



Alternative Sports Day - Tuesday 14th November

We are organising an Alternative Sports Day to raise funds to buy new equipment for playtimes and lunchtimes. We are determined to encourage our young people to be as active as possible in order to lead healthy lifestyles and, as part of this, we would like to offer the pupils more resources to use during their playtimes to enable more active opportunities. In order to do this, we need your help!

Please could everyone to come to school in a sports kit of their choice (which could be, for example, their school PE kit or their favourite football kit) where they will have the opportunity to try for free a range of alternative sports, which normally attract a cost, such as zorbing, archery, fencing and martial arts. This will no doubt be an exciting day and we hope that you can support us with our efforts.

We would therefore be really grateful for a donation of £2 for each child (but please feel free to give more if you like!). Please could the children bring in the money with them on Tuesday 14th. Thank you for your support.

We are very conscious that Christmas is approaching and that this is a very expensive time of year. With this in mind, and due to the fact that both the Alternative Sports Day and Children in Need fall in the same week, this year we will not be asking you for a donation or holding a non-uniform day on Friday 17th November. You are, of course, welcome to donate to Children in Need by visiting the website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/corporate2/childreninneed> or by going into any high street bank.

Parents Evenings - KS1 and KS2

Our Parents Evenings this term will be held in the week beginning **Monday 20th 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 sent 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 Tuesday 7th November**

If you have had a review meeting with Mrs Hughes and your child's class teacher, you don't need to book an appointment. Ducklings Nursery parents will also not need to use this.

Clubs

Dance club

Due to the missed club on Thursday 19th October, we have arranged an extra session to be held on **Monday 6th November** so there will be two Dance Club sessions next week on Monday and Thursday.

Advance notice of cancellations

There will be no High Fives club on **Wednesday 15th November** due to a hockey match that clashes.

Due to Parents evenings, the following clubs will be **cancelled** in the week beginning Monday 20th November:

Monday 20th: Football, Needlecraft, Story club

Tuesday 21st: Drama, Photography, Baking (**Baking will take place on Weds 22nd instead**)

Wednesday 22nd: Running, Board games, High Fives

All other clubs that week will be on as normal.

Tempest photos

If you wish to order any photos, please ensure they are in by **Friday 10th November** at the latest so that they can be sent off for processing.

Robins and Choughs story telling

We would love it if any Robins or Choughs parents would like to come in at 2.45pm any day except Fridays to read a story to their child's class. If you would like to, please see Mrs Daylak or Mrs Hall to arrange. Thank you.



BAG 2 SCHOOL - please start saving your donations

Bags will come home next week!

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 30th 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 30th November** (not before, please, as we have nowhere to store them).

Thank you very much for your support.



Support and advice

Sue Cripps, a family support worker, will be holding a drop-in session for parents on **Thursday 9th November** at 2.30pm. If you would like some advice or just to speak to her about behaviour, sleep or any other issues, please come along.

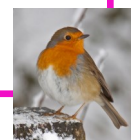
FOAS Christmas hamper raffle

Although the Christmas Fair is not until 8th December, FOAS would like to start collecting items for Christmas hampers to raffle. If you would like to donate any suitable items such as Christmas foods, small decorations or a pack of quality Christmas cards, please drop them into the office. FOAS will then transform them into lovely hampers. Thank you very much.



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 Mondays after school until 4pm.



NEW TO PENZANCE

Foundation Degree Information Sessions:

Find out more about studying for a Foundation Degree* in Teaching and Learning, starting JANUARY 2018. If you are currently working with, or aspire to work with children or young people in the education sector, then we can help you take your first steps on your academic journey.

Many of our graduating students have gone on to qualify further in their chosen professional area, noting that they have enhanced their professional development and improved their own professional practice. The majority of students in volunteer placements went on to gain full time employment as a result of completing the degree.

We will be holding Information Sessions, to offer advice about the Foundation Degree as follows:

Place: Alverton Primary School, 4 Toltuff Crescent, Penzance

Date: Monday 6 November 2017

Time: 4.30pm – 6.00pm

Your positive change starts here. Get in contact!

E mail: amanda.huggins@learninginstitute.co.uk or helen.cobley@learninginstitute.co.uk

Tel: 01579 386 123 or 01726 891 807

*our Foundation Degrees are validated by the University of Worcester

STARS OF THE WEEK

Choughs	Trey	for a great attitude to learning
Robins	Brodie	for being a superstar in every way
Puffins	Olivia	for persevering with her writing even when things get tough
Owls	Logan	for always trying his best and his great time work this week
Kingfishers	Louis	for fantastic work on Black History month
Trencrom	Agnes	for having a positive attitude to her Maths. You have been brilliant
Lanyon	George	for consistently challenging himself to improve the quality of his work
Kerris	Poppy	for her concentration & determination to improve her swimming strokes
Bodrifty	Erin	for her fantastic homework and hard working attitude
Bosigran	Destiny	for being a fantastic member of Bosigran, always working hard & being a great friend
Kenidjack	Eve	for being a fantastic Year 6 with a great attitude to her work
Dinnertime	Richie	for his great help with the younger members of our school
	Charlie R	for his great help with the younger members of our school
PE Star	Annie R	for fabulous High Five skills during our match. You were brilliant



Twitter

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



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	94.0%	9
Robins	93.9%	10
Puffins	94.8%	7
Owls	98.8%	2
Kingfishers	95.1%	6
Trencrom	96.8%	5
Lanyon	97.7%	4
Kerris	94.4%	8
Bodrifty	97.9%	3
Bosigran	91.4%	11
Kenidjack	99.2%	1
Overall school attendance	92.7%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

- 10th Sharing assembly – Kenidjack at 2.45pm
- 14th Alternative Sports Day fundraising day
- 20th – 22nd Parent Consultation evenings (not Choughs & Robins) – details of how to book have come home
- 24th Sharing assembly – Kingfishers at 2.45pm
- 28th M & M Theatre Production of Cinderella – details to follow
- 29th Last swimming for Kerris, Lanyon and Trencrom

DECEMBER

- 1st Non uniform day in aid of the FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow
- 1st ALL CLUBS FINISH TODAY
- 4th Advent Service at 9.30am – followed by mince pies and coffee for parents
- 5th EYFS concert at 9.30am & 2.00pm – **please note new date**
- 7th KS1 exhibition/Christmas performance at 2.00pm & 6.00pm – **please note new date**
- 8th FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow
- 12th KS2 concert at 6.30pm at the Chapel Street Methodist Church
- 14th Pupils Christmas lunch
- 20th **SCHOOL CLOSSES at normal time 3.15pm**

