Alverton School



15/10/21 FRIDAY NEWS N°. 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday night, the Friends of Alverton School (FOAS) held an AGM with a difference as it was the first time a FOAS meeting was held on Zoom.

We are so lucky to have a group of such committed parents who are determined that FOAS will continue to raise lots of money for the children in our school. However, they definitely need more helpers! Information will be coming out soon about how you can get involved and I know that they would love to hear from you.

The first FOAS event will be held next Friday (22 October). This will be a Halloween fancy dress day and your child can come to school dressed in their finest (appropriate) Halloween costume! If they would prefer, they can wear something black or orange or some sort of Halloween accessory or just come in their uniform – it really is up to you. If your child could bring a donation (we suggest £1) towards FOAS funds, this would be very much appreciated. There will be prizes and a competition for the best Halloween joke.

We also started to think about Christmas fundraising. Although there will not be the traditional Christmas Fair, FOAS are hoping to incorporate elements of it into other Christmas events – more information to follow!

The money raised benefits all the children in the school and, at the moment, FOAS are helping to fund the new Music Room that Mr Higgs talked about in the newsletter a few weeks ago. Every pound raised really does make a difference – thank you all so much for your support.

Cathryn Wicks Deputy Head

Remember – safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Martin Higgs (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at head@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk or, if it is out of school hours, please contact the Multi Agency Referral Unit on 0300 1231 116:

E-mail: <u>multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk</u>

A reminder that there is no entry into the school buildings apart from into the office foyer area and that, when you are on the site, we would ask you to please wear a mask. Thank you.

Parents Evenings - Year 1-6

Booking for parents evening has now closed. Teachers will be contacting you next week.

If you didn't book your own appointment via the school website for an appointment time will have been made for you and has been sent to you via text. Please be ready at the allotted time for your 10 minute phone call.

If you are going to be unavailable to speak to your child's teacher at the allotted time, please contact the school office either by phone or by email so that the teacher can be informed.

Club cancellations

Due to parent consultations **ALL** clubs are **cancelled** next week. The only ones that will be running are:

Mon Needlecraft & KS1 Nerf Wars

Weds Y5/6 Nerf Wars

Thurs Y3/4 Nerf Wars

Fri Y1/2 Dance

Coronavirus symptoms

The main symptoms are:

A high temperature (hot to the touch on chest or back)

OR

A new, continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)

OR

A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste (you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal)

If you or your child have any **ONE** or more of these you must get a COVID-19 PCR test as soon as possible and stay at home and do not have visitors— only leave home to get the test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result. **Please ring or email the school office as soon as possible to let us know.**

If your child tests positive over the weekend please email head@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk

You can book at test online at:

https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or phone the NHS test line 119.

Go Active After School provision

Any queries or to book please contact Mr Timmons direct on 07843 126833 or by emailing him on

alvertonkidsclub@outlook.com

Tempest photographs

If you'd like to purchase any photos please use—your child's photo proof to go online and follow the instructions about how to order. Any orders made within 14 days will not incur a postage charge and will be sent back to school.

If you have any queries please contact Tempest Customer Services on 01736 751555.

Nerf Wars Club after half term

Mr T has a few spaces left on Nerf Wars club after half term on Mondays for Year 1/2 and Thursdays for Year 3/4. They will run for 4 weeks and the cost is £8. If your child is interested in joining, please collect a form from the office to sign up.

INSET Day - Monday 1st November

School will reopen after half term on **Tuesday 2nd November** due to a teaching training day on Monday 1st.

Lost property

All the lost property is now put into the large chest outside the office window and is no longer kept in the hall. You can come at anytime from 8am-4pm to look inside for any lost or items or to take any un-named items. The chest will be emptied next Friday 22nd October and all the un-named contents will be taken to the charity shop. Please name all your child's belongings.

Flu immunisation - NEXT WEEK

If you would like your child immunised and haven't yet applied, please go online by 19th October. Your child will not be given the nasal spray without your consent so if you do not wish them to have it done, you do not need to do anything.

Date of Visit: Thursday 21st October

School Code: EE142240

Link: https://

www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/

Forms/Flu

Tel No.: 01872 221105

New uniform item

Our uniform supplier can no longer source the red zipped tracksuit tops so it has been replaced by a red Alverton hoodie costing £11.26. This is only to be worn on PPA days and as part of PE kit and not as a replacement for the V necked sweatshirt or jumper. You do not need to replace your child's current one

until it wears out or becomes too small.



Daisy's Diary Camera news

The night time camera is working a treat! Its fascinating seeing who's about. Here's a few of our day time visitors



And here's who comes out at night. I will keep setting it up and slowly finding out who goes where in our ground and will add it to our giant outdoor learning map being made by the children. I love a fox!





New home for the chickens

The baby chicks have grown up (so quickly!) and there's not enough room at mine now for 4 big chickens! So Hummus Montego and Peewee are off to pastures new. The beautiful Mrs Leiworthy is adopting them — she has her coop ready and they are living in the countryside! I'll miss them but we will still have Rabbit and Lemon who will still be in almost every day I'm in.





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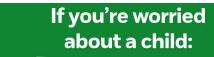
NHS Foundation Trust

The Trust has its own Out of Hours telephone support provided by Support Matters
Cornwall. This service operates from 5pm to 9am on weekdays and 24 hours a day at weekends and bank holidays. The service is open to all patients (aged 16+) under the care of the Trust's mental health services. Support can be delivered over the telephone, via text, email or web chat. Call free on **0800 001 4330**.

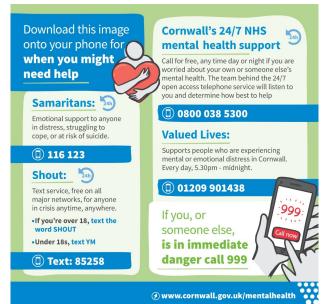








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Penzance CTIPA Foodbank

The CTIPA Foodbank in Penzance provides food for anyone in need. If their support would be helpful to you, just phone Veryan or Adele in the office in confidence on 01736 364087 and they can phone the Foodbank for you who will be able to help.

The Foodbank are extremely busy at the moment and are very grateful for any donations.



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NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE 0808 2000 247 24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE



WCWAid
West Cornwall Women's Aid
01736 367539
https://www.wcwaid.co.uk/helpline



There is a lot of help and advice available to help you keep your children safe online. Have a look at the Online Safety section of our website for lots of useful information and links http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/online_safety for families/246722. Your child's teacher will also always be happy to talk to you about online safety.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Kittiwakes	Hunter	for drawing a super story board of Goldilocks & the Three Bears
Curlews	Tyler	for working extremely hard to practice all his sounds & numbers
Puffins	Kitto	for his love of language & his effort to use new vocabulary

Owls Samara for super determination in writing this week
Kingfishers Noah P-M for his amazing explorers homework this week

Archie P-M for his amazing explorers homework this week

Trencrom Lamorna for always setting a beautiful example & writing a stunning mystery story

Lanyon Finley for writing an amazing mystery story. Well done
Kerris Tyler M for working so hard to improve his handwriting

Bodrifty Elise for a fantastic Viking ship homework & always doing her best in all lessons

Bosigran Zac for making such an effort with his Reflex Maths

Kenidjack Lola B for great imagination & invention in her Battle Cry speech

Dinnertime Jai for his healthy packed lunches



Contact details

We email you lots of letters and information and send quite a few texts too so we always need an up-to-date email address and mobile number for you. Please let the office know if your contact details change.

LOST

Jayden in Kingfishers has lost two zipped tracksuit tops aged 7-8. They are both named. Vivian in Trencrom has lost his green Dunlop wellies which are named. Please check and hand in if found. Thanks.

Hello again, I hope this message finds you all well and appreciating the warmer days at the moment. I know very soon it's going to change and become colder so I'm clinging on to this unexpected warm weather. What I'm really going to struggle with are the shorter days. I'm waking up each school day in the dark, it's becoming darker now when I leave home each morning and it'll soon be getting dark when I leave school. I do, if I'm honest, find the change of seasons an emotional challenge and I have to work hard to remain cheery and upbeat. I appreciate how hard it may be for anyone who is struggling to manage other emotions or difficulties as well, to cope with the shorter daylight hours and cooler weather, so once again I would like to offer my support, listening ears, tea and coffee making skills and biscuit seeking talents to anyone who wants to come and chat. As always, I'm in the nursery, no-one need know unless you want them to and it doesn't even have to be school related. I'm here for you if you need me. Mrs Daylak

Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/

Registering a child as eligible for free school meals (as described below) means that your child receives a free meal every day (though they can, of course, bring a packed lunch should they prefer) but there are additional benefits too. Pupil Premium brings more money into the school to help children achieve and learn. Children in receipt of the Pupil Premium also receive other benefits (eg contributions towards Key Stage 2 camps and funding to use for uniform, music lessons, trips etc). At some times, there are further benefits for these children such as food vouchers during holiday times where these are given. Please see the Pupil Premium Provision Map in the Pupil Premium section of our website http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/pupil premium/172518 or speak to Mrs Gill or Mrs Stacey in the office or contact Mrs Wicks who leads our Pupil Premium provision.

The easiest and quickest way to apply for free school meals is online through the Cornwall Council website but, if you are unable to do this, you can call the Free School Meals team on 01872 323298 and a member of the team will call you back to complete the application over the phone.

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent / carer (or the child themselves) receives any of the following benefits:

- · Income Support (IS)
- · Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- · Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- · Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- · Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- · Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- · Universal Credit your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits / credits are being claimed:

- · Working Tax Credit
- · Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and / or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

NB All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative, regardless of what benefits are being claimed. However, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may also have an entitlement to benefits-related free school meals and it is important to apply for these if you think your child may be eligible.

Registering for free school meals / Pupil Premium is confidential. If you think that your child is eligible, we strongly recommend that you contact Cornwall Council as detailed above. Mrs Gill and Mrs Stacey in the office will also be able to help you and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.









**Free Online Award in Supporting Teaching & Learning

Date 17.11.21 Time 7 – 9 pm Course Code NNQ1028

Course description: Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Fancy a career change? Are you looking for employment that fits with family needs? Then this qualification may be just for you, and will enable you to apply for teaching assistant, learning support and special needs assistant jobs.

With a reported local shortage of teaching assistants, this could be the PERFECT time for you to embark on a new career path and gain the necessary qualification.

This course will be funded for those eligible, as part of the European Social Funded "Widening Participation through Skills Project" (number 05S16P00538)







Find out more

For more information or to apply, visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/adultlearning or call 0300 1231 117

















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