



## Attendance

Please could we remind you of the information we published last term in the Friday News on 19th July regarding term time holidays.

We are well aware that the financial savings of taking holidays in term time can be significant, and that for many people this means the difference between having a family holiday in a desirable destination or not. We also know that many of our families are involved in seasonal work that prevents them from taking time off in the school holidays. This is why, as a school, we have tried to manage the term-time holiday situation without resorting to fines. However, the current situation is untenable.

What many parents don't realise is that if our attendance significantly drops, as it has done, and the school is not doing everything in its power to improve this situation, the consequences for the school can be very serious indeed and the repercussions could significantly affect the way the school is run and its overall ethos.

**Governors of the school have therefore, extremely reluctantly, taken the decision to follow other local schools in adopting the Local Authorities guidance on fixed penalty fines for holidays taken in term time with effect from September 2019.**

**If you decide to take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who as the issuing officer may decide to take legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Fines are issued per parent/carer, per child. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and/or custodial sentences.**

We would therefore, once again, ask parents not to book holidays in term time next year and remind everyone that under the DfE's rules we can only authorise term-time absence in exceptional circumstances. Please note that none of the money taken in fines from these fixed penalty notices comes to the school.

## Date reminder

Please note school is closed on Monday 28th October and Tuesday 29th October for INSET days so the first day back after half term will be **Wednesday 30th October**. Half term is 21st to 25th October.

## Bosigran sharing assembly - postponed

Bosigran's sharing assembly was to have been on 11th October but has been postponed until the Spring term.

### Year 6 London meeting

If your child is interested in going to London next July, there will be a meeting on **Thursday 26th September** at 3.30pm in Kenidjack classroom. There will be lots of information and the chance to ask any questions you may have.

### Year 4 - Christmas lantern making

Later this term Year 4 will be making beautiful Christmas lanterns to go on show at Trengwainton Gardens on 6th and 7th December. Please see the information below from the National Trust about booking tickets in advance if you would like to go. Booking essential for Trengwainton's Lantern Walk. Due to its huge popularity, last year the team at Trengwainton took the decision to limit the number of people going to the Lantern Walk, so everyone has to book a ticket to gain entry, including the schools involved in the lantern making.

**Tickets for admission to the Lantern Walk and visits to Father Christmas go on sale from 1st October on their website:**

**[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/trengwainton-garden/whats-on](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/trengwainton-garden/whats-on)** or you can call the box office on: 0344 249 1895.

Admission is free for National Trust members but you'll still need to reserve a free ticket to gain entry.



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Trust**

Last year all the tickets sold out within **2 weeks** so if you'd like to go, please book early.

### Wellies and coats!

Please ensure that your child has a pair of named wellies in school at all times and a coat so that they can use the field at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

### Reception & Year 6 health check booklets

All Reception and Year 6 children should have brought a health check booklet home with them this week. **You only need to return the form if you wish to opt OUT of the health checks that will be carried out.** These include height and weight screening for Reception and Year 6 children which will be carried out this term.

### Water bottles

Please can you ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school with them each day. It is important that the children drink plenty of water.

### Alverton water bottles

We now have reusable water bottles for sale at the office priced £1.50 (cash only please). They are in house colours (red, blue, green & yellow) so please ask your child which one they belong to so they can have the correct coloured bottle.

### PE kit

A large percentage of children have not had PE kit in school this week. **All** children from Years 1-6 should have a PE kit in school all week. This should consist of a pair of red shorts, white polo shirt or T-shirt, red zipped Alverton top, black tracksuit bottoms and a pair of trainers. These should be named and in a named PE bag or other bag. Although there are set days during the week for PE, other sessions can take place at any time during the week and children should not be disadvantaged by not having the appropriate kit to wear.

### Applying for a school place for September 2020

If you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 you need to apply for a school place in a Reception class for starting in September 2020. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2020. 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.

### 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 2019. 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.

### Wanted!

#### Good quality children's books

To promote our children's reading, we would be very grateful if you have any good quality second hand children's books that could be donated to our book shop. Children with book bank cheques will then be able to pick from a wide selection.

#### Breadmakers

Do you have an unwanted breadmaker in the back of your cupboard? If so, please could you donate it to us? We can then use them to make lots of freshly made bread.

#### Socks

Our Reception classes would be very grateful for any spare socks (aged 4-6 years) that you could donate to help keep feet dry.



### After school provision

A reminder that Go Active run all the after school provision caring for children until 5.15pm. If you are running late, you will need to contact Go Active rather than school to book your child in. Please contact Ed Timmons for any further information or to book either by phone 07843 126833 or email [ed@goactivecornwall.co.uk](mailto:ed@goactivecornwall.co.uk). If you are currently using Go Active and your days or hours are changing, please contact Ed. If you are going to use this provision for the first time, please call into the office and complete a Go Active form which we will hand into them.

### October half term

Go Active will be running a one day holiday club on **Wednesday 23rd October** from 9am-3pm at school. The cost is £13. This is open to current Alverton pupils from Reception to Year 6 (sorry no ex-pupils, relations or friends). If you would like your child to attend, please contact Ed Timmons directly or ask at the office for a form. Please ensure the form is completed and returned with payment in cash by 14th October.

### Need a chat?

Come and have a cup of tea with Mrs Daylak if you have any questions or concerns about anything which might be affecting your child in school. You can find her any Monday to Thursday after school until 4pm. If you would rather make an appointment, please ask the office. She might even find you a biscuit to go with your tea!



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Choughs & Robins	Every single child	for super settling in
Puffins	Jacob	for being an excellent explorer this week
Owls	Yasmin	for incredible effort in all areas this week
Kingfishers	Evie	for her great listening skills & brilliant start to the year
Trencrom	Seth	for having a brilliant attitude to his learning & for fantastic homework
Lanyon	Kitty-Rose	for having a fantastic attitude to learning. You're a superstar
Kerris	Phoebe	for settling in so well & ALWAYS being ready to learn
Bodrift	Lauren	for some fantastic poetry this week & her enthusiasm for everything
Bosigran	Oliver	for a fantastic attitude to all his work and his homework (a delicious cake)
Kenidjack	Brook	for having 'The Force'
Dinnertime	Milly N	for her excellent help supporting our younger members of the school
	Amy	for her excellent help supporting our younger members of the school
PE Star	Nathan	for showing fantastic throwing skills during PE



## 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	96.8%	5
Robins	98.0%	3
Puffins	96.4%	9
Owls	96.7%	7
Kingfishers	98.3%	2
Trencrom	98.0%	3
Lanyon	96.7%	7
Kerris	99.0%	1
Bodrift	93.1%	11
Bosigran	96.8%	5
Kenidjack	93.9%	10
Overall school attendance	96.7%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

## DIARY DATES

### OCTOBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year 6 taster day at Mounts Bay
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 6 taster day at Humphry Davy
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Kerris at 2.45pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> FOAS AGM at 6pm – details to follow
- 8<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival at 9.30am
- 11<sup>th</sup> *Sharing assembly – Bosigran at 2.45pm*  
**POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING TERM**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Individual and Family photographs – details to follow
- 17<sup>th</sup> FOAS Halloween Disco – details to follow
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Bodrift at 2.45pm

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM**

**29<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

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### NOVEMBER

- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation evenings - **Choughs & Robins only** – details to follow about how to book
- 8<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Kenidjack at 2.45pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Lanyon at 2.45pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation evenings – **Year 1-6** – details of how to book to follow





## CORNWALL COUNTY CHOIRS



Aged 3—8? Love singing?  
Mini Singers is Cornwall's County Choir for boys and girls aged 3 - 8.  
Expect a variety of songs with plenty of movement and actions.  
No auditions, just bring a smile!

The Cornwall Music Education hub has extended the Cornwall County Choir family to include younger singers from ages 3 to 8 years old. The Mini Singers and Junior Mini Singers will take place in two locations: Penzance (weekly during term time) and Truro (monthly during term time).

### **Penzance Weekly Sessions - Tuesdays**

#### **Mini Singers (for children aged 3 – 5 years)**

4pm – 4.30pm weekly on Tuesdays at St Mary's C of E Primary School, Redinnick Place, Penzance.  
Children to be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the session.

#### **Junior Mini Singers (for children aged 6 – 8 years)**

4.30pm – 5.15pm weekly on Tuesdays at St Mary's C of E Primary School, Redinnick Place, Penzance.  
Parents not required to stay for the sessions.

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### **Penzance Mini Singers and Junior Mini Singers Dates for Autumn Term 2019**

September - 17th - *free taster session* (4-4.20 for 3-5 yr olds, 4.30 - 4.50 for 6-8 yr olds), 24<sup>th</sup>

October - 1st, 8th, 15th,

November - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

December - 3rd, 10th, Saturday 14th concert at Truro Methodist on evening

### **What does it cost to join Mini Singers and Junior Mini Singers?**

Choir members pay a termly membership fee which is subsidised by the Cornwall Music Education Hub. The current termly fee is £30 for Mini Singers (10 x 30 minute sessions for children aged 3 – 5 years) and £35 for Junior Mini Singers (10 x 45 minute weekly sessions for children aged 6 – 8 years). Mini Singers County Choir membership includes a Cornwall County Choirs T-Shirt.

Places for these groups are limited and pre-booking is essential.

Children aged 3-5 must be accompanied during the sessions.

**To register, email [CMEH@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:CMEH@cornwall.gov.uk)**

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