

2016 Results and Celebrations!

One of the main ways in which we measure the effectiveness of our school is through a comparison of the results achieved by our 5, 7 and 11 year olds with those gained by children in the rest of the country and we are delighted to share our 2016 results with you.



All of the measures available show that we are at least in line with national expectations and in almost all cases we comfortably exceed these, sometimes by a significant amount. This means that the children at Alverton achieve standards that are at least equal to those attained by children across the country and, in many cases, better than this.

There are some key results to celebrate.

- At the end of Key Stage 2, 91% of our pupils attained the expected standard in Maths which is 21% above the national average. This is an incredible achievement, especially when you consider the well-documented demands of the new curriculum, including several questions which would not be out of place on a GCSE paper (we know this is true because we compared them). In addition, data provided to us by the Cornwall data team show that our pupils achieved the seventh highest average score for Maths out of all the 250+ primary schools in Cornwall!
- Another measure in which we performed exceptionally well was the % of children who achieved the “higher standard” at the end of Key Stage 2. Our results were well above national % in Reading, Writing and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and particularly in Maths, where we were again 20% above national averages. We were particularly pleased to discover that we are the sixth highest school in Cornwall when comparing the % of children who achieved the higher standard in all of Reading, Writing and Maths.

The attached Parent Guide (Ofsted and Outcomes) gives our 2016 results in more detail.

I’m sure that you will agree that all the children and staff involved across the school deserve a huge amount of praise for their achievements which are the results of dedication, talent and an enormous amount of hard work.

Thank you and well done to you all.

CLUBS

All clubs begin next week except Circuits which starts on 29th September. Some clubs have been heavily oversubscribed and there are waiting lists. If your child does not commit to a club regularly, their place will be given to someone else.

Please ensure that you pay for all paid clubs by the first session or your child will not be allowed to start. If your child has not got a place on a particular club this term, we will try and make sure they are offered that club in the Spring term.

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 their 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.

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 2016**. 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.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

If you have a child born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 you need to apply for a school place in a Reception class for starting in September 2017. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2017**. 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.

KINGFISHERS ASSEMBLY

Apologies but the date given for the Kingfishers assembly this term in the Autumn term dates is wrong. Kingfishers will **NOT** be doing their sharing assembly on 16th October and it will be during the Spring term (date to be confirmed).

MUSIC LESSONS

Our woodwind teacher has space for any children (Year 1 and above) who would like to learn the recorder or fife. Lessons are on Friday lunchtimes and are run through the Cornwall Music Service Trust. Please ask at the office for more details.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK WITH US?

Lunchtime Supervisor Role (five hours per week).

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to work for an hour each day from 12.15 – 1.15. This role is temporary until the end of the year in the first instance but is likely to continue into the following school year.

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, caring individual to join our lunchtime staff. Along with the normal lunchtime duties, you will help to ensure that the children are safe and secure in our caring and happy environment.

Your duties will include:

- Supervising and assisting in the dining hall
- Ensuring children are safe, happy and well behaved during the lunchtime period
- Dealing with minor first aid
- Supervising on the playground or field or in the classrooms if weather is poor
- Generally ensuring that lunchtimes are happy time for all involved and dealing with any issues in a positive and thoughtful way
- Taking a proactive role in developing the children's play.

Alverton Primary School is committed to safeguarding children and young people and the successful candidate will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS disclosure.

If you are interested in this role, please contact the school office for an application pack.

Height & weight screening for Reception & Year 6 children

Next month the children in Reception and Year 6 will be weighed and measured by the school nurses. All children in these years will be receiving a booklet and "opt out" form about this. If you do **NOT** wish your child to be weighed or measured you must return the form to the office. By not returning the form, we assume you give your permission.

PAYING ONLINE

Thank you to everyone who has used our online payment system so far but we need many more people to use it. It is very quick, easy and secure and the feedback from parents who have used it is very positive. Save yourself time queuing at the office and save our trips to the bank please! For more details or if you need help logging in, please contact the office.

Go to **Schoolmoney.co.uk** and log in with the mobile number that receives the school texts, your email address and your unique password which can be texted as a reminder to you. You can pay for swimming, trips and camp at present and we are looking at increasing this to cover more payments soon.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	The Whole Class	for a great start to school.
Choughs	The Whole Class	for a great start to school.
Puffins	The Whole Class	for their excellent behaviour on our trip.
Owls	The Whole Class	for their excellent behaviour on our trip.
Kingfishers	Gabriele	for always trying her hardest!
Trencrom	The Whole Class	for settling into Year 3 with a mature attitude.
Lanyon	Mercedes	for an excellent start to the year. You have had a positive start, hard working attitude all week. Well done!
Kerris	Joel	for his amazing, sensible behaviour going to swimming. Giving it a go with a huge smile.
Bodrifty	Annie	for her fantastic start to Year 5 working hard with a big smile!
Bosigran	Morva	for her fantastic start to Year 5 working hard in all areas.
Kenidjack	Isobel	for starting Year 6 so well with hard work and helpfulness.
Dinnertime	Jowan	for always having lovely manners.



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	98.3%	8
Robins	99.5%	3
Puffins	99.3%	4
Owls	98.9%	6
Kingfishers	97.9%	10
Trencrom	98.4%	7
Lanyon ★	100%	1
Kerris	99.2%	5
Bodrifty	98.1%	9
Bosigran ★	100%	1
Kenidjack	94.0%	11
Overall school attendance	98.5%	

Our collective target is 97.5%

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

19 th	All clubs start today
29 th	Y6 sleepover at the school

OCTOBER

4 th	Year 6 taster day at Humphry Davy
6 th	Year 6 taster day at Mounts Bay
6 th	FOAS AGM at 7.00pm – details to follow
7 th	Sharing assembly – Kerris at 2.45pm
13 th	Harvest Festival at 9.30am
14 th	Sharing assembly – Bodrifty at 2.45pm
17 th – 19 th	Parent Consultation evenings – how to book your appointment to follow
20 th	Individual and Family photographs – details to follow
20 th	FOAS Halloween Disco – details to follow

**Monday 24th – Friday 28th October –
HALF TERM**

