Alverton School



1/4/22 FRIDAY NEWS N°. 26

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came to our fundraiser yesterday for the crisis in the Ukraine. We raised £351 which will be sent to the DEC Ukraine Appeal. It was also really great to be taking some small steps towards a semblance of normality in school with an actual event with parents! We hope that everyone who came enjoyed the tea, cake and chat. Thank you, too, to the staff who made the cakes.

In a meeting at school this week, we were talking about the legacy of Covid and how this is still affecting us all. This got us onto the subject of what a difficult couple of years it has been and still is, particularly with worries about what is happening in Europe and, closer to home, the cost of living and the alarming increases in fuel costs.

I read a really upsetting story this week about a boy who had fainted from hunger in a foodbank because he hadn't eaten for a while and there was nothing to eat at home. For some people, there are some very difficult financial choices to be made at the moment. If you are in this position, and there is anything at all that we can do at school to help, please do get in touch. Mr Higgs and I are always available to talk and Mrs Gill and Mrs Stacey are on the end of the phone too. There may be a limit to what we can do but we would definitely be able to arrange for you to use the CTIPA foodbank. This is staffed by some wonderful volunteers who will speak to you and find out exactly what you need, what your children like and don't like etc and who will then provide food tailored to your family.

I would really encourage you to get in touch if you think that they can help and we will do our very best to support you.

Best wishes,

Cathryn Wicks Deputy Head

Fundraising for Ukraine

Izzy, Lily and Rosa in Year 5 have continued their fundraising efforts this week and were an enormous help with our cake and tea afternoon yesterday. They sold more of their own jewellery and stones plus some delicious cakes they'd made. Their total now stands at £200 which is double what they hoped to raise. Very well done - you've been amazing!

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-peoplewith-covid-19-and-their-contacts



Sporting Success

Many congratulations to Jasmine in Lanyon class for her fantastic success recently in a Gymnastics competition in South Wales. She came first in her overall age category and second in beam, bars and vault and third on floor. Well done Jasmine.

New menu

Chartwells have a new menu starting after Easter (starting on Week 2). It is attached and can also be found on the school website under Parent Pages, What's on this Term. A paper copy will be coming home with your child next week. This will run until October half term.

Menu change

Thursday 7th April - Chartwells Sandwich Special

Selection of sandwiches with carrot and cucumber sticks & coleslaw.

Or

Cheese & tomato pizza with potato wedges,

Crunchy chocolate biscuit

Raspberry yoghurt cake

Tomato pasta will also be available but not jacket potatoes

Clubs

ALL clubs, including Drama, have now finished for this term. Please collect your child at 3.15pm next week. A new list will be coming home on Monday for starting next term week commencing Tuesday 3rd May (none on in the first week back after Easter).

Go Active's after school provision will be running if you need childcare.

Songfest

Twelve of our Year 5 children took part in the Songfest Concert at St John's Hall this week as part of a large choir of nine local schools. It was a fantastic evening and they all sang beautifully making us very proud.



Family Cycle

Thank you and well done to everyone who attended the family cycle last Saturday. Despite being windy, it was a glorious day! We had a lovely cycle along the path to Marazion and back again. Look out for the next date soon. It would be great to see lots of you out on bikes enjoying this new trail from Penzance.

Go Active Easter Holiday Club

Mr T will be running a holiday club for three days during the Easter holidays from 9am-3pm, £16 per child, per day.

The dates are:

Monday 11th April

Tuesday 19th April

Friday 22nd April

Alverton children only - sorry no siblings or children from other schools. Please ensure all bookings and payments are made by Friday 8th April.

For more information collect a letter from the office or contact Mr T direct on 07843 126 833 or email – alvertonkidsclub@outlook.com

PE kit

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is brought into school on a Monday and left here all week other than the evening before their PPA day when they wear it to school all day. Please can it be brought back in the next day so that it is here every day as your child may need it several times during the week.



Daisy's Diary Spring - it's springing

The seeds we've been putting in over the last few weeks are popping up. About half of them get eaten straight away by the slugs but the surviving strong ones are even big enough to go in the veg patches to be eaten by slugs there instead.





Thank you very much Dr Bike (Dave)

Came in to fix bikes on Wednesday, for free, just to encourage us to all love our bikes a bit more. He worked all day, surrounded by bikes and the nosy guinea pigs and worked really hard. And he's coming back in the summer term! Brilliant.







Cornwall Partnership

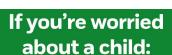
NHS Foundation Trust

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**.

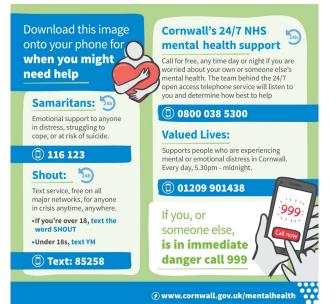








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- www.nspcc.org.uk



Penzance CTIPA Foodbank

The CTIPA Foodbank in Penzance provides food for anyone in need. If their support would be helpful to you, just phone Veryan 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.







NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE 0808 2000 247 24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE



WCWAid West Cornwall Women's Aid

01736 367539 https://www.wcwaid.co.uk/helpline

PASSIONATE ABOUT THE EARLY YEARS



A 4.5 hour workshop for Parents / Carers of children aged 1 to 4 years (pre reception).

Sessions Include:

- Top tips and strategies to support behaviour
- To build positive relationships with our toddlers
- Developing routines, child led play, special time and praise
- To give support and confidence to parents and carers

Wednesdays 27th April, 4th & 11th May 09.30-11.00am

The Woodland Nursery (Alverton School)









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.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Kittiwakes Isla for her beautiful writing & letter to the Giant Curlews Xavier for working so hard & having a great week

Puffins Nikolas for his concentration & great ideas for his puppet

Owls Kaylan for always giving 100% in whatever he does

Kingfishers Marley for making such an effort to improve his handwriting

Trencrom Eva-Grace for working incredibly hard on her writing & always willing to help others

Lanyon Jai for his conscientious & enthusiastic approach to Maths. You're a super star

Kerris Isla for her creativity in writing a survival story this week - wonderful ideas Isla

Bodrifty TO BE ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY
Bosigran TO BE ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY
Kenidjack TO BE ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY
Dinnertime TO BE ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY



Water bottles

All children from Year 1-6 need to have a named water bottle in school every day. These should be taken home and washed regularly. With the warmer weather it is even more essential to have one in school. If you don't have one, the office sells them for £1.50.

Go Active After School provision

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

alvertonkidsclub@outlook.com

Well that was a curved ball thrown by the weather, for sure! Over the weekend I was digging out summer clothes, by Monday I was back in boots, scarf, a warm hat and gloves first thing in the morning and peeling off the layers gradually as the day warmed up and at the end of the week I'm feeling cold again and not peeling any layers off, it's way too cold for that! And with the change of weather we may feel unsettled, our children may too, coughs and colds become more prevalent, and we may even feel glum. I find it's worse after some lovely weather, because I feel my hopes have been dashed. And I want to revert back to snuggling by a warm fire and staying indoors. If the crazy weather is getting to you too, or anything else is bothering, worrying or even annoying you, come and find me. You don't need to make an appointment in advance, you know where I am, you can just pop over. And if I'm busy we can make a plan for another time. Take care and wrap up warm. Or dress for summer. Who knows? Not I. Mrs Daylak





Wild Explorers Tuesday 12th/19th April Friday 22nd April



7-11yr oldsBooking @ www.heartofthewoods.org

Free spaces and hot meal for children in receipt of free school meals. Book a free T2M space @ www.activecornwall.org/t2mprogramme











EASTER HOLIDAYS FOOTBALL CAMPS

Mounts Bay Football Development Centre







Easter Dates (2022) Tuesday 19th April Wednesday 20th April Thursday 21st April Friday 22nd April

Soccer Tots (3-6vrs)

10am - 12pm £6 per day | £10 for 2 days | £13 for 3 days or £16 for all 4 camps

Soccer Pros (7-13yrs) 10am - 3:30pm £15 per day | £25 for 2 days | £35 for 3 days or £50 for all 4 camps

SUPER SAVER DEALS
Soccer Tots - All 4 days for £16
Soccer Pros - All 4 days for £50

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

Other Info

All children are welcome to attend from any school or club
The MBFDC coaching staff are UEFA / FA qualified & DBS checked
Pre-booking only, register & book 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













Easter Active Holiday Club

19th - 22nd April 2022 Mounts Bay Academy TR18 7JT

10.00am - 2.00pm

5-16 years old

£10 a day or free for FSM

Our Easter programme promises to deliver massive amounts of fun. our caster programme primises to deuter massive amounts of play and activity! Our full program will give children the chance to discover a range of exciting and engaging activities. There will be new games, play, wellbeing activities and much more.





















Football

Email: holidaycamp@mountsbayacademy.org

FREE HOT MEAL INCLUDED









