

As you may have seen on Twitter or heard on Radio Cornwall, yesterday we welcomed the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for Schools, and our local MP Derek Thomas to Alverton. The Minister had come to Alverton primarily to officially open the new Trencrom classroom and, while he was here, enjoyed a tour of the school from Sid, Chloe and Jake, our own Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Speaker.

The learning going on around the school was extremely impressive and he was particularly pleased by our older pupils' knowledge of tables and that the children to whom he spoke were avid readers and keen to talk about books they had read. The children's behaviour and attitude to their learning was exemplary and we are very proud of them and of all our staff, who made sure that the school looked amazing for the visit. If you haven't already seen the photographs, check out our Twitter feed @alvertonschool.



When Mr Higgs, Mr Hammond and Miss Caddick met with Mr Gibb in London last April, he promised to come to West Cornwall and meet other headteachers to discuss local issues which directly affect

our schools. Yesterday, several headteachers from local primary schools came to a Question and Answer session with the Minister which was held in the new Trencrom class.

We were the top story on Radio Cornwall news this morning and Mr Higgs was interviewed by Dennis Nightingale about school finances and the challenges facing local schools.



Hockey success

On Wednesday, the Alverton hockey teams took part in the final league event of the season. Both teams played extremely well! Alverton A won both their matches against Pensans and Trythall, beating them 4-0 and 3-0. The team were amazing and everyone worked together to ensure we were victorious! After the A team had played, it was the turn of the B team-they also played Trythall and won 3-0. In their second match they came up against Pendeen, who a very good team, unfortunately they lost 2-1 but again, the effort was amazing. Well done to both our teams and this final result means that we have won our group league and we will now go on to play the finals in March. *By Morva*

Cancellation of club

Football club will be cancelled next Monday 6th February due to staff & children going to Cross Country. It will start again after half term on Monday 20th February.

Childcare before school

The school doors open at 8.45am. Please **do not** leave your child (including if they are in Year 5 or 6) unattended outside school or on the school field. Recently there have been a number of children playing on the field and in the woods before school and we cannot take responsibility for their safety.

Year 3/4 camp at Bude

A reminder that ALL payments for Year 3/4 camp at Bude (£85 total) need to be made **by next Friday 10th February at the latest**. This is because Adventure International ask for their final invoice to be paid at that time.

Don't forget to pay online at schoolmoney.co.uk.

Changes to clubs after half term

Please note that if your child has a place after half term for a particular club such as Archery (£20), Art (£10) or Dance (£10) the clubs will start as soon as we get back in the week beginning 20th February. **If you haven't yet paid for your club, please do so before the first one so that your child can take part.**

There are currently spaces for Fencing and Archery (£20 for 5 weeks) after half term. Please ask at the office for a form. Priority will be given to children who have not yet done these clubs but there may be space for some children who have taken part this half term or before.

All other clubs will continue as normal after half term, starting on Monday 20th February.

Advance notice of club cancellations

All teacher-led clubs will be cancelled in the week beginning Monday 6th March due to parent teacher meetings. This will affect Football, Needlecraft, Glee, Story Club, both Choirs, Drama, High Fives and Board games.

Swimming

Thank you to everyone who remembers their child's swimming kit and pays every week. We really do appreciate it. Please could we remind you that swimming is part of the National Curriculum and is not optional. If your child is too unwell to swim, please provide a medical note.

FOAS VALENTINE DISCO

Thursday 9th February

Reception & KS1 6-7pm, KS2 7.15-8.15pm.
£1.50 to include a drink & a biscuit. Fancy dress optional. Any parent volunteers to help on the night would be very welcome - please let the office know. Thank you.



Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @alvertonschool to keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are going on and to see some great photos!



School Shoes

A reminder that the school uniform requires that all children wear plain black shoes (not boots) for school please.

Ducklings questionnaire

If you are or have been a parent within the last few years of a child in our Ducklings pre-school, please could you complete a questionnaire for us? If you haven't received one, please come and ask for one at the office. We would be very grateful for your help to make Ducklings even better than it is already!



SOCCER CAMP

THURS 16TH & FRI 17TH FEB 2017!
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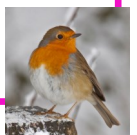
Head Lice

Head lice have been spotted in four classes this week. Please be vigilant about checking your child's hair very regularly. We have some information leaflets in reception with lots of useful advice about how to treat them.



Attendance

To support our work improving school attendance, Mrs Daylak is available to answer any questions you might have regarding attendance, absences and holidays, after school every Tuesday until 4pm. She can be found in Robins classroom.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Kaelan	for being kind, helpful and charming
Choughs	Leona	for consistently trying her very best
Puffins	Kezia	for turning into a fish in our swimming lesson this week
Owls	Alba	for her hard work and enthusiasm
Kingfishers	Fred	for fantastic writing about river otters
Trencrom	Paul	for all his hard work and enthusiasm
Lanyon	Jessica C	for fantastic recount writing. It was full of wonderful descriptions. Well done
Kerris	Callum	for making such a fantastic effort to present all his work beautifully
Bodrifty	Ellie	for working so hard all of the time & always having a smile on her face
Bosigran	Sid W	for being a complete super star in all areas - academic & dramatic in particular
Kenidjack	Billy	for fabulous Room 101 writing
Dinnertime	Arthur W	for such gentlemanly behaviour
PE star	Ollie I	for being such a fantastic defender during our hockey matches.
You were amazing!		



LOST

Mia in Owls has lost her swimming costume. If your child was swimming this week, please could you check in case you have it by mistake and hand in. Thanks.

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	89.4%	10
Robins	88.1%	11
Puffins	100%	1
Owls	92.9%	9
Kingfishers	98.6%	4
Trencrom	93.8%	8
Lanyon	98.7%	3
Kerris	99.2%	2
Bodrifty	95.0%	5
Bosigran	94.5%	7
Kenidjack	94.6%	6
Overall school attendance	95.3%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

February

- 9th FOAS Valentine Disco
- 10th Sharing assembly for Puffins - **POSTPONED**
- 10th **School closes at normal time of 3.15pm for half term break**

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February – HALF TERM

ALL CLUBS CONTINUE AS NORMAL AFTER HALF TERM

March

- 2nd World Book Day
- 3rd St Piran's dance for Year 6 - details to follow
- 3rd Sharing assembly for Choughs & Robins at 2.45pm
- 6th-8th Parent Consultations – appointment times will be booked online
- 10th Sharing assembly for Kingfishers at 2.45pm
- 17th Sharing assembly for Owls at 2.45pm
- 24th **All clubs finish**
- 24th All music lessons finish
- 29th Last swimming for Kingfishers, Owls and Puffins

FRIDAY 31st MARCH SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15pm (normal time) FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY



The Guiding Light Town Trail



Cultural Threads Guiding Light Town Trail celebrates how different cultures around the world use 'guiding lights' as a force and a symbol for good. The project is funded by FEAST. The Town Trail will meander around Penzance throughout February 2017. Pick up the trail from participating shops; Barton Books, Chan's Oriental Foods, Coco Loco's Mexican Restaurant, East of Here, Sukothai Restaurant, The Edge of the World Bookshop and The Exchange Gallery and match up the art work, to enter the competition to win a bundle of prizes.

Free Half Term Family Workshops at the Exchange Gallery

Continuing with the theme of 'guiding lights' Cultural Threads will be delivering FEAST funded creative workshops:

Tuesday 14 th Feb. 3-4.30pm	Shadow Puppet Workshop - create your own shadow puppets and see them in lights
Wednesday 15 th Feb. 3-4.30pm	Matchbox Shrines- bring a small find to incorporate into your own mini shrine
Thursday 16 th Feb. 3-4.30pm	Glow stick photography - use glow sticks to make pictures in the dark
Friday 17 th Feb. 3-4.30pm	Guiding Light Goddesses - sculpt your own god or goddess from clay and embellish

To book or for further info. contact Sarah on 07794381960 BOOKING ESSENTIAL



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