

Advent Service

Our Christmas tree has arrived and all children are invited to **make a decoration at home this weekend** and bring it into school to place on the tree ready for our **Advent Service at 9.30am on Monday 4th December** which we would invite you all to attend. This is a traditional part of the school year, with the eldest child in the school lighting the advent candle and the youngest turning on the lights on the tree. There will be a lot of festive singing and mince pies. Please come along if you can.



Christmas Performances

All of the children are busy rehearsing for their Christmas performances and everyone is welcome to attend the various events. The first of these is the **Reception performance on Tuesday 5th December**. Performances take place at **9.30 am** and again at **2 pm** in the school hall. **Thursday 7th December** sees the **Key Stage 1 performances at 2 pm and 6 pm** also in the hall.

Tuesday 12th December sees **Key Stage 2 putting on their Carol Concert at the Methodist Chapel in Chapel Street**. This begins at **6.30 pm** and is a wonderful event. All Key Stage 2 children are involved in the singing and even the staff perform a carol. Parents and children from the EYFS and Key Stage 1 are more than welcome to attend. On **Friday 15th December at 9.30am** the Ducklings will be performing their Nativity in the nursery.

Year 3 & 4 Exhibition

We've been learning about Vikings this term. Come and meet us down at the Wherrytown boating pool (at the stream end) and watch us sail our Viking boats on **Tuesday 5th December** from 9.45 to 10.15am if you can.



Get to know our Governors

Mike Baker - Vice Chair of Governors

I restore listed buildings and am a legal consultant. I have a particular interest in immersive learning. My two children have left Alverton now and I am very happy that I can continue to be involved in developments and challenges in the future.



UKS2 Exhibition

Well done to all the children and staff for their incredibly hard work on their Roman town exhibition. It looked amazing!



Parking in Provis Road

Some of our neighbours in nearby Provis Road have been upset recently by parents who have parked either blocking driveways or on the grass in front of their houses. This causes inconvenience and ruins the grass. Please park considerately at all times.

Christmas lunch - Thursday 14th December

A reminder that if your child would like a school lunch on 14th December you must return a slip to us, (with the money if your meals are not free) by Friday 8th December. **If you do not return a slip, you must send your child in with a packed lunch from home as there will not be any spare meals available on the day.**



Trengwainton Lantern Walk

Don't forget to visit Trengwainton Gardens on either 1st or 2nd December, 5.30-8pm to see the lanterns made by our Year 4s.

Decorated window

If you are in town, don't forget to vote for Bosigran's Christmas window display which is in the Old Causewayhead Furnishings window. You can collect a voting card from one of the participating shops. The winning school window will receive £250 of art and craft equipment and one lucky voter will receive £100.



Clubs

All clubs have now finished. Please collect your child at 3.15pm. The new clubs list for the Spring term will come home in January.

Bag2school collection

FOAS would like to thank to everyone who saved old clothes and brought them in yesterday for the Bag2school collection. A fantastic **£132** was raised for FOAS funds which will all go towards enhancing your child's school experience.

FOAS Christmas Fair

Friday 8th December from 3.15pm

Please don't forget to come along to the Fair next Friday.

Thank you to everyone who donated an item or money today. If you haven't yet donated, we would really appreciate the following:

- a decorated jam jar full of goodies
- as new gifts/jewellery
- bottles and Christmas goodies for the tombola
- cakes and buns

There will no longer be a donate a teddy table but we can still sell any good quality soft toys.

There will also be stalls with items made by your child's class, we will be selling lovely class Christmas cards and tea towels and there will be refreshments available.

We have lots of lovely raffle prizes kindly donated but please sell your raffle tickets & return the stubs and money to the office or your tickets if you are unable to sell them.

Visit to Father Christmas

This year we will be selling tickets to see Father Christmas in his special grotto **in advance**. There are 50 spaces and tickets will be on sale at the office from Monday at a cost of £2 per child which will include a chat to Santa and a present. Your child will still have to queue up on the day but will be guaranteed a visit.

If you can help set up and/or man the stalls, please put your name down at the office. Thank you.



Applying for a school place for September 2018

If you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 you need to apply for a school place in a Reception class to start in September 2018. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2018**. The easiest way is to apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions. For more information call the Admissions team on 0300 1234 101 or visit the website.

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.



Go Active after school provision

A reminder that if you'd like to book your child into the Go Active after school club you need to contact them direct on **07843 126833**.

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

Logan Jay in Puffins has lost his navy blue and green waterproof coat. It has green frog pictures on it, is aged 3-5 years and is named. Please check and hand in if found.

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	94.3%	7
Robins	84.3%	11
Puffins	89.3%	10
Owls	99.3%	1
Kingfishers	98.9%	2
Trencrom	95.2%	6
Lanyon	96.7%	5
Kerris	94.1%	8
Bodrifty	97.3%	3
Bosigran	93.8%	9
Kenidjack	96.9%	4
Overall school attendance	94.6%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

- 4th Advent Service at 9.30am – followed by mince pies and coffee for parents
- 5th Reception concert at 9.30am & 2.00pm – **please note new date**
- 7th KS1 Christmas performance at 2.00pm & 6.00pm – **please note new date**
- 8th FOAS Christmas Fair – details have come home
- 12th KS2 concert at 6.30pm at the Chapel Street Methodist Church
- 14th Pupils Christmas lunch
- 15th Ducklings Nativity at 9.30am
- 20th **SCHOOL CLOSSES at normal time 3.15pm**

The spring term begins on Thursday 4th January 2018



Mowzer's back for Christmas!

The Mousehole Cat

by Antonia Barber
Adapted by Alan M Kent

**COUSIN
JACK'S**

17-31 December
Solomon Browne Hall, Mousehole
Tickets 01726 879500 cousinjacks.org

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