of the EYFS Garden development is now finished. On Tuesday 1st March we would like to invite all the EYFS parents to stay and play with their child and take the opportunity to explore the new garden and meet our fantastic builders, Alan and Jason. We will be having an official opening once the garden is complete.



BOOK FAIRS

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR BOOK FAIRS ON:

EYFS and KS1 - Thursday 3rd March from 3.15 - 4.15pm

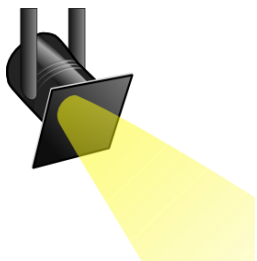
KS2 - Friday 4th March from 3.15 - 4.15pm

There will be a selection of books at greatly reduced prices which can be paid for by school book bank cheques or by cash.

There will be stalls selling gifts made by the children and refreshments will be available. We would very much appreciate cakes and biscuits to sell on the day.

All money raised will go back into the Lighthouse book shop and to stock our Library.





One of the things that parents have told us is that they would like to know more about the people who make up our Governing Body. Some of our Year 6 pupils are interviewing them for you and our first interview, by Isobel and Iona, is with Mrs Newton-Hinge, one of our Chairs of Governors.

Spotlight on ... Mrs Newton-Hinge

Mrs Newton-Hinge is one of Alverton's busiest governors; she has done many things for the school, while having two children (Cara and Amber) and working for a housing association. Today she will be answering some questions and sharing her thoughts...



Why did you decide to become a governor?

"When my second child started in Reception class, I realised the school was doing so many great things for my children that I decided to help them. This is when I became a governor and I am still loving my job!"

What area of school are you involved in?

"My area of school I am involved in is Health and Safety, helping design and build upgrades to Alverton. I also help with finance and a little bit of data."

What has been your highlight as a governor?

"My highlight was when Ofsted gave us a Good review. It had been a very difficult year and this was an amazing achievement! It happened two years ago and soon we are hoping to get an Outstanding." She sounded very pleased.

What do you see for the future of Alverton?

"I see an outstanding school full of very happy children, lots of opportunity for experience and confidence in pupils. I feel the children who come to Alverton will leave with a chance to do anything in life."

If you were an animal what would you be?

Mrs Newton-Hinge had a long think about this question. Eventually, she answered, "I would definitely be an elephant because it is my favourite animal and my first teddy was an elephant called Elephant. These animals are also wise and for many years I have been keeping a collection."

Which three words describe your personality the most?

After thinking for a long time, she answered, "I think I am very *loyal* and *caring* but I can be very *impatient* at times!"

Which three guests (real or fictional) would you invite to a dinner party?

She answered almost immediately, "I would invite Nelson Mandela, one of the most interesting people, Queen Elizabeth I, from an amazing part of history, and Alan Rickman, a very amusing actor." We thought this question was answered extremely well!

What's your favourite children's book?

"The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken. In my opinion, it is the greatest book of all time and I would recommend it to anyone who loves a great book. The author of this spectacular novel truly understands children and how lonely they can be. Furthermore, Joan makes the writing persuasive, enthusiastic and enticing!" Both of us really liked the sound of this novel and will immediately be rushing to our local bookshop to buy it - we're sure you will be too!

To conclude, Mrs Newton-Hinge is very interesting now that we have had the chance to talk to her, and after this we hope that you are more fascinated in our governors and, in fact, our whole school.

SUPER SWIMMERS!

On Wednesday the 24th February a team from Year three and four went to Penzance Leisure Centre to compete in a Sainsbury's School Games swimming gala. The children were very nervous but also very excited! They swam their very best, with us ending up in the finals of most races, where we won a total of ten medals including one gold, four silver and five bronze!

Mrs Stott and Mrs Richards were very proud of them as they arrived as a solid team showing great team spirit, courage and outstanding behaviour. Well done to each of you! The team was: Charlie R, Jago, Finley L, Finley R, Madison, Annie, Roisin, Martha, Olive and Lily Rose.



Parents Evenings - 7th, 8th and 9th March

Have you booked your parents evening appointment yet? Please log in using the eschools system on the school website. It is very easy and quick to do. If you are unsure how to log in please ask at the office and they will arrange for new details to be sent to you. **If you have not made an appointment by Monday 29th February, we will make one for you and let you know the date and time.**

If you usually have a review meeting with Mrs Burlton and your child's class teacher, you will be sent an appointment time as normal and you don't need to use the eschools system. Ducklings Nursery parents will also not need to use this.

Road Safety – we need your help again!

As you know we have been campaigning to improve the traffic situation at the end of Toltuff Road. Our local councillor, Jim McKenna, is meeting Mr Higgs on **Friday 4th March at the end of the school day** to review the situation. It is really important that the junction is as busy as possible and that as many people as possible use that route on that day, both driving past and crossing the road. Even if you usually use an alternative route to come to school to collect your children, **please can you make sure that you drive around the corner at the bottom of Trevena Road / Toltuff Crescent and come down and cross the road there too on that day, both on the way to collect them and back again!** Many thanks.



Clubs

Advanced notice - Cancellation of clubs

The following clubs will be **cancelled** during parents evenings:

Mon 7th March: Football, High Fives, Reading Café, PE, Baking, Drawing

Tues 8th March: Drama

Weds 9th March: Science, Rounders

All other clubs will be on during that week.

Clubs

Cancellation of Boxercise and Dance

Due to our Book Fairs taking place in the Hall next Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th March, Boxercise and Dance are **cancelled**. The extra Boxercise club will be on **Thursday 24th March**. Dance cannot be rescheduled so Steph will offer the first club back after Easter free of charge to those who take part in Dance this term.

St Piran Parade

Our Year 6 and the school band will be in the St Piran parade in Penzance next Friday morning (4th March). If any parents would be able to bang a drum to the beat or play an instrument we would be very grateful for you to join us. Please see or email Mrs Eddy (leddy@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk) If you'd rather not be in the parade, do come and cheer us on from 10 - 11.30am on Friday.

WORLD BOOK DAY - Non uniform day

To celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 3rd March** we will be holding our Book Oscars and would like everyone to dress to impress!

Photography Club

Do you have a working digital camera that you no longer use? If so, we would love to hear from you because our Photography Club is looking for more cameras. If you have a camera which you are happy to donate, please can you bring this into the office.

Many thanks.



TUCK SHOP NEWS!

We're delighted to say that from next week we will be selling fresh milk in cups at the tuck shop. It is local milk and will cost 25p a cup.



Pasty day - Thursday 3rd March

If your child hasn't ordered a pasty for that day or ordered it after Tuesday 23rd March, they will not be able to have one. There will, however, be jacket potatoes and school packed lunches available on the day.

Twitter

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



STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Lola B	for coming to school each morning with a beaming smile
Choughs	Sunny	for attentive listening and great contributions at carpet time
Puffins	Bella	for amazing effort in Maths this week
Owls	Fred	for his enthusiasm and motivation to learn and always do his best
Kingfishers	Abi-Bo	for great writing in class this week
Trencrom	Jenna	for her super attitude and determination in Maths this week
Lanyon	Perran	for his great attitude and positivity towards his work
Kerris	Jago	for the effort he is putting into improving his presentation in everything he does
Bodrifty	Madison	for all her hard work and determination in her Maths
Bosigran	Billy	for a fantastic attitude to her work and always giving 100%
Kenidjack	Crystal	for the great progress she has made this year



TRENCROM SHARING ASSEMBLY


Friday 4th March

Now at **2.30pm** (not 2.45pm)

LOST

Kaitlyn in Kenidjack has lost a pink, fluffy zipped pencil case.
Contents: duck eraser, gold, silver and bronze pens, 2 lipsticks and a make up phone. Please check and hand in if found.

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	89.6%	10
Robins	94.8%	5
Puffins	91.8%	9
Owls	89.6%	10
Kingfishers	94.1%	6
Trencrom	97.6%	2
Lanyon 	98.1%	1
Kerris	96.0%	4
Bodrifty	96.6%	3
Bosigran	91.9%	8
Kenidjack	93.6%	7
Overall school attendance	94.2%	

DIARY DATES

March

- 3rd St. Piran's concert - 7pm at Chapel Street Methodist
- 3rd World Book Day - dress to impress!
- 3rd Book Fair EYFS & KS1 - 3.15pm
- 4th St. Piran's dance - 10am through Penzance
- 4th Sharing assembly for Trencrom at **2.30pm** (new time)
- 4th Book Fair KS2 - 3.15pm
- 7th-9th Parent Consultations - please book using eschools
- 11th Sharing assembly for Bodrifty at 2.45pm
- 18th Sharing assembly for Lanyon at 2.45pm
- 18th **All clubs finish**
- 18th All music lessons finish
- 22nd Medal Service at 9.30am followed by hot cross buns/tea/coffee for parents
- 23rd Last swimming for Kingfishers, Owls and Puffins

THURSDAY 24th MARCH SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15pm (normal time) FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY



ST. PIRAN IN PENWITH 2016



CORNISH CONCERT

7pm Thursday 3rd March

Chapel Street Methodist Chapel

Penwith Children Schools' Choir

With Musicians from

Mount's Bay Academy.

Tickets Adult £4, U16/conc £1

From Town Council Office and Morrab Studio

OR AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT

The St. Piran Furry

Dance thro' Penzance

10.00 am Friday 4th March

Causewayhead / Morrab Gardens/ St John's Hall.