

Dear Parents and Carers,

eSchools

Many thanks to those of you who are using eSchools. This can be accessed via the main school website alverton.org.uk – please get in contact with the office if you have forgotten your log in details. Teachers are in the process of updating their class eSchool pages, so it will be well worth a look. It has come to our attention that the message facility on eSchools has been turned on in error. We would ask you not to message staff directly through eSchools. It is an unreliable source of communication as it does not alert staff when they have a message and is therefore largely unmonitored. Our apologies to those of you who have been trying to use the messaging facility. If you do need to get in touch with a member of staff, please do so via the school office in the normal way.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ben Chalwin

Deputy Headteacher



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held 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 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.



Modern Foreign Languages

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 enjoyed a great assembly about our language teaching this week. Mr Dawe, our multi-lingual Modern Foreign Languages Leader, led an assembly inspired by Pumbaa and Timon from The Lion King to introduce our new curriculum.

The children will now be learning two languages instead of one. Key Stage 1 children will learn Spanish whilst Key Stage 2 children will learn French. Modern Foreign Languages only need to be taught in one key stage so it is great that the children will be able to have this experience.

As you know, Michele, who was our very popular French teacher for many years, retired at the end of the Summer term. Languages will now be taught by class teachers which will allow lots of opportunities for practise and reinforcement and we will use lots of interactive resources, stories, games, music and dance and even our iPads to practise our skills. The children will also be able to enjoy special events and workshops.



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).



Cornwall Council Parenting Programme

We are sending home with this newsletter a flyer from Cornwall Council regarding their range of free courses and support for parents, carers and families which are available. It is well worth a look!

Cancellation of clubs

There will be no Band on **Wednesday 30th September** due to staff training. Mrs Eddy says please keep practising for the Harvest Festival.

Advance notice

There will be no teacher-led clubs on Parent consultation evenings - 12th, 13th and 14th October. Clubs run by teaching assistants and others will continue as normal.

Menu change

Thursday 1st October

The menu will be:

Southern baked chicken fillet & fries

or

Macaroni cheese & garlic bread

with

American style slaw & sweetcorn

Warm chocolate brownie & ice cream

or

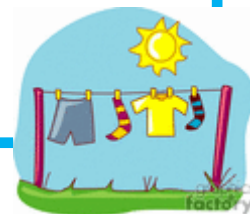
Florida fruit salad & ice cream

(Packed lunches will still be available)



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!



Year 6 London Trip meeting

If your child would like to go to London in July 2016 please come along to the meeting in Kenidjack classroom on **Tuesday 29th September** at 3.30pm for more information.



New book exchange

We have now opened a new book exchange at the top of the Hall. We welcome donations of any children's books or 'U' rated DVDs in good condition and your child may bring in a book or DVD to swap with another on the shelves.



Guitar lessons

Julyan is away for the next two weeks so there will be no guitar lessons until **Thursday 15th October**.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Logan	for his enthusiastic attitude to learning especially his amazing building
Choughs	Alba	for her positive approach to learning
Puffins	Kayson	for excellent effort in his phonics this week
Owls	Amelia	for her focus and hard work
Kingfishers	Amon	for trying fantastically hard to improve his writing
Trencrom	Alex	for putting 100% effort into all he does
Lanyon	Lily	for amazing attitude to learning & improved confidence in swimming
Kerris	Theo	for his enthusiastic attitude & new found confidence towards swimming
Bodrifty	Iona	for her enthusiasm in her Egyptian challenge task
Bosigran	Joe	for an excellent attitude to his Literacy - a real improvement can already be seen
Kenidjack	Isobel	for her enthusiasm for our multi-cultural society
PE Star Class	Kerris	for fantastic energy and attitude during Crab football



Change of date - Lanyon class assembly

Please note that there will **NOT** be a sharing assembly for Lanyon on 13th November. It will be re-arranged for the Spring term.

DIARY DATES

September

- 29th Year 6 taster day at Mounts Bay
- 29th Year 6 London trip meeting at 3.30pm

October

- 1st Year 6 taster day at Humphry Davy
 - 2nd Sharing assembly – Kerris at 2.45pm
 - 8th Harvest Festival at 9.30am
 - 8th Y6 sleepover at the school
 - 9th Sharing assembly – Bodrifty at 2.45pm
 - 12th – 14th Parent Consultation evenings – appointment times to follow
 - 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**

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	100%	1
Robins	98.7%	2
Puffins	94.1%	7
Owls	95.8%	4
Kingfishers	92.2%	10
Trencrom	92.7%	9
Lanyon	94.3%	6
Kerris	97.9%	3
Bodrifty	94.4%	5
Bosigran	89.3%	11
Kenidjack	93.9%	8
Overall school attendance	94.7%	

Our collective target is 97.5%

