

Dear Parents and Carers,

I think it's fair to say that there are few schools which were built with the motor car in mind. The situation here at Alverton is typical of that faced by the majority of schools in the county and beyond, with limited parking on heavily populated residential streets and a few bottlenecks thrown in for good measure. As a result the beginning and end of the school day often presents parents, residents and staff with the some of the most challenging issues we face over the week.

Running late and looking for somewhere to park, irate residents who have had their drive blocked, together with questionable levels of courtesy from other drivers all add up to increased stress levels and an unhappy experience. More importantly however, all of these factors create a very dangerous cocktail for our pupils at either end of the school day. Frustrated motorists driving (and reversing!) at speed on narrow roads simply does not mix well with 300+ children trying to leave or arrive at school.

I am told that for almost as long as the school has been here this traffic issue has been discussed and that lots of ideas have been put forward to change it but with no long term success. As Head of the school I do not want to wait until an accident forces a change for the better. The school has a responsibility to act in order to improve the situation and so do you as parents. We simply have to reduce the impact of traffic around the school at peak times in order to improve the safety for our pupils, and we have to make that change now.

There are a number of ideas currently being explored in order to improve the situation for everyone. These include remodelling the entrance to the school and creating an additional car park on part of the Year 5/6 playground, reinstating the walking bus and offering incentives for children who walk to school, having crossing patrols at key points, etc. Before we move forward with any of these, though, we need to create a School Travel Plan which may help us to secure funding and support from the key partners at local and county level.

To this end we would ask ALL parents to complete the attached questionnaire please and send it back in to school. All completed questionnaires received will be entered into a Free Prize Draw and every child who returns the questionnaire will receive a House Point.

We really need your support in order to tackle this problem once and for all. The single biggest help you can give is to not drive your car to school. If you absolutely have to drive, then please do not drive into Toltuff Crescent but park a short distance away and walk.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

Martin Higgs  
Headteacher

## Mornings

Now that the children have settled back into school, we would prefer all children from Year 1 upwards to be left at the hall door in the mornings. We can only allow parents into the building in exceptional circumstances. If your child needs help to get to the classroom, then we can arrange for a Year 6 to help them there. Thank you for your support.

## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held next week on **Thursday 8th October** at 9.30am and you are all very welcome to join us.

This year, we are particularly thinking about people who do not have enough to eat and we would be grateful for any donations of **non-perishable food** that the children bring in as these will be going to the local food bank.

We are also going to have a collection on the day and the money raised will be going to provide help for refugees desperately in need of support.



## Cancellation of clubs

### Advance notice

The following clubs are **cancelled** during the week of Parent consultations:

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

**Tues 13th Oct:** Hockey & Drama

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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions). For more information call the Admissions team on 0300 1234 101 or visit the website.

## Help! More singers needed for the Alverton School Choir

Mrs Eddy would love more KS2 children to join the choir as soon as possible for a concert on 20th October and preparing for Christmas. Choir practice is on Mondays from 3.15-4.15pm.

Please see Mrs Eddy if you are interested.



## Guitar lessons

Julyan is away so there will be no guitar lessons until **Thursday 15th October**.



## Can you put up a shelf?

The Friends of Alverton School would be enormously grateful for some DIY help from a handy parent or relative. We have a lovely new shed in which to store all the things that we need for the summer fair, discos, ice creams sales etc - but it badly needs some shelving. We can provide the timber and a willing assistant, if you can offer an hour or two of your time and expertise. Please let the office know if you can help. Thank you.



## Wanted!

Robins and Choughs are desperately short of pants, socks, tights, school trousers, tracksuit bottoms, etc as spares for when the children need them. If you have any to spare, they would be very grateful.

Please drop them into the office. Thank you!



## 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).



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins  
Choughs  
Puffins  
Owls  
Kingfishers  
Trencrom  
Lanyon  
Kerris  
Bodrifty  
Bosigran  
Kenidjack  
Dinnertime  
PE Star Class

## TO BE ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY




### Cancellation of Bodrifty's sharing assembly

Bodrifty's assembly will **not** take place next Friday 9th October.

### HELP!

1st Madron Brownies are looking for a Brown Owl for a meeting once a week in Penzance for an hour & a half. Full training & support given. More information from Ruth Corin 01736 366022.

### CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	97.3%	4
Robins	98.3%	2
Puffins	97.3%	4
Owls 	99.2%	1
Kingfishers	95.2%	8
Trencrom	98.0%	3
Lanyon	96.0%	6
Kerris	91.7%	11
Bodrifty	95.6%	7
Bosigran	94.8%	9
Kenidjack	93.2%	10
Overall school attendance		

Our collective target is 97.5%

### DIARY DATES

#### October

8<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival at 9.30am  
8<sup>th</sup> Y6 sleepover at the school  
9<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Bodrifty CANCELLED  
12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation evenings – appointment times to follow  
16<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Kingfishers at 2.45pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Bernard Williams Concert at 6.30pm, venue TBC  
22<sup>nd</sup> Individual and Family photographs  
22<sup>nd</sup> FOAS Halloween Disco  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sharing assembly – Owls at 2.45pm

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM

