

Dear Parents and Carers,

By the time you read this we'll have made it to the end of our first complete academic year since 2018/19, which is a cause for celebration in itself. It is really lovely to have been able to return to some kind of normality as the year has progressed, although even this has taken longer than any of us anticipated as the spectre of Covid is still very much present when we plan and undertake events.

That said, I'm delighted that all of our children have been able to have a full year in school (apart from three days in December...) and there are many really lovely memories for them to take away as we close our doors for the summer break. Some of the highlights of this year in terms of community events have included the outstanding Moana production, which enabled our children to showcase their talents in two unforgettable performances, a return to Sports Days with parents present in huge numbers, our Mazey parades which again saw Alverton represented with a record attendance for the Saturday event in the town and we even had HRH Queen Daisy visit us for the Jubilee Picnic which brought our community together in a very simple gathering which was arguably all the more successful for the relaxed low key nature of the event.

We also had a welcome return to the Summer Fair a couple of weeks ago. This again was a lovely event which was superbly organised by the FOAS volunteers and brilliantly supported by you all. What I particularly enjoyed about the fair was the fact that it brought the community together without the need for parents to feel obliged to spend a huge amount of money. The fact that parents could buy a £2.50 wristband for their child and allow them to spend an hour or two at the fair without having to spend more money was important to everyone involved in organising this event given the current concerns regarding the cost of living etc. The event still raised a very healthy sum to support the school, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended it.

Once again, your children have been a credit to you throughout the year, working hard and achieving high standards academically, socially and behaviourally in our classes from Nursery through to Year 6.

This is, of course, the time of year when we bid farewell to our Year 6 children who will be moving on to their secondary schools and the next leg of their educational journey. It is one of the real pleasures of working in a school environment to watch cohorts of children grow and develop year on year from the wide-eyed wonder of Reception through to the kind, accomplished and blossoming young adults they become by the end of Year 6. I know that I speak for everyone at Alverton in thanking the Class of 2022 for their contributions to our school over the past seven years and wishing them all every success and happiness in their new schools.

I would like to thank you all for your support for our school, and of course for your children over this year. I would also like to thank all of our fabulous staff and governors for their dedication, care and expertise in helping to ensure that the children at our school have such a rich and happy primary school experience.

School resumes for pupils on Tuesday 6th September, and we look forward to welcoming you all back then. On behalf of all staff and governors at Alverton School, I hope that all of our families have a relaxing, happy and safe summer break.

With all best wishes,

Martin Higgs
Headteacher

Thank you and goodbye to
Mrs Hall, Mrs Leiworthy
and Mrs May.



Remember – safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Martin Higgs (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at head@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk or, if it is out of school hours, please contact the Multi Agency Referral Unit on 0300 1231 116;

E-mail: multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk

Covid 19

Please see the link below for updated Covid 19 guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

Attendance

As always at this time of year, we set some targets for whole school development in the coming academic year, and one of the things we will be focusing heavily upon next year is pupil attendance. As we've reported in previous editions of the Friday News, this focus on attendance will mean that we will be having to take a more robust stance where individual pupil attendance becomes a concern, and we will for regrettably be forced to refer families taking term-time holidays to the Education Welfare Service who are responsible for processing fines. This is a step we have actively avoided as a school for many years; however, the current attendance levels and high number of term time holidays being taken across the school have left us little option.

School uniform**Summer holiday ordering**

If you would like to order any items over the holidays, either for delivery to your home or to school in time for the start of the new term, please contact our suppliers direct:

Keith Quinn 01736 850634

email: sales@embroiderycornwallsw.co.uk

A uniform order form is attached to this newsletter.

Ties

From 1st September the cost of a tie will increase to £4.10. Please buy these online using the Shop part of the Schoolmoney website once you have logged in. Once we have received your payment we'll put the tie in an envelope and give it to your child.

Music lessons in September

If your child would like to start music lessons in September (Year 2 upwards) we currently have three music teachers who visit us every week during the school day.

Violin - Emma Stansfield. Contact her direct by emailing her: violastansfield@gmail.com

Keyboard/Singing - Maria Heseltine

Guitar - Steve Watkiss

Both Maria and Steve work for the Cornwall Music Service Trust. Please use the link below for more information:

<http://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/signup/>

Thank you FOAS

Many thanks to FOAS for paying for our Year 6 to have a leaver hoodie each. They loved them and are looking forward to wearing them.



Daisy's Diary

I've had a lovely year. I've totally worn through my wellies now though and need a lie down. Just a quick warning for when we come back - I'm going to be doing a fundraiser on the third Friday back. That's **Friday 23rd September, around 2.30 - 4pm**, on the field. It's a worm charming contest. There's going to be a trophy! I've made it in my pottery class! Please put it in your diary. And if you have no idea what I'm on about (don't worry, sometimes even I don't), here's a link to see what kind of thing we will be doing. Hope you have a fantastic summer.

<https://www.cornwalllive.com/news/cornwall-news/gallery/falmouth-worm-charming-championships-only-7343906.amp>



Summer Reading Challenge

Keep up your reading over the summer by joining in with the Summer Reading Challenge online or at the local library! You can find out more information here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk> and even invite someone to go along to the library with you using the invitation below.

School lunches from September

The cost of a school lunch for all Year 3 children upwards, unless your child is receipt of free school meals, will rise to **£2.41**. The menu remains the same until October half term and can be found on the school website under Parents, What's on this term. Payment for meals will be by cash or cheque (payable to Chartwells) and pupils should not be in arrears by more than 5 days lunches (£12.05). Please ensure that you pay whatever is owed by the Friday of the week your child has lunches.

Gadgeteers Invitation

Who would you like to go to the library with?
Draw a picture of them below and colour it in.
Cut out your invitation and share it with them.

To _____
Let's go to the library and join the **Summer Reading Challenge!**
From _____



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place in libraries and online in the summer holidays. It's FREE, FUN and LOCAL! Read books and collect rewards along the way. Everyone can join in! Ask at your local library.



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KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022



MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.



Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

The Trust has its own Out of Hours telephone support provided by Support Matters Cornwall. This service operates from 5pm to 9am on weekdays and 24 hours a day at weekends and bank holidays. The service is open to all patients (aged 16+) under the care of the Trust's mental health services. Support can be delivered over the telephone, via text, email or web chat. Call free on **0800 001 4330**.



Family
Line

0808 802 6666



Download this image onto your phone for **when you might need help**



Samaritans: 24h
Emotional support to anyone in distress, struggling to cope, or at risk of suicide.

116 123

Shout: 24h
Text service, free on all major networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere.

• If you're over 18, text the word **SHOUT**
• Under 18s, text **YM**

Text: **85258**

Cornwall's 24/7 NHS mental health support

Call for free, any time day or night if you are worried about your own or someone else's mental health. The team behind the 24/7 open access telephone service will listen to you and determine how best to help

0800 038 5300

Valued Lives:

Supports people who are experiencing mental or emotional distress in Cornwall. Every day, 5.30pm - midnight.

01209 901438

If you, or someone else, is in immediate danger call **999**



www.cornwall.gov.uk/mentalhealth

If you're worried about a child:

0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk
www.nspcc.org.uk

Penzance CTIPA Foodbank

The CTIPA Foodbank in Penzance provides food for anyone in need. If their support would be helpful to you, just phone Vervan or Adele in the office in confidence on 01736 364087 and they can phone the Foodbank for you who will be able to help.

The Foodbank are extremely busy at the moment and are very grateful for any donations.

citizens
advice

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FIND SUPPORT AT:
gov.uk/domestic-violence

WCWAid

West Cornwall Women's Aid

01736 367539

<https://www.wcwaaid.co.uk/helpline>



There is a lot of help and advice available to help you keep your children safe online. Have a look at the Online Safety section of our website for lots of useful information and links http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/online_safety_for_families/246722. Your child's teacher will also always be happy to talk to you about online safety.

Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

Registering a child as eligible for free school meals (as described below) means that your child receives a free meal every day (though they can, of course, bring a packed lunch should they prefer) but there are additional benefits too. Pupil Premium brings more money into the school to help children achieve and learn. Children in receipt of the Pupil Premium also receive other benefits (eg contributions towards Key Stage 2 camps and funding to use for uniform, music lessons, trips etc). At some times, there are further benefits for these children such as food vouchers during holiday times where these are given. Please see the Pupil Premium Provision Map in the Pupil Premium section of our website http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/pupil_premium/172518 or speak to Mrs Gill or Mrs Stacey in the office or contact Mrs Wicks who leads our Pupil Premium provision.

The easiest and quickest way to apply for free school meals is online through the Cornwall Council website but, if you are unable to do this, you can call the Free School Meals team on 01872 323298 and a member of the team will call you back to complete the application over the phone.

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent / carer (or the child themselves) receives any of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits / credits are being claimed:

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and / or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

NB All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative, regardless of what benefits are being claimed. However, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may also have an entitlement to benefits-related free school meals and it is important to apply for these if you think your child may be eligible.

Registering for free school meals / Pupil Premium is confidential. If you think that your child is eligible, we strongly recommend that you contact Cornwall Council as detailed above. Mrs Gill and Mrs Stacey in the office will also be able to help you and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.

Fundraising for FOAS

If you're thinking of buying some name labels for your child's belongings over the holidays please think about using this company as FOAS will get 24% of your order in commission!

We send around 24 bin bags full of lost property to the charity shop every year and none of it is named.

Please name ALL your child's belongings so that they get returned to you.



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15-18 AUG **MT AMBROSE CC**
22-25 AUG **WADEBRIDGE CC**

SOFTBALL | 10-3PM

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 1-5

£15 PER DAY

BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE VIA:

<https://cornwallcricket.co.uk/junior-cricket/holiday-camps.html>



PATRICIA ESCHEN PRIZE FOR POETRY 2022

MORRAB LIBRARY & THE DENNIS MYNER TRUST



CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

1ST PRIZE £150 | 2ND PRIZE: £100 | 3RD PRIZE: £50

CLOSING DATE: 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS

12 Camps Available

Mounts Bay Football Development Centre



Summer Dates - 2022

'Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays throughout August'

Week 1 : Mon 1st, Weds 3rd, Fri 5th August
Week 2 : Mon 8th, Weds 10th, Fri 12th August
Week 3 : Mon 15th, Weds 17th, Fri 19th August
Week 4 : Mon 22nd, Weds 24th, Fri 26th August

Soccer Tots (3-6yrs)

10am - 12pm

£6 per day | £10 for 2 days | £13 for 3 days | £25 for 6 days | £50 for all 12 dates

Soccer Pros (7-13yrs)

10am - 3:30pm

£15 per day | £25 for 2 days | £35 for 3 days | £65 for 6 days | £130 for all 12 dates

Venue

Mounts Bay Football Development Centre
Mounts Bay Academy Sports Centre, Penzance, TR18 3JT

Other Info

All children welcome from any school or club
Coaching staff are UEFA / FA / DBS qualified
Pre-booking only, register & pay online
Visit the website for further information - www.mbfdc.co.uk

Contact

Kevin Lawrence - Head of Football Development
Message us on facebook - www.facebook.com/MBFDC
Email - klawrence@mountsbayacademy.org
Website - www.mbfdc.co.uk



Diary Dates

25th July INSET Day - school closed

26th July INSET Day - school closed

School begins again for the Autumn term on
Tuesday 6th September.

School holiday club

Any queries please contact Mrs Dennison by
emailing

pe@alverton.tpacademytrust.org

After school childcare provision

Any queries or to book please contact Mr Timmons
direct on 07843 126833 or by emailing him on

alvertonkidsclub@outlook.com

The weather has continued this week with its heatwave at the start and then cooling down to a reasonable temperature which has made life much easier. We are all tired, adults and children alike, and I personally have found it a challenge to remain cool and composed; letting off steam at home has been pretty important but fortunately I have a family known for their excessive patience. The summer weeks stretch ahead and I know that some of you will be delighted at the thought of 6 weeks with your children while others may be less enthusiastic. It's okay, we're all different and those differences are what make us all human. Once we return in September I will also return to my role of listening, so please do get in touch if you need or want to chat. It's really easy to find me and I will listen, offer advice if you wish, talk to others if you would like me to, or remain totally silent. The choices are all yours. Until then, I wish you all a very lovely summer break. My very best wishes, Mrs Daylak xxx

***FREE* 4 hour tasters to support your children's education, physical & mental health**

Course	Day	Date	Time	Venue	Course Code
Supporting teaching & Learning	Weds	10 th & 17 th Aug	19:00 – 21:00	Online	NNQ2175
	Fri	12 th Aug	09:30 – 13:30	Bude	NBU2122
	Weds	24 th Aug	09:30 – 13:30	St Austell	SSA2108
	Weds	7 th Sept	09:30 – 13:30	Helston	WHE2187
	Thurs	8 th Sept	09:30 – 13:30	Newquay	NNQ2122
	Fri	9 th Sept	09:30 – 13:30	Bude	NBU2123
	Thurs	01 st & 8 th Dec	09:30 – 11:30	Online	NNQ2191
Supporting children's mental health & wellbeing	Weds	24 th Aug	09:30 – 13:30	St Austell	SSA2107
	Tues	14 th & 21 st Sept	18:45 – 20:45	Online	WHE2174
	Weds	27 th Sept	09:30 – 14:00	Bodmin	SBO2154
	Thurs	15 th Sept	10:00 – 14:00	Redruth	WCA2104
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Tues	5 th Oct	09:30 – 14:00	Saltash	SS21202
	Weds	19 th Oct	12:30 – 16:30	Bodmin	SBO2112
	Weds	02 nd Nov	09:45 – 14:15	Carbone	WCA21212

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