

## Walking bus

When we completed our traffic survey last term, several parents expressed an interest in their children using a Walking Bus service between the school and the church car park. This service is run by adults who walk a group of children from the Free Church car park to school at 8.45am each day and back from school at 3.15pm. Unfortunately we cannot do this without your support.

However, hardly any parents have responded to our request for support with this and, without your help, we will not be able to put this into place. Whilst I am happy to pay a member of staff to accompany the children, we would need at least three parent volunteers in addition to this each morning and afternoon because of the adult to child ratios involved.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, call in at the office or complete the form below if you would be able to help. You would not need to commit to every morning or afternoon - even just a few sessions per week would help.

Many thanks.

Martin Higgs  
Headteacher

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### Walking Bus

Name: ..... Parent of: .....

I would be able to help supervise the Walking Bus on the following days/times:

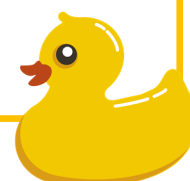
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Signed: .....

## Ducklings

Did you know that if your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012, they are entitled to fifteen FREE FUNDED hours in the afternoon in our Ducklings Nursery?

Please see Mrs Gill or Mrs France in the office, or Miss Caddick, Mrs Quick or Mrs Roberts in the nursery for more details.



### Advanced notice - Non uniform day

We are going to have a special Harry Potter day on **Thursday 4th February** when we are going to ask all the children to dress up! More details to follow soon.



### Menu change

**Thursday 21st January**

Southern Baked Chicken Fillet & fries  
or  
Macaroni cheese & garlic bread  
with  
American style slaw & sweetcorn

Warm chocolate brownie & ice cream  
or  
Florida fruit salad & ice cream

Jacket potatoes and packed lunches will also be available.

### 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! You can pay for swimming, trips and camps at the moment.

We can text or email you a password reminder if you need it. Any questions, please ask at the office.



### Cancellation of clubs

NO High Fives club on **Monday 18th January**.

Advanced notice: NO Drama club on Tuesday 26th January.

### Swimming

Thank you to everyone who has paid in part or full for swimming this term. A reminder that if you haven't paid yet, please do so as soon as possible. You can pay some or all of the amounts online at [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk). If you wish to pay weekly please ensure your payment is in by Wednesday each week. Your money contributes to the cost of the coach travel, pool hire and swimming teachers.



### School camp payments

A reminder that the total payments for camp are due on the following dates:

Year 3/4 Bude (£80 total): **12th February**

Year 6 London (£300 total): **15th April**

Year 5 Porthpean (£150 total): **27th May**

You can pay as much or as little as you want anytime up to the final date. Don't forget you can go online to pay: [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk)

### Twitter

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



## Bag2School collection - Wednesday 3rd February

We are pleased to tell you that the Friends of Alverton School has organised another fund-raising collection with Bag2School. Once again, it's time to clear out your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted clothes/ accessories in the bag provided. Bags will be coming home soon or you can use your own. Can you give any of the following?

- **Wearable adults' and children's clothes**
- **Pairs of shoes (tied together, please)**
- **Scarves, hats, belts, bags and ties**
- **Jewellery**
- **Soft toys**

*Please DO NOT include any of the following in the bags: anything soiled, ripped or wet, school uniform that features logos, curtains, towels, bed linen, duvets, pillows, blankets, household linens, carpets, rugs, bath/toilet mats, fabric remnants or rags.*

If you fill the bag and still have more clothes – fantastic! Just use any other bag to donate your items. And don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well.

**The more unwanted clothes you send in, the more money we will raise for the school!**

Bag2School will be collecting from our school on the **MORNING OF WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the front of the school outside reception by 9am.

**Please don't bring your clothes in any earlier, as we can't store them.**

Thanks for helping with this great fundraising opportunity.



## Headlice

Headlice have been reported in at least four classes this week. Please be vigilant and check your family's hair often and at least once each week. If you find headlice, please treat them as soon as possible to avoid spreading them to other children.



A number of parents have requested a headlice check service in school. This is a controversial issue and the school is not at present planning to take any action about it. However, we would like to canvass opinion more widely and find out if this is something which parents would welcome. A further suggestion from parents has been an educational meeting led by a medical practitioner to give advice on how to prevent and treat headlice.

Please could we ask you to complete the form below and return it to us to let us what you think.

Thank you.

I would welcome a headlice check service at school and would be happy for my child to be part of this.  
Yes / No

I would attend an educational meeting about the prevention and treatment of headlice. Yes / No

Signed ..... Date .....

## STARS OF THE WEEK


Robins	Amelia	for super use of phonics skills in both reading and writing
	Ellis	for knowing his doubles to at least double five
Choughs	Kenza	for her creativity and independence
Puffins	Rylee	for super perseverance in Maths overall
Owls	Isla	for her addition and subtraction this week
Kingfishers	Phoebe	for fantastic work in Maths
Trencrom	Erin	for creating a beautiful class rules poster in PSHE. Very well done
Lanyon	Tiana	for her excellent work in Maths this week dealing with time
Kerris	George	for his superb attention to detail when writing his newspaper report
Bodrifty	Eliot	for making such a huge improvement to his explanation in Literacy this week
Bosigran	Matilda	for her great attitude and focus in all areas of her learning
Kenidjack	Annia	for the great progress she has made with her writing
Dinnertime	Jessica C	for always having a smile and fantastic manners
PE Star Class	Trencrom	for improving their dribbling skills during basketball drills



## Thank you

Thanks to everyone who donated jam jars for our art project. We now have enough so we no longer need any more.

## CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	97.4%	3
Robins	93.0%	9
Puffins	90.0%	10
Owls	89.6%	11
Kingfishers 	98.6%	1
Trencrom	95.0%	6
Lanyon	93.2%	8
Kerris	97.7%	2
Bodrifty	95.5%	4
Bosigran	94.8%	7
Kenidjack	95.4%	5
Overall school attendance	94.6%	

**Our collective target is 97.5%**

## DIARY DATES

### February

- 5<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly for Puffins at 2.45pm  
 11<sup>th</sup> FOAS Valentine Disco – details to follow  
 12<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly for Choughs & Robins at 2.45pm  
 12<sup>th</sup> **School closes at normal time of 3.15pm for half term break**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM**

**PLEASE NOTE CLUBS CONTINUE AS NORMAL AFTER HALF TERM**

- 26<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly for Bosigran at 2.45pm

