

It's been a busy week at Alverton.

## Harvest Festival

Yesterday, we welcomed Reverend Julyan Drew to school to lead our Harvest Festival. The children all enjoyed listening to him talk about how to grow things. It was lovely to welcome parents and friends to join with us and we would like to thank you for the large amount of contributions for the local food bank. Our next celebration event is our Advent Service on Thursday 1st December at 9.30am when you would be very welcome to join us for the lighting of the Christmas Tree and for a coffee and a mince pie.

## Mr Hammond

As some of you may know, Mr Hammond broke his collarbone ten days ago and is now recovering at home following an operation. We all miss him and wish him a speedy recovery.



## Year 6 Sleepover

Last night our Year 6 pupils and some hardy staff spent the night engaged in quizzes, midnight walks and a range of other activities. This culminated in everyone climbing into their sleeping bags and spending the night in the hall. If you see anyone a little bleary-eyed today, they were probably there! Thank you very much for our amazing staff who once again have gone far beyond what is expected of them by organising this event.

## Sharing Assemblies

Last week, we travelled back to a Victorian school room for Kerris Class's sharing assembly about schools now and then. This week, we have journeyed even further into the past to Tudor times for Bodrifty's fabulous play about the changing face of religion. These two classes have set a very high bar for everyone and we have some more very exciting assemblies planned for the term.

## The Lion King

For our Year 5 and 6 Drama Group, this week has been extremely important as we cast this year's production of The Lion King. Staff and children alike are very excited and already looking forward to May. If you have not been to one of our musicals before, you should definitely plan to come along this time!



## CROSS COUNTRY

On 10th October we went to Mounts Bay secondary school to do cross country. We had amazing results from all runners including the Year 4 girls and boys. We had two girl runners in the top ten from Year 4 and two boys from Year 4. Sadly we didn't have any Year 5 boys in the top ten. We had one Year 5 girl in the top five. Unfortunately we didn't have any Year 6 girls at all so we would like some to come along next time and run. Although the Year 6 boys did amazingly well with two runners in the top ten. Well done to everyone that took part. *Report by Leon.*

## BASKETBALL

On Tuesday we went to Mounts Bay Academy to play in a Basketball tournament against lots of other schools. We had to play 7 matches and we were all very nervous at first but after Alfie H scored, we got much more confident. We won 6 matches and got through to the final but sadly lost against Pendeen (2-1). We did get second place medals though which we are very proud of. Thank you to the people who took part which were: Alfie H, Alfie S, Joby, Tegan P, Jake W, Anto, Sid L, Oliver I and Frank. *Report by Alfie S and Joby.*

## CANCELLATION OF CLUBS

**ALL** clubs will be cancelled next **Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October (except Roller Disco and Tag Rugby)** due to parent teacher meetings.

ALL clubs will be on on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st.

## DUCKLINGS NURSERY PLACES

If you have a child, or know of one, who turns three on, or before 31st December 2016, we have spaces available in Ducklings starting in January 2017. If you are interested, please ask for an application form at the office and we will invite you to look around and meet Mrs Hanley and Mrs Roberts in November.



## 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 2016** at the latest. 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.

## Morning Arrivals

Our Year 1 and 2 pupils have been doing a fantastic job of coming into school by themselves in the morning but this week we have noticed that more parents have been coming in with them. Although we understand, of course, that occasionally your child may feel unsettled and need some extra reassurance in the morning, we would like your help in developing your child's independence by allowing them to come in on their own. If you have any concerns on a particular day, there is always a member of staff in the door who can pass on a message to your child's teacher if needed. Thank you.

### Individual & family photos

The photographers from Tempest will be in school on **Thursday 20th October** to take individual & family photos. Please could you ensure that your child is wearing smart school uniform. Children with siblings in the school or Ducklings nursery will be photographed together during the day. If you wish to have a family photograph taken with other children and/or parents, please come to the office from 8.30am and take a place in the queue.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Many apologies if you've been trying to order your child's Christmas cards online from Art Projects for Schools. Unfortunately their website has been offline for several days due to the high volume of orders that have been placed and they are fixing it as soon as possible. They have extended the deadline for ordering to **Tuesday 18th October** but sorry **we cannot accept any orders via school.**

If you choose to place an order you **MUST** return your child's design to school for collection **by 18<sup>th</sup> October.** Completed orders of cards will be sent out via school in November.

Thank you for your support.

### Go Active KS2 Zorbing (Bubble Football) Club

Go Active are offering a club after half term for KS2 on Thursdays, 3.15-4.15pm for 5 weeks costing £25. There are still places available so if your child would like to take part please complete the form that came home this week and return it with payment by Wednesday 19th. Only 24 places available.



### FOAS Halloween Disco

#### Help wanted!

FOAS would be very grateful for any help you could give at the Disco on Thursday 20th, particularly with the earlier disco from 6-7.15pm. If you can help in any way, please let the office know.

#### Disco - Thursday 20th October

Infants (Reception & KS1) from 6 – 7pm, juniors (KS2) from 7.15 – 8.15pm. The cost is £1.50 per child to include a drink and a biscuit. Sensible fancy dress **OPTIONAL**. Please remember that some small children are frightened by scary costumes.



### Sticker competition

All entries for the Learning Together sticker competition that Mrs Knowles announced in this Monday's assembly need to be in by next Thursday 20th at the latest. The winner will be announced on Friday.

### Twitter

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





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\*\*\*\*\*FREE TASTER SESSIONS\*\*\*\*\*

Rugbytots are running free tasters at Humphry Davy school on Saturday the 5th November -class times are as follows: -  
 9.15am - 2 to 3.5 years  
 9.50am - 3.5 to 5 years  
 10.40am - 5 to 7 years  
 Spaces are limited. To reserve a place email: steve@rugbytots.co.uk

**LOST PROPERTY**

The lost property box is overflowing again. It will be emptied on **Friday next week (21st)** and it will be either given to FOAS for reselling or to the charity shop. If you are missing anything, please come and check before then.

**CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK**

Choughs	98.5%	4
Robins	84.3%	11
Puffins	98.9%	2
Owls	99.3%	1
Kingfishers	87.1%	10
Trencrom	98.4%	5
Lanyon	95.0%	9
Kerris	95.8%	8
Bodrifty	98.7%	3
Bosigran	98.4%	5
Kenidjack	97.6%	7
Overall school attendance	95.8%	

**Our collective target is 97.5%**

**Advanced notice**

**Children in Need - Friday 18th November**

We will be fundraising in aid of Children in Need on Friday 18th November. It will be a non uniform day with the children wearing something spotty. Sensible clothing and footwear please. A donation of £1 per child would be gratefully received.



**LOST**

Alfie in Kingfishers has lost his school sweatshirt aged 7-8. It is named. Please check and hand in if found.

**DIARY DATES**

**OCTOBER**

- 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation evenings
- 20<sup>th</sup> Individual and Family photographs
- 20<sup>th</sup> FOAS Halloween Disco

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM**

**NOVEMBER**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Bosigran at 2.45pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Lanyon at 2.45pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Kenidjack at 2.45pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Children in Need fundraising day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> M & M Theatre Production of Peter Pan – details to follow
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Last swimming for Kerris, Lanyon and Trencrom
- 25<sup>th</sup> Non uniform day in aid of the FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow
- 25<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Trencrom at 2.45pm

**DECEMBER**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Advent Service at 9.30am – followed by mince pies and coffee for parents
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ALL CLUBS FINISH TODAY
- 2<sup>nd</sup> FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Guitar and keyboard lessons finish



## 100 Word Challenge



Dear Alverton pupils,

Welcome to the latest 100 Word Challenge! Please write a story about the above picture using **exactly** 100 words and then e-mail your entry to

[extremereading@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:extremereading@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk) Entries should be in by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** and there will be prizes for the winners!

Good luck!

Mrs Clive.