



Dear Parents

As you will be aware, we received a visit from Ofsted on Wednesday of this week.

This was not entirely unexpected as the last inspection took place in June 2014. However, receiving an Ofsted phone call at lunchtime on Tuesday for an inspection starting at 8am on Wednesday did change our plans a little for this week.

As always with Ofsted inspections, we are not allowed to disclose the outcome until various formalities have been carried out. What I can say is that the children were, as always, an absolute credit to you and us in terms of their attitudes to learning, engagement, behaviour and manners. The school functioned as it always does with our dedicated and talented team doing their absolute best to keep 'business as usual' despite the considerable pressure of the inspection.

We are pleased that the inspector recognised the strengths of the school and that his findings matched our own self-evaluation very closely indeed; the staff team will go home this weekend for a well-earned rest, pleased that their hard work is being properly recognised.

Thank you to all of the parents who offered moral support to the staff this week, and a particular thanks to all of the parents who took the time to complete the inspection questionnaire in support of our school. These were noted by the inspector, who I believe was particularly impressed by the strength of positive feelings you expressed.

As soon as we can officially announce the outcome of the inspection, we will of course pass this on to you. In the meantime, I felt it appropriate to give you as much of a flavour of the outcome as I am allowed, given that you are a vital part of our wider school team.

Thanks again for your continued support - we do appreciate it.

Best wishes

Martin Higgs

## Super swimmers!

Twelve of our Year 3 and 4 children went to Penzance Leisure Centre this week to take part in the Penwith Schools Swimming Gala. They did fantastically well and came a brilliant fourth out of eighteen schools. Well done to Nat, Agnes, Ruby R, Poppy P, Bea, Fred, George, Nelly, Esme, Maisie, Rohan and Zac P. The children's enthusiasm and behaviour were excellent. Thanks to Mrs Wade, Maisie's mum who helped Mr Coleman on the day.

## Get to know our Governors

Simeon Royle

Married to Rachael, we have had three children who are or have been students at Alverton School. I have found Alverton to provide high quality teaching in a top class learning environment, resulting in excellent progress and a superb preparation for life beyond Key Stage Two. As Assistant Headteacher of Humphry Davy School, I am delighted to offer support and expertise wherever possible to the positive and exciting developments concerning teaching and learning at the school.



## Advance notice - cancellation of clubs

The following clubs will be **cancelled** during parents evenings in the week starting Monday 12th March.

**Monday 12th March:** KS2 Football, Story Club

**Tuesday 13th March:** Drama, KS1 Football

**Wednesday 14th March:** Table tennis

All other clubs will be ON as usual.

## Parents Evenings - KS1 and KS2

Our Parents Evenings this term will be held in the week beginning **Monday 12th March** from 3.30—6.30 pm and we are really looking forward to meeting you and discussing your child's progress.

We are going to use our system for booking appointments through our eschools facility on our school website ([www.alverton.eschools.co.uk](http://www.alverton.eschools.co.uk)) as we did last Autumn.

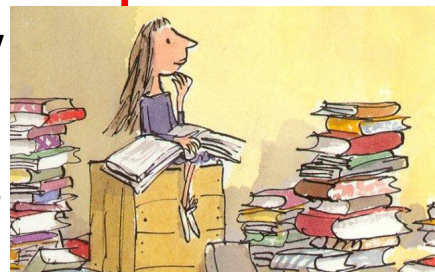
You will previously have been sent log in details for eschools. If you are unsure what this is, please ask at the office and they will arrange for new details to be sent to you. These details will be needed in order to go online and book the appointment slot that suits you best when **the booking period opens next Monday 26th February**.

**If you have had or will be having a review meeting with Mrs Hughes and your child's class teacher, you don't need to book an appointment. Ducklings Nursery parents will also not need to use this.**

## WORLD BOOK DAY

### Non uniform day

Just a reminder that we are celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 1st March** and will be holding our annual Book Oscars. If the children would like to dress up for this, they should come to school dressed as a book character or as if they are going to an awards ceremony.



### West Cornwall Spring Show

A reminder that if your child would like to enter one of the categories, their entry (clearly labelled with their name, age, category code and school name) must be in school by next **Wednesday 28th February** so that they can be collected on Thursday 1st March. Please do not bring them in too early as we have nowhere to store them!



### Old £10 notes

Please note that from Thursday 1st March, old paper £10 notes will no longer be accepted in school to pay for lunches, tuck, ties, clubs or Go Active. After that date you will still be able to pay them in at your bank.



### Book blending competition

Please see the next page for information about our new competition to celebrate World Book Day in March. All entries should be emailed to [apetty@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:apetty@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk) by next **Monday 26th February**.

### Year 6 London trip

A reminder that ALL payments for the Year 6 London trip (£310 total) need to be made by **16th April** at the latest.

Go Active after school provision can be contacted on **07843 126833**.

### Website issues

We have currently been experiencing some issues with our school website ([alverton.org.uk](http://alverton.org.uk)) Whilst this is being fixed, if you wish to use the website please go in by using **[www.alverton.eschools.co.uk](http://www.alverton.eschools.co.uk)**. Thank you.

### Year 3/4 camp meeting

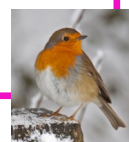
There will be a meeting on **Monday 26th March** at 3.15pm in the Hall about the Year 3/4 camp at Bude in May. There will be lots of information given out and a chance to ask questions so please come along if you can.

### Schoolmoney

When you log into Schoolmoney from now on you may have noticed you are directed to the website of 'Eduspot', part of Teachers2parents. This is the correct website! Please choose the **Schoolmoney for parents login**, not the Schoolmoney one and log in as usual.

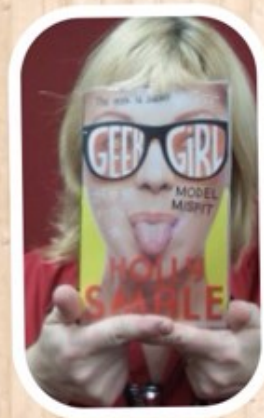
### Can we help you?

Mrs Daylak, who many of you know as she has been teaching our younger children for some time now, is available to meet any parents who might have questions or concerns about their child's attendance (including absences and holidays) or would simply like a chat about anything which might be affecting their child in school. She can be found in Robins classroom on Mondays after school until 4pm.





WORLD  
BOOK DAY  
2018  
BOOK  
BLENDING  
COMPETITION

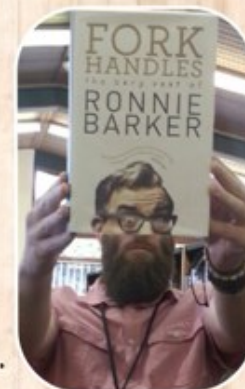


GRAB A BOOK.

FIND A  
WAY TO

TAKE A  
PICTURE.

"BLEND"  
WITH IT.



OPEN TO ADULTS & CHILDREN.

SEND IT TO:

[apetty@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:apetty@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk)

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Mason	for amazing Maths & a big jump in confidence
Choughs	Amelia-Mae	for her wonderful storytelling
Puffins	Isaac	for working so hard to remember finger spaces in her writing
Owls	Jenson	for his effort & hard work in his writing
Kingfishers	Jowan	for working so hard to improve his handwriting recently
Trencrom	Poppy	for fantastic story writing . You have worked so hard
Lanyon	Chelsey	for working hard to improved the quality of her work
Kerris	Brook	for her creative & adventurous poetry writing this week
Bodripty	Armandas	for a supreme effort in Maths & English this week. Well done
Bosigran	Lily C	for amazing focus in her Maths
Kenidjack	Jayden	for beautifully expressive reading and great understanding
Dinnertime	Charlie O	for his exemplary politeness
PE star	Leo S	for fantastic, confident swimming
	George C	for an incredible performance at the swimming gala



### Twitter

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

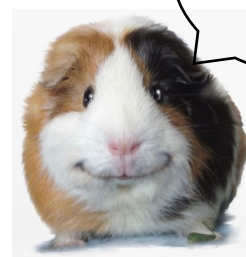


### Lost

Charlotte in Bosigran has lost her guitar. It is a blue guitar in a black cloth case. Please check and hand in if found.

Red, the Robins guinea pig says:

I loved meeting the Ofsted inspector!



### CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	87.0%	11
Robins	90.4%	10
Puffins	96.3%	7
Owls	99.7%	1
Kingfishers	99.6%	2
Trencrom	96.8%	5
Lanyon	97.0%	4
Kerris	98.1%	3
Bodripty	96.7%	6
Bosigran	95.9%	8
Kenidjack	93.4%	9
Overall school attendance	95.8%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

### DIARY DATES

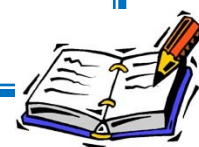
#### February

**PLEASE NOTE CLUBS CONTINUE AS NORMAL AFTER HALF TERM**

#### March

- 1<sup>st</sup> World Book Day & Book Oscars
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharing assembly for Kingfishers at 2.45pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> St. Piran's dance for Year 6 – details to follow
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly for Owls at 2.45pm
- 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations – appointment times will be booked online
- 21<sup>st</sup> Last swimming for Year 2
- 23<sup>rd</sup> **All clubs finish**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> All music lessons finish
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sharing assembly for Kenidjack at 2.45pm

**THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15pm (normal time) FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY**







GIRLS LEEDS DAY IN  
ASSOCIATION WITH



EVERYTHING  
FREE OF  
CHARGE TO  
GIRLS U16!

**wildcats**

• GIRLS' FOOTBALL CLUB •

HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS, **PLAY FOOTBALL**

**MOUNTS BAY GIRLS WILDCATS  
PLAY, WATCH & MEET LEEDS LADIES FREE OF CHARE!**

SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2018

NEW SESSION TIMES FOR THIS WEEK ONLY, ALL GIRLS WELCOME  
9-10AM AT MOUNTS BAY ACADEMY 3G

COME AND PLAY, ALSO MEET THE LEEDS UNITED PLAYERS DURING THE SESSION  
ALL GIRLS WATCH 'THE CLASH' FIXTURE FREE OF CHARGE  
CORNWALL LADIES VS LEEDS LADIES, 2.15PM KICK OFF AT MOUSEHOLE AFC



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