

## Cornwall Eos Regional Hub Launch

We have some very exciting news!

Having recently attended some or all of our three amazing exhibitions, I am sure that you are all aware that we have embraced the ethos of project-based learning - complete with rockets, mummies and a love of learning!

We decided to follow this approach after listening to Carl Jarvis, the Executive Headteacher of Hartsholme Academy in Lincolnshire, speak at a conference. We followed this up by visits to the school and were all inspired by what we saw, coming back and working exceptionally hard to take some of their principles and adapt them to our setting.

From the outset, we have developed this approach alongside Newlyn and Pensans Schools, sharing visits, training and expertise. The progress of all three schools was such that we were approached by Eos Education to see if we would be interested in becoming a regional "hub" which other schools, interested in our pedagogy and practice and keen to find out what we are doing, can visit for open days and for training.

Eos Education is a highly respected and innovative alliance of schools, led by Carl Jarvis, which works with schools across Britain and further afield – even as far as Australia – to help improve educational outcomes for all young people and ensure they are ready for the modern world. We feel privileged to have been asked to be a regional hub for them – indeed, the only one this side of Bristol.

Our hub launch, when we will be welcoming teachers from other schools, will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January and we are very much looking forward to it. It is an exciting time for teaching and learning, a great thing for the Penlee Multi-Academy Trust, and a fantastic reward for the staff and especially the children.

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### Alverton Primary School

Challenge Based Learning

1.00pm - 3.00pm

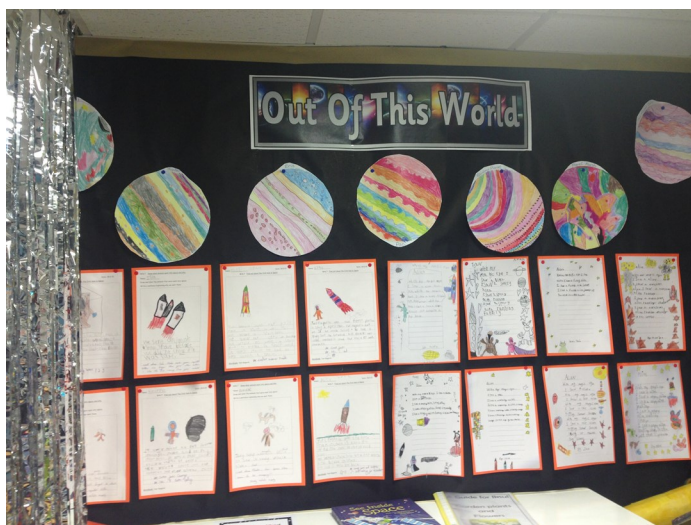
Challenge Based Learning Workshop, including observing a Challenge Based Learning Lesson.



To book a place:  
[bookings@eoseducation.com](mailto:bookings@eoseducation.com)  
01636 653070

## KS1 exhibition

Key Stage 1 celebrated the end of their “Are the Aliens Coming?” topic with a brilliant exhibition showcasing all their learning last week. After the 'Launch Day' visit of a planetarium, the children have immersed themselves in all things related to Space this term.



They have made great 2D and 3D planetary art, learned all about our Solar System and the history of Space travel, written great information pages and produced amazing alien films on our new iPads, not to mention the great homeworks we have received!

It was fantastic to see how excited they were to show parents their learning so thank you for your support with the event.



## Youngest ever Gold Jedi challenge winner!

A huge congratulations to Annie in Lanyon (Year 4) who is our youngest ever winner of the Gold Jedi Maths Challenge. In doing the challenge she even beat Mr Hammond in some of the algebra questions! Well done Annie!



## KS2 Carol Concert - Tuesday 15th December

All KS2 children should be brought to the Methodist Chapel in Chapel Street on **Tuesday 15th December from 8.45 - 9.00am** for a rehearsal. If your child is in the band, please don't forget their instrument. Please ensure your child has their coat as we will be walking back to school in time for lunch. Any KS2 children in Breakfast Club will be brought to the Chapel from school. In the evening, **please could your child be at the Chapel between 6.10 - 6.20pm (Band at 6pm)** and be in their smartest school uniform including ties. The concert begins at 6.30pm and all families and friends are invited to attend.



## KS1 Nativity

How fitting that this year's Key Stage 1 Nativity play had an alien theme. We hope you all agree that the children did a brilliant job with two highly entertaining performances! A big thank you to everyone with all their efforts helping with the learning of lines and providing such wonderful costumes.

## EYFS Nativity

A huge thank you to all our EYFS parents for their support of the Christmas Show, 'Sleepy Shepherd'. The costumes were great and so were your children. Many thanks.

## Reception places for 2016

If your child was born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012, you need to apply for a school place for September 2016 **by 15th January 2016**. 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.

## Headlice

Headlice have been reported in at least four classes this week. Please be vigilant and check your family's hair often and at least once a week. If you find headlice, please ensure you treat them as soon as possible to avoid spreading them to other children.

## Guitar and keyboard invoices

If your child has guitar or keyboard lessons at school, you should have received an invoice and timetable for next term. A reminder to please pay the invoice by the first lesson in the first week of term in January if you'd like your child to continue with lessons.



## Music lessons in January

A reminder that ALL music lessons (except drums) begin in the first week of the Spring term in January so please remember your child's instruments if necessary. Drums will begin on 12th January.



## FOAS CHRISTMAS FAIR

A huge thank you to all the parents, families and children who supported the Christmas Fair last Friday. An incredible total of **£1810** was raised which included £648 on the raffle alone. Particular thanks to Heather Weeks, her FOAS team and all the parent volunteers who organised it so well.

The following businesses gave prizes for the raffle and we thank them so much for their support. Apologies to anyone who has been forgotten from this list:

Mrs O'Neill  
The Eden Project  
Tesco Penzance  
Sukhothai Restaurant  
The Carbis Bay Hotel  
Isles of Scilly Steamship Group  
Country Skittles  
The Yacht Inn  
St Justin  
Pure Nuff Stuff  
Harbour Crystals  
The Edge of the World Bookshop  
The Body Shop Penzance  
Lincoln Kirby Bell

We were also inundated with raffle prizes from many parents for which we are very grateful indeed. A BIG thanks to you all.



### GATE CLOSURE - Puffins/Owls/Kingfishers

Due to exciting new work starting in the Choughs and Robins garden, **the side gate to access the KS1 playground will be closed from now until further notice.** To access this playground, parents will need to walk around the other way, through the brown gates to the right hand side of the school (between the school building and the Once Upon a Time nursery) and round in front of the school buildings to the playground. Please tell any family or friends that come to collect your child. Thank you for your support.

### 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).



**School finishes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18th December at 3.15pm (normal time).**

**The Spring term starts on Monday 4th January 2016 at 8.45am.**

### Paying online

Please use our online payment system, Schoolmoney, if you are offered the chance. It is an efficient and secure payment collection system and will mean that you won't have to queue at the school office!

Any questions, please ask at the office.



### Cornwall County Choirs

Winter Wonderland Concert on Saturday 12th December at 7pm.

Chapel Street Methodist Church, Penzance.

Entry on the door: £3 adult, £2 adult concessions,  
under 18s free.

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### Used postage stamps

Please collect your used postage stamps for the Macular Society. Macular degeneration is the largest cause of blindness in the developed world. Please hand them into the school office.

### LOST

Thomas George in Choughs has lost his red school sweatshirt. It is named. Please check at home and hand in if found.

### CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	93.3%	6
Robins 	100%	1
Puffins	91.8%	8
Owls	87.5%	11
Kingfishers	97.7%	2
Trencrom	93.0%	7
Lanyon	88.7%	10
Kerris	96.0%	3
Bodrifty	95.4%	5
Bosigran	89.6%	9
Kenidjack	95.7%	4
Overall school attendance	93.4%	

**Our collective target is 97.5%**

### DIARY DATES

#### December

15<sup>th</sup> KS2 concert at 6.30pm at the Chapel Street Methodist Church

17<sup>th</sup> Medal Service at 9.30am

18<sup>th</sup> **SCHOOL CLOSES at normal time 3.15pm**

**The spring term begins on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

#### January

4<sup>th</sup> Music lessons start

11<sup>th</sup> Clubs start

13<sup>th</sup> Swimming starts today for Kingfishers, Owls and Puffins





## Christmas 100 Word Challenge

Dear Alverton pupils,

Welcome to the Christmas 100 Word Challenge! You will need to 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 **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** and there will be prizes for the winners!

Good luck!

Mrs Clive.