



Parents Evenings - KS1 and KS2

Our Parents Evenings this term will be held in the week beginning **Monday 19th November** from 3.30—6.30 pm and we are really looking forward to meeting you and discussing your child's progress.

We are going to use our system for booking appointments through our eschools facility on our school website (www.alverton.org.uk) as we did last Spring.

You will previously have been sent log in details for eschools. If you are unsure what this is, please ask at the office and they will arrange for new details to be given to you. These details will be needed in order to go online and book the appointment slot that suits you best when **the booking period opens next Thursday 8th November**

If you have had, or will be having, a review meeting with Mrs Hughes and your child's class teacher, you don't need to book an appointment.

Year 5 camp meeting

If your child is interested in going to Porthpean next June, please come along to a meeting on **Wednesday 7th November** at 3.15pm in Bodrifty classroom. There will be lots more information given out and you will have the chance to ask any questions.

Headlice

Headlice have been reported in a number of classes this week, particularly in the Early Years. Please be vigilant about checking your child's hair regularly and treating any headlice promptly if you find them. There are helpful leaflets outside the office if you need more information.

Kenidjack sharing assembly - postponed

Kenidjack's sharing assembly which was to have been held on **Friday 23rd November** has been postponed until the Spring term, date to be confirmed.

Tempest whole school photo

A copy of the whole school photo is on display in the reception area. If you'd like to buy one of the whole school photos, please can your order be back at the office by **Friday 2nd November** at the latest.

Plastic bottle tops

Please could you start collecting plastic bottle tops for a special KS1 art project after Christmas? We would love a selection of sizes and colours. Thank you very much in advance!

Clubs

Advance notice of cancellation

There will be no Dance Club on **Thursday 15th November** but it will be held that week on **Monday 12th** instead.

Due to Parents evenings, the following clubs will be **cancelled** in the week beginning Monday 19th November:

Monday 19th: Football, Needlecraft, Story club

Tuesday 20th: Drama, Baking (Baking was not scheduled for this date - last one on 27th November)

All other clubs that week will be on as normal.

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 Monday to Thursday after school until 4pm.



Log ins

Some parents are getting a little confused about log in details for our online payments system and our website. Let us help you!

Schoolmoney (schoolmoney.co.uk) is used for online payments only and you will need your mobile number, email address and a password that has been sent to you. It is a computer generated one which you cannot change but will always be the same so please save it somewhere safe. You can then pay for trips, camp, swimming, etc securely with your debit or credit card.

Eschools (via the alverton school website) is used for booking parents evenings twice a year. You will need your user name (usually your first name and surname with a full stop in between) e.g. james.smith (all lower case) and a password which we can reset in the office for you if you lose it.

Lanyon sharing assembly - postponed

Lanyon's sharing assembly which was to have been held on **Friday 9th November** has been postponed until the Spring term, date to be confirmed.

Minack Theatre auditions for Year 5 & 6

Would you like the opportunity to perform on the Minack stage in our Easter 2019 production of **'The Secret Garden'**?

We are holding auditions on the **afternoon of Sunday 18th November** here at the Minack.

The younger children's roles are for age 10, so children in years 5 and 6 are invited to apply.

Following the auditions on the 18th, children may need to be available for recall on **Saturday the 24th of November**.

If anyone is interested in more information, or to sign up for the auditions, please contact Lucy Manning at: education@minack.com

Pupil's Bringing Mobile Phones into School (extract from our Mobile Phone Policy)

While we fully understand some parents' wish to allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school if they walk to and from school without adult supervision, Alverton discourages pupils bringing mobile phones to school due to the potential issues caused through misuse, access to unfiltered websites, access social media applications and damage or loss of these expensive devices.

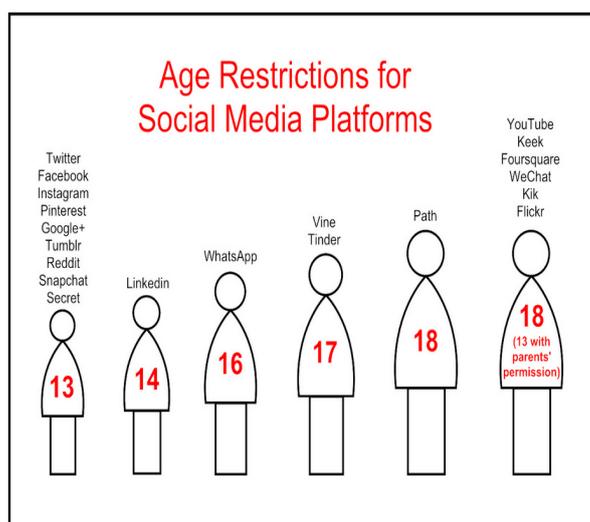
If you decide that your child needs to bring a phone into school, a permission slip (overleaf) must be signed by the parent and the phone must be left in the school office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day. Phones should be clearly marked so that each pupil knows their own phone. Parents are advised that Alverton accepts no liability for the loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought into school or school grounds.

Where a pupil is found by a member of staff to be using a mobile phone, the phone will be confiscated from the pupil and handed to a member of the office team who will record the name of the pupil and attach it to the phone. The mobile phone will be stored by the school office. The pupil may collect the phone at the end of the school day. A letter will be sent home to parents requesting that a permission slip be returned the next day. If this practice continues, then the school will confiscate the phone until an appropriate adult collects the phone from a senior teacher.

If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone on the school site, this will be regarded as a serious offence and disciplinary action will be taken according to our Behaviour policy.

If images of other pupils or teacher have been taken, the phone will not be returned to the pupil until the images have been removed by the pupil in the presence of a senior teacher.

Parents are reminded that the Terms and Conditions of many social media sites restrict their usage to young people of at least 13 years of age. The table below gives examples of the current age limits for some of the most popular sites in use at the time of writing this policy. **The school will therefore not allow phones which have any social media applications or age restricted software into school.** Where it is believed that phones may have such applications on then we will contact parents and ask them to collect them from the school office. These phones should not then be brought into school again until the applications/software causing concern have been deleted or removed.



Should a pupil be found to be using their phone inappropriately, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be able to bring a phone into school.

Should parents need to contact pupils or vice versa during the school day, this should be done via the usual school procedure of contacting the school office via phone or email.

Mobile Phone Parental Consent Form

Dear Parent/Carer

In accordance with our mobile phone policy, if your child is bringing in a mobile phone to school on a regular basis, please could you sign the form below to give your permission for your child to do this and remind them of our school policy.

- Your child needs to bring their phone to the school office first thing in the morning before they go their classroom.
- The school bears no responsibility for the loss or damage to a mobile phone.
- Your child's phone should be appropriately marked so that they can recognise it.
- Any phones brought into school must not have applications (including Social Media) or software downloaded onto them where the pupil's age falls below that required by age restrictions of that application or software.
- Should your child be found using their phone inappropriately or have inappropriate applications/software on the phone, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be able to bring their phone into school.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Martin Higgs

Headteacher

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MOBILE PHONE PARENTAL CONSENT

I/we give permission for our child (name) in
Year

to bring their mobile phone into school.

We have read the policy and understand its implications.

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

PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANK YOU.

BAG 2 SCHOOL - please start saving your donations

Having a pre-Christmas clear-out? The Friends of Alverton School has organised another fund-raising Bag2School collection. Please help the school by donating good quality clothing for re-use in Eastern Europe or Africa. You can bring your filled bags in to school on the **morning of Thursday 15th November** - why not start collecting now? The more we donate, the more money we earn for the school!

Yes please: clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves & ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, bedding.

No thanks: duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, carpets, rugs and mats, soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, school uniforms, corporate clothing and workwear, textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

Please bring them to school on the morning of **Thursday 15th November** (not before, please, as we have nowhere to store them).

Thank you very much for your support.



Mounts Bay Junior



Free Open Day

Saturday 24th November
10am – 2pm

Penwith College Sports Hall

Mounts Bay Junior Club is open for new membership for players ages 7+

Come along for a free fun badminton activity session and learn about our club which meets on a Thursday

For more information contact
jonwotton@hotmail.co.uk

STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins & Choughs	Charlotte	for reading every single day of the half term
	Gabija	for spending half term practising writing her name
Puffins	Brodie	for his focus & effort writing instructions this week
Owls	Elise	for exceptional work in all areas this week
Kingfishers	Arthur	for great behaviour in class this week
Trencrom	Leo	for having an excellent attitude towards his learning
Lanyon	Poppy	for trying incredibly hard with practising different swimming strokes
Kerris	Lexi	for her hard work leading to great progress in Maths
Bodrifty	Abi-Bo	for a super attitude to everything in school & hard work in Maths
Bosigran	Alanna	for trying extra hard in Maths this week
Kenidjack	Thomas	for a wonderful Battle Cry speech
Dinnertime	Barnabas	for always having a healthy packed lunch



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

Jorja in Kenidjack has lost her coat. It is a warm, black one with grey/brown fur round the hood, New Look brand, aged 9-10 or 10-11 years and it is named. Please check and hand in if found

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	93.7%	9
Robins	97.2%	7
Puffins	98.2%	5
Owls	93.0%	10
Kingfishers	96.6%	8
Trencrom	98.4%	4
Lanyon	98.1%	6
Kerris	99.2%	2
Bodrifty	87.5%	11
Bosigran	98.8%	3
Kenidjack 	99.6%	1
Overall school attendance	96.6%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

- 15th FOAS Bag2School collection
- 16th Sharing assembly – Trencrom at 2.45pm
- 19th Individual and Family photographs – details to follow
- 19th – 21st Parent Consultation evenings – Year 1-6 – details of how to book to follow
- 27th M & M Theatre Production of Dick Whittington – details to follow
- 28th Last swimming for Kerris, Lanyon and Trencrom
- 30th Non uniform day in aid of the FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow
- 30th ALL CLUBS FINISH TODAY

DECEMBER

- 3rd Advent Service at 9.30am – followed by mince pies and coffee for parents

