

New Deputy Head Appointed

As you will be aware from a previous article in the Friday News, Mr Chalwin is stepping back from his role as Deputy Headteacher of our school from the end of this term.

I am delighted to be able to announce that following a recruitment process Mrs Wicks will become the substantive Deputy Head of Alverton from January.

Mrs Wicks has been acting Deputy Head since November 2013 and has had a very significant impact upon the development of the school whilst in this role. She is a very dedicated and well respected member of our school community and I am confident that this appointment will strengthen our leadership team and help to secure the improvements we are seeking to make as the school continues to move forward.

Christmas!

It may still be November, but Christmas is well underway at Alverton School! We would like to bring you up-to-date with details of forthcoming Christmas events.

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 on Monday ready for our **Advent Service at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday 1st 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.

Friday 4th December sees the Friends of Alverton School (FOAS) Christmas Fair which starts after school. Father Christmas will be in attendance in his all-glittering grotto, stalls will sell a range of goods and refreshments will be available. All classes are producing gifts to buy – why not come along and start your Christmas shopping? As usual, this event is being run by the volunteers from FOAS. Many thanks to those of you who have already said that you can come and help. There is still time for new people to offer to get involved – please pop into the school office and leave your name. Our Christmas Fair is normally one of our biggest fundraisers during the year so do please come along and support.

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 **EYFS (Nursery and Reception children) on Tuesday 8th December. Performances take place at 9.30 am and 2 pm** in the school hall. **Thursday 10th December sees the Key Stage 1 performances at 2 pm and 6 pm** also in the hall.

Friday 11th December is the children's Christmas lunch and details have already been sent out about this.

Tuesday 15th December sees Key Stage 2 putting on their Carol Concert at the Methodist Chapel in Chapel Street. This begins at 6.30 p.m. 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.



EYFS Exhibition

Our very successful EYFS Exhibition was held in the Hall yesterday. Thank you to all the children who put so much effort into their work and to all the parents who came along to support them.



Mrs Hall, Mrs Daylak, Miss Caddick and the whole EYFS team worked extremely hard to put on the Exhibition - a huge thank you to you all.



Clubs

All clubs have now finished for this term including morning Roller Disco club on Wednesdays apart from:

KS2 Choir which will continue on **Monday 30th November** and the last one on **Monday 7th December**.

Band - there will be no Band on Weds 2nd but the last one will be on **Weds 9th December**.

Boxercise - last one will be on **Thursday 3rd December**.

Clubs letters for the Spring term will come home on 4th January.

Christmas lunch

Friday 11th December

A reminder that if your child would like a school lunch on 11th December you should have returned a slip with their choice of turkey or vegetarian. If you have not returned 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.



Music lessons

Guitar, keyboard and violin lessons will finish next Friday 4th December. Drums, woodwind and brass lessons finish on Friday 11th December. Unless we hear from you, your child will continue with lessons in January and you will receive an invoice and, for keyboards and guitars, a timetable.

Key Stage 2 Exhibition

Wednesday 2nd December
5.00pm - 6.30pm

We are really looking forward to our Key Stage 2 exhibition "A Night at the Museum". Please save this date for your diary - you are all very welcome and it promises to be a memorable event!

Further details for Key Stage 2 pupils have come home this week and your child will be bringing home an invitation.



Carol Singing

Saturday 28th November at 10.30am

Our choir and any other KS2 children who would like to join them will be singing outside 'East of Here' in Chapel Street, Penzance next Saturday. We will be singing traditional carols and all KS2 children are welcome. This will be to celebrate the town's Christmas lights switch on that evening.



Paying online

Please use our online payment system, Schoolmoney, if you are offered the chance. It is an efficient and secure payment collection system and will mean that you won't have to queue at the school office!

Any questions, please ask at the office.



Photo consent & ICT forms

If you haven't yet completed a form for either giving your consent for your child's photos to be used on the school website and in other formats or giving your consent for them using the Internet in school, please do so as soon as possible. We have to update our records every year and we need to know what consent you give.

Reports to Parents

This term, we have changed our report format to reflect the changes in the national curriculum and in our assessment systems.

An explanatory letter and Parent Guide to Assessment will be going home with the reports at the end of term. However, if you would like to find out more about this, Mr Higgs and Mrs Wicks will be holding a meeting on **9th December at 2.45pm** to explain the changes we have made and to talk about how we will now be reporting your child's progress to you.

Everyone is very welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.



Twitter

Our school Twitter feed is proving very popular! We will be using this more and more to share all the exciting learning that goes on everyday at Alverton. If you haven't already done so, it doesn't take long to organise a Twitter account when you will be able to follow us @alvertonschool. You can also follow our teachers, for example @AlvertonBC (Mr Chalwin) or @AlvertonCW (Mrs Wicks).



FOAS Christmas Fair

Friday 11th December from 3.15pm

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

A limited number of tickets to see Santa will be on sale in advance from the office next week priced £1.50.

If you haven't yet donated, we would really appreciate a decorated jam jar full of goodies, as new gifts/jewellery, second hand books, items for tombola, cakes and buns. 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.

Thank you.



KS1 Nativity - change of date

Please note that the KS1 Nativity date has changed. It will now be held on **Thursday 10th December** at 2pm and 6pm.

Autism Spectrum Disorder - Parent workshop

Andrew Mercer, the team leader for the west ASD, will be running the workshop. You will be able to learn more about ASD and strategies to help support your child. There will be time to discuss concerns with Andrew and his team. The four sessions are being held at Marazion Primary School on the following dates:

12th January 1.30-3.15pm

19th January 1.30-3.15pm

2nd February 1.30-3.15pm

23rd February 1.30-3.15pm

Refreshments will be served.

Please call Marazion Primary School to book your place on 01736 710618.

STARS OF THE WEEK


Robins	The Whole Class	for a super exhibition
Choughs	The Whole Class	for a super exhibition
Puffins	Toby	for fantastic effort in his sentence writing this week
Owls	Amy	for her determination and hard work in everything she does
Kingfishers	Poppy	for making fantastic progress in her Maths
Trencrom	Cora	for brilliant Maths and for being a complete star
Lanyon	Finley L	for his attitude, enthusiasm and commitment to his reading
Kerris	Zac	for his impeccable manners and friendly and helpful nature all the time
Bodrifty	Leon	for his enthusiasm and hard work in Maths which is paying off! Well done
Bosigran	Sofia	for her positive attitude towards fractions and her enthusiasm for Maths
Kenidjack	Jack	for generally amazing standard of work across the curriculum
Dinnertime	Skye	for using her knife and fork correctly
PE Star Class	Kingfishers	for showing great enthusiasm during throwing games



LOST

Maisie in Robins has lost her red tracksuit top, age 5-6 years. It is named. Logan in Bodrifty has lost his named red book bag. Please check at home and hand in if found.

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	93.4%	8
Robins	95.7%	3
Puffins	95.5%	5
Owls	86.7%	11
Kingfishers 	99.1%	1
Trencrom	94.3%	6
Lanyon	92.6%	9
Kerris	97.7%	2
Bodrifty	95.7%	3
Bosigran	91.9%	10
Kenidjack	94.3%	6
Overall school attendance	94.2%	

Our collective target is 97.5%

DIARY DATES

December

- 1st Advent Service at 9.30am – followed by mince pies and coffee for parents
- 2nd KS2 Exhibition evening 5.00-6.30pm
- 4th FOAS Christmas Fair – a letter has been sent home
- 4th Guitar and keyboard lessons finish
- 8th EYFS concert at 9.30am & 2.00pm
- 10th KS1 concert at 2.00pm & 6.00pm - **NEW DATE**
- 11th Pupils Christmas lunch
- 15th KS2 concert at 6.30pm at the Chapel Street Methodist Church
- 17th Medal Service at 9.30am
- 18th **SCHOOL CLOSSES** at normal time 3.15pm

The spring term begins on Monday 4th January 2016





Christmas 100 Word Challenge

Dear Alverton pupils,

Welcome to the Christmas 100 Word Challenge! You will need to write a story about the above picture using **exactly** 100 words and then e-mail your entry to

extremereading@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk Entries should be in by **Monday 14th December** and there will be prizes for the winners!

Good luck!

Mrs Clive.