

**FRIDAY NEWS** N°. 36 6/7/18

### **Cornwall Schools Games**

Last Friday we took 5 teams of children to the Cornwall School Games. Throughout the year, we have been competing in various leagues and competitions in order to make the School Games Finals. Our hockey team and basketball team went to Penryn, High 5s team and Year 5 boys swimmers went to Carn Brea and the Year 3/4 tennis team went to Redruth Tennis Club. Everyone was extremely excited about competing at the highest level with schools from across the county. Here are some reports from each event written by the children:

### **High Fives**

Our High Fives team was really excited to take part in the Games. Despite not having our full team (some were playing in the hockey) we knew it would be a great experience for us. We played fairly and did our best despite some players not playing with the A team before. There were 8 teams altogether and we played 4 matches. We came 7th overall. A big thank you to Mrs Wade and Mrs Leiworthy for taking us.

By Madison and Lily-Rose

## Hockey

Our hockey team were so excited to be representing Penwith at the School Games after winning our league. Despite being such a hot day, we played extremely well! We won 5 games and drew two- it was amazing! This resulted in us winning the whole competition. It was a great day and we were really proud of our achievements. Many thanks to Mrs Dennison and Mrs Mooney for their support.

By Roisin and Orla





### **Swimming**

Mrs Whipp took four Year 5 boys to the swimming competition at Carn Brea. She was blown away by their team spirit and excellent behaviour. The boys swam amazingly and also came away with the Gold award. A superb achievement and well done for supporting each other so well.

# **Basketball**

It was so fun! Unfortunately we failed to score many baskets so consequently we didn't get past the first round of the competition. We played 3 games overall but the level was so high and we hadn't done

much training. We all enjoyed though! Thanks to Mr Hammond for taking us. By Tom

In order to take part in the School Games, we rely on your Primary Schools support to help with transporting your children to matches, competitions and league events. Without this continued support, we wouldn't be able to provide the children with all of these fantastic opportunities. Many thanks for all of your help over this past academic year. Your children have represented Alverton School brilliantly- we are all so proud of their achievements and determination.

Mrs Dennison



We are the SIXTH highest school in Cornwall for sport!

Name	GAMES GOLD	GAMES SILVER	GAMES BRONZE	Total
Mount Hawke Academy				
Archbishop Benson School				
St Breock School	2	2	2	12
St Uny School	2	2	1	11
Charlestown School				
Alverton	2	0	0	6
Burraton School	2	0	0	6
Truro Prep	2	0	0	6
Wadebridge Academy	2	0	0	6
Trevithick	1	1	1	6

# From Facebook

Firstly I want to point out that I am not one for putting much about my life on Facebook and rarely ever put a status (and never have I made one public before!) But this is aimed at all parents that go to the same school/ nursery as my children -We have differences; different size cars, some have expensive cars, some not so, some parents work part time, some full time and some not at all but the ONE thing we ALL have in common is a child/children attending the same place/s! The school have worked tirelessly to make the drop off and collection times safer for OUR children (New car park, shutting the gate, lollipop lady) but it is now up to US as the parents to ensure that our children are I do not want to name and shame but I have witnessed appalling driving recently around this area and the peak times and if it doesn't stop SOMEONE IS GOING TO GET HURT! (People driving too fast, mounting the kerbs, some 'rallying' around corners, some speeding up just to try and get past the lollipop lady before she steps into the road, shall I go on?) I use the new car park as I have a child in the nursery as well as the school I NEVER drive over 20mph in the area and I ALWAYS ensure that it is safe for me to enter the car park and let pedestrians cross first (anyone that feels differently about this please speak to me or pm me as I would rather be made aware) regardless of weather, or if I'm running late etc. A few extra minutes isn't worth a child's life!! that sounds dramatic but just to make you aware the difference in fatalities when driving 20mph to 30mph jumps from 5% to 45%!!! (This is a guide as some research and sites vary but that's a big difference!) Come on people we are grown ups and parents and supposed to set an example. There are children that walk that area on their own. What is it going to take before the seriousness of this is understood?! Please feel free to share.

Postscript...Over the past eighteen months or so we have had a member of staff standing at the end of Toltuff Crescent asking parents not to drive down to the school. More often than not, I have been the person carrying out this role as I felt that, as it was my idea, I ought to be the one to deal with any discontent it may generate.

Some of you will have noticed that I haven't been carrying out this role a great deal during this term, possibly assuming that I'm either too busy or have lost interest. It's certainly true that spending an hour a day standing in the middle of the road is not always ideal in terms of my working day but if it makes a significant difference to the safety of pupils and families around the school then I am happy to do it.

As for losing interest in the role, this again is not true. I am really interested in making the Crescent as safe as possible for our children, and to this end have been instrumental in establishing many of the changes listed above. What I have less interest in, is engaging in the same debate with the same people on a daily basis especially when there appears to be an increasing lack of understanding on both sides.

In addition, as has been stated on many occasions, the new car park is for staff use and nursery drop off only. This should not be used by parents as a waiting or drop off area for the main school please as it simply isn't large enough for that and entering or exiting the car park crosses the path used by many children at peak time.

The vast majority of you are happy to continue to support the initiative and park slightly away from the school, walking the remaining few hundred metres to collect or drop off your children, and I am very grateful to you. The fact that either myself or another staff member is not standing at the end of the road doesn't mean that we consider the problem solved and we would ask parents to continue the habit of parking away from the school.

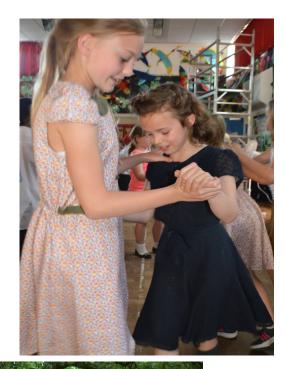
Thank you for your continued support – it is very much appreciated.

Martin Higgs

# **KS2 VE Day celebrations**

On Tuesday all of KS2 had a wonderful VE Day celebration. They took part in eight workshops in the morning which included learning how to jive and waltz, playing wartime games and singing songs, making rosettes and paper planes and preparing sandwiches and other treats. In the afternoon, they had a tea dance followed by a street party on the field. All the year groups were mixed together for the day and everyone had an amazing time.







# **Year 6 Fiver Challenge**

Our Year 6 have been very busy over the past few weeks taking part in the annual Fiver Challenge. Their aim is to use £5 given to them to raise as much money as possible. This year they made an incredible £930 profit which they will use to fund a trips to Flambards and the Jubilee Pool and the remainder will go to a charity of their choice. Congratulations to all of them. Many thanks to all the Year 6 parents who helped their children and to everyone who supported them.

# The Woodland Nursery

Part of Alverton School Set in fantastic grounds with its own dedicated woodland



Spaces available for 2-4 year olds

Nursery Open 8am-6pm- Competitive Rates

Led by a Qualified Teacher & Forest Schools Trained Staff

Phone Alverton School on 01736 364087 for more details or to book a visit

# **Outstanding debts**

With only two weeks of term remaining, please ensure that all money owing is paid by Wednesday 18th July at the latest so that our finance systems can be closed down for this school year. This includes outstanding debts for swimming, breakfast club, trips, and nursery sessions. The kitchen staff would appreciate payments for all lunches to be completely up to date by the end of term.

A reminder that we finish for the summer holidays on Friday 20th July at 3.15pm and the Autumn term begins Thursday 6th September at 9am.

# Penwith Cello Centre

# Learn to play the Cello

- 30-minute, individual cello lessons.
- Weekly, after school, during term time.
- Lessons will take place on Mondays at Humphry Davy School, Penzance

Bursaries are available through Cornwall Music Service Trust and Cornwall Music Education Hub-subsidies to bring this down to £10 per lesson (Normally costing £20)

ns and conditions can be found at: http://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/music-lessons/

Cello hire is available from various suppliers, please see: http://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/provision/instr To sign up please go to <a href="https://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/signup">https://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/signup</a> For queries please contact us at: office@cornwallmusicservicetrust the Charity Commission for England and Wales (number 1159622) and a company limited by guarantee (number 09268124) registered in England.Registered in Englan rnwallmusicservicetrust.org Registere



Cornwall Music **Education Hub** 



We are pleased to be able to apply a combination of

Between 4.00 and 7.00 pm.

# Penwith Cello Centre

Open Afternoon, Monday 9th July. Humphry Davy School.

An opportunity to find out more about cello lessons.

Drop in between 4.00 and 6.00.

For more information contact Danielle Jones,

djones@cornwallmusicservicetrust.org 07919 107 582

# Guitar recital - Tuesday 10th July at 2pm

All parents and friends welcome. Please come along and support the children if you can.

## Uniform

Just a quick reminder that children should continue to wear the correct school uniform until the end of term. We are particularly noticing that some children are wearing trainers rather than school shoes at the moment.

# **Music lessons in September**

If your child is interested in taking part in music lessons from September there are currently spaces to do keyboards, woodwind (recorder, flute or clarinet), brass, violins and ukele. If your child is Year 2 or above and you would like more information, please ask at the office.

# **New Autumn term menu**

Please find attached the new Autumn term menu from Caterlink. Copies will be sent home as soon as we have received them.

# **Twitter**

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

# 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 Mondays after school until 4pm.

# **CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK**

Chausha	00.00/	2
Choughs	98.6%	3
Robins	100%	1
Puffins	96.9%	5
Owls	96.6%	6
Kingfishers	95.0%	10
Trencrom	97.1%	4
Lanyon	95.9%	7
Kerris	95.6%	8
Bodrifty	95.5%	9
Bosigran	93.8%	11
Kenidjack	99.4%	2
Overall school	96.6%	
attendance	30.0%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

# Italia Conti Penzance

# Musical scenes from 'Matilda'



Workshops Monday 30th July -Thursday 2nd August Dam-3pm Held by Guest Director £75 including a ticket

@ Mounts Bay School

Performance on Friday 3rd August at 4pm

To Book your place now Contact 07919062831/07711166869

# **DIARY DATES**

<u>July</u>

10<sup>th</sup> Guitar recital at 2pm

11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Y6 London trip

20<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers assembly at 2.15pm

**SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.15pm TODAY** 

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Staff training days

SCHOOL REOPENS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM ON THURSDAY 6th SEPTEMBER