

Welcome back to school for the start of the 2018 Autumn Term at Alverton. The children have all settled in fantastically to their new classes and it already feels as though we've been back for months. Thank you for making sure that your children came back for the new year with very positive attitudes and looking so smart in their school uniforms.

We have been pleased to welcome quite a few new children into school this year, as well as two very experienced teachers. Mrs McKellar-Savage has moved into the area from Nottingham and has started work as the class teacher with Lanyon Class and Mrs Tudor will be working with Mrs Dennison as part of Trencrom. Both staff have settled into our team well and I am sure will be great assets to the school.

As always, the staff have been busy planning a range of engaging activities and topics for the new term including some very creative launch days. This week has, for example, seen Years 5 and 6 starting their "What made America America?" topic by recreating the world of the Native American Indians complete with tepee construction, woodland crafts and a LOT of bows and arrows. Years 3 and 4 were entertained by a production of Myths and Monsters from Squashbox Theatre to introduce their Ancient Greek topic and Years 1 and 2 have become our resident paleontologists after their classrooms were twinned with Jurassic Park.



Many of you will have noticed that we now have a very smart new entrance to the school; this means that parents and children no longer have to weave their way amongst parked cars (and dodge the moving ones!) by walking into the school through the car park. The next stage of the entrance work is to create an outdoor classroom area between the Bodrifty corridor and the

new 'red carpet' path to reception.

We look forward to working with you and your children over the coming year. As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Martin Higgs



## Well done

Well done and congratulations to Jasmine in Year 4 who raised £178 for the World Wildlife Fund and £178 for Cancer Research UK by baking and selling cakes during the summer holidays.

## Asthma pumps

If your child requires an asthma inhaler in school, please ensure it is in date and clearly labelled and hand it into the school office.

## School photos this year

This year we will be having three visits from Tempest photographers which includes, for the first time in over 10 years, a whole school photograph. The dates are as follows:

3rd October	Whole school photo
19th November	Individual & family photos
4th June 2019	Class photos

Please can you ensure that your child wears their full uniform and looks their very smartest on these dates.

## New lunch menu

The new menu has come home and there will be jacket potatoes and packed lunches with various fillings available daily as well as a choice of hot meal.

**Please pay either on the day or in advance** either by cash or cheque (payable to 'Caterlink') as debts cannot be accrued. Unfortunately Caterlink do not, as yet, offer an online payment system. The cost has increased to £2.27 per day (£2.52 with juice).

A reminder that all Reception children and Year 1 and 2 are eligible for a free lunch under the Government's Universal Free School Meals initiative. A reminder to Year 3 parents that payment must be made for meals from now on. If you think your child is entitled to free school meals, please contact the office for more information.

## Date reminder

Please note school is closed on **Monday 29th October** for an INSET day so the first day back after half term will be Tuesday 30th October. Half term is 22nd to 26th October.



## Clubs

All clubs start on **Monday 17th** and if your child put in a clubs form, they should have received it back showing which clubs they are doing. Many clubs have long waiting lists so if your child does not commit to attending regularly, their place will be given to the next person on the list. If your child is not attending a club for any reason, please let us know so that this can be put on the club's register for that day.

**If your club requires payment, please ensure that it is received before the date of the first club or your child will not be able to be start.**

Please collect your child promptly at the end of their club. If you are going to be late to collect them, please contact Go Active to book them into their after school provision on 07843 126833.

## Fun fit club

If your child takes part in Fun Fit club with Mrs McClure, it will not start until **25th September**.

## Music lessons

If your child has signed up for music lessons, all start next week. There are currently spaces available for KS2 children to learn keyboards, violins, woodwind and brass and we have a waiting list for guitars. Please ask at the office for more details.

If your child learns keyboards or guitars you should have received an invoice. Please ensure it is paid in full by the first lesson or your child will not be allowed to start. Woodwind, brass and violins are invoiced by the Cornwall Music Service Trust who should be in contact with you directly.



## Applying for a school place for September 2019

If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you need to apply for a school place in a Reception class for starting in September 2019. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2019**. 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.

## 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 2018**. 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.

## Reading Passport book amnesty

We are missing over 100 reading passport books that were leant out from each class to children. Please can you check and hand in any that your child has borrowed. Without the books being returned, we cannot run the scheme successfully.



## Contact details

Please ensure that if you change your mobile number, landline or address, you let the office know as soon as possible. We may need to contact you if your child is ill and we also use your mobile number to text important reminders.

## Year 4 - Christmas lantern making

Later this term **Year 4** will be making beautiful Christmas lanterns to go on show at Trengwainton Gardens. Please see the information below from the National Trust about booking tickets in advance if you would like to go.

## Booking essential for Trengwainton's Lantern Walk this year

Due to its huge popularity, the team at Trengwainton have taken the decision to limit the number of people going to this year's Lantern Walk, **so everyone will need to book a ticket to gain entry, including the schools involved in the lantern making.**

They've done this so the Lantern Walk doesn't lose its magic for those who attend, to help with traffic congestion and to limit the impact on the garden itself.

Both National Trust members and non-members alike will need to book for admission to the garden (though admission is still free for members) and there'll also be separate bookings for visits to see Father Christmas.

Tickets are on sale now and going fast, so to reserve yours go to Trengwainton's website: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/)





### Wanted!

Do you have any **old saucepans** that you could donate to us for our woodland mud kitchen? We would also like to make tables from **old large wooden cable reels**. If you have either, please could you let the office know? **Lego** is also wanted for lunchtime activities! If you have any spare, please could you drop into the office. Thank you very much.



### Absence from school

If your child is unwell or will not be attending school it is your responsibility to contact the school on the first day of absence no later than 9.30am (there is an answering machine if you wish to leave a message before 8am). If we have not heard from you by this time we will need to telephone home to ascertain the nature of your child's absence. This is in line with the Government's policy on attendance. Please note that any child who is ill with sickness or an upset stomach should remain away from school for 48 hours after the last episode of illness.

### After school provision

A reminder that Go Active run all the after school provision. **If you are running late, you will need to contact Go Active rather than school to book your child in.**

Please contact Ed Timmons for any further information or to book either by phone **07843 126833** or email [ed@goactivecornwall.co.uk](mailto:ed@goactivecornwall.co.uk). If you are currently using Go Active and your days or hours are changing, please contact Go Active. If you are going to use this provision for the first time, please call into the office and complete a Go Active form which we will hand into them.

### Lost property

Over the summer the cleaners found a large number of items including bags, coats, lunchboxes & drinks bottles as well as clothing around the school. Any named ones have been given back to the owner but anything not named will be emptied out next **Friday 21st** and taken to the charity shop. If you are missing anything, please come in at the end of school and have a look.

### Wellies

If your child does not already have a pair of wellies in school, please could you send some in as soon as possible, clearly named. This means that they will be able to go onto the field even during the winter without getting their feet wet.

### Wanted - spare wellies

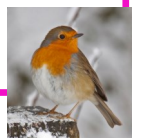
If you have any spare wellies in good condition we would be very grateful to have them as spares for children who have forgotten theirs. Please drop them into the office.

Thank you.



### 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 Monday to Thursday after school until 4pm.



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins & Choughs	The Whole Class	for being utterly gorgeous in every way
Puffins	The Whole Class	for settling in so brilliantly & being a delight to teach
Owls	The Whole Class	for rising to the challenge of being Owls class so very admirably
Kingfishers	Susie	for her superb attitude to her learning
Trencrom	Lolabelle	for a fantastic week of writing. You have worked hard
Lanyon	Alba	for settling brilliantly into her new class & for working incredibly hard
Kerris	Olive	for settling in so well to her new class & a whole new school
Bodrift	Aimee	for working so hard in Maths & presenting her work so beautifully
Bosigran	Arthur T	for settling into Bosigran class so well & for working so hard
Kenidjack	Kacey	for a great bit of background knowledge & for contributing so well
Dinnertime	Cora S	for her lovely nature with our youngest members of the school



## Twitter

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



## CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	★	100%	1
Robins	★	100%	1
Puffins	★	99.3%	4
Owls		99.2%	5
Kingfishers		97.9%	9
Trencrom		98.0%	7
Lanyon		98.1%	6
Kerris		97.9%	9
Bodrift	★	100%	1
Bosigran		98.0%	7
Kenidjack		97.9%	9
Overall school attendance		98.6%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

## DIARY DATES

### SEPTEMBER

- 17<sup>th</sup> All clubs start today – letters have been sent home
- 19<sup>th</sup> Swimming for Y3 and Y4 begins today – Kerris, Lanyon and Trencrom (see letter for exact dates)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sharing assembly – Kerris at 2.45pm

### OCTOBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 taster day at Humphry Davy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tempest whole school photo
- 4<sup>th</sup> Year 6 taster day at Mounts Bay
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation evenings - **Choughs & Robins only** – details to follow about how to book
- 10<sup>th</sup> FOAS AGM at 6pm – details to follow
- 11<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival at 9.30am followed by cake & coffee in aid of Macmillan
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Bosigran at 2.45pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> FOAS Halloween Disco – details to follow
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Bodrift at 2.45pm

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM**

**29<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

