



Staffing update

Mr Chalwin, who has worked at Alverton since 2005 in a variety of roles, including as Deputy Head and as Acting Head and, most recently with the Year 5 and Year 6 children as teacher of Bosigran Class, will be leaving us at the end of April. Mr Chalwin will be very much missed by the staff and children, who all particularly value his unique sense of humour and irrepressible sense of fun. He has been offered a leading role with the Mindfulness in Schools project, in which we know he will be incredibly successful. We wish him well for the future and thank him for everything he has done for us all during his time at Alverton.

Miss Ward, one of our EYFS Teaching Assistants, who left us last year to have a baby, has decided that she is not returning to work and is going to spend time at home with the adorable Henry. We look forward to continuing to see them both regularly - he is a very popular visitor in the staffroom!

Single Equality Scheme

Every Spring term we write to all parents about the Single Equality Scheme. This addresses our statutory duties in relation to race, disability, gender and promoting community cohesion and covers staff, pupils and people using the services of the school such as parents. The Single Equality Scheme also addresses the legislation relating to religion or belief, age and sexual orientation and includes our priorities and actions to eliminate discrimination and harassment for these equality areas.

The scheme requires us to produce an annual report on our progress, looking at the impact of our actions. A "Single Equality Scheme Guide for Parents" is attached to this week's newsletter which includes the report on our progress towards our key objectives for the last year. The guide also asks anyone interested in being part of our ongoing consultation to get in touch with one of the Senior Leadership Team – if you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Visitors

Well done to our School Council who welcomed Bodriggy School this week. They wanted to see how our lunchtimes run and were very impressed.

Headlice

Headlice have been reported in at least three classes this week. 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.

Breakfast club and school drop offs

Please note that school does not open for Breakfast club before 8am and there is no provision for your child's care before then. **Please do not drop them off earlier than 8am if they are going to Breakfast club.** The school doors open for the start of school at 8.45am. **Please do not drop your child off unaccompanied before then.**

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.

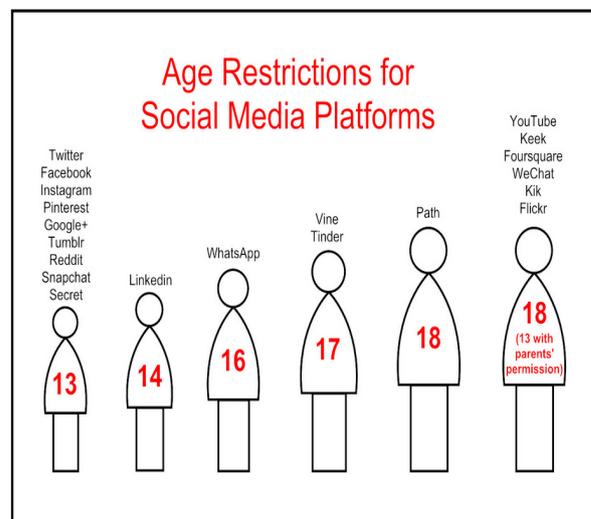
If you decide that your child needs to bring a phone into school, a permission slip (overleaf) must be signed by the parent and the phone must be left in the school office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day. Phones should be clearly marked so that each pupil knows their own phone. 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 the 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.

Get to know our Governors

Pheona Lowell

I became a governor because I wanted to make a positive difference to the education and childhood experience of both my children and the wider community. As well as being a mum of two, I work with vulnerable young people across Cornwall who are faced with homelessness and in my spare time you'll see me strapping on my roller skates at the skate park or playing roller derby!



FOAS Valentine Disco

FOAS are holding a Valentine Disco on **Thursday 8th February**. Times are as follows:

Reception and KS1: 5-6pm

KS2: 6.15-7.15pm

The cost is £1.50 to include a drink and biscuit. All proceeds raised will go to FOAS funds. . **A very big thank you to Tim Hampton (Ryan and Tyler's Dad) who has, once again, kindly donated his lights, equipment and DJ skills free of charge for the evening.**



West Cornwall Spring Show

Look out next week for a letter about the West Cornwall Spring Show in March at Marazion. There are lots of fantastic categories to enter.



Payment for school lunches

As the school kitchen is run by Caterlink, you are unable to pay for school lunches online. You can pay by cash or cheque (payable to 'Caterlink') either direct to the kitchen or via the office.

Hockey & High Fives success

On Wednesday both hockey teams played their final league matches. Both teams played fantastically well winning every game (apart from the derby between our teams!) Our A team is now through to the Penwith Finals on 7th March and hopefully our B team will finish third in the League which would be an incredible achievement.

Both our High Fives teams have played recently and current standings show that our A team are top of their group and the B team are third. Well done to all involved.

Year 3/4 camp at Bude (10th-11th May)

A reminder that ALL payments for Year 3/4 camp (£90 total) need to be made by **next Friday (9th February) at the latest.**

Well done

A huge well done to Lily in Bodrifty who raise £237.50 and donated 12 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust.

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.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Choughs	Hope	for amazing determination to succeed	
Robins	Charlie	for making fantastic progress with his letters & sounds	
Puffins	Toby	for being an amazing split diagraph hunter	
Owls	Hazel	for her amazing Chinese art work	
Kingfishers	Phoebe	for working hard to finish her story this week	
Trencrom	Bailey B	for fantastic singing during our sharing assembly rehearsals	
Lanyon	Fred	for beautiful creativity in his writing	
Kerris	Maddi	for amazing ideas for our story innovation work	
Bodrifty	Ella	for super progress with her Maths & coming in early each morning for Maths hub	
Bosigran	Josh	for extremely hard work in Maths	
Kenidjack	Rhys	for working fantastically hard & playing sport with enthusiasm & fairness	
Dinnertime	Joel	for always choosing a healthy lunch	
PE Star	Orla	for her excellent hockey skills. You are fantastic!	

Go Active after school provision can be contacted on **07843 126833**.

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

Logan L in Owls has lost his Barcelona football kit (shorts, top & socks), aged 7 years approx. It was in a carrier bag. Please check and hand in if found.

For sale

40" Samsung TV. 4 years old. Perfect working order. £75. 07974010710.

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	97.0%	2
Robins	95.2%	4
Puffins	93.0%	7
Owls	91.4%	9
Kingfishers	95.7%	3
Trencrom	93.2%	6
Lanyon	93.0%	7
Kerris	86.7%	10
Bodrifty	93.7%	5
Bosigran	84.7%	11
Kenidjack 	97.8%	1
Overall school attendance	92.7%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

February

- 8th FOAS Valentine Disco
- 9th Sharing assembly for Choughs & Robins at 2.45pm
- 9th **School closes at normal time of 3.15pm for half term break**

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February – HALF TERM

PLEASE NOTE CLUBS CONTINUE AS NORMAL AFTER HALF TERM

March

- 1st World Book Day & Book Oscars
- 2nd Sharing assembly for Kingfishers at 2.45pm
- 5th St. Piran's dance for Year 6 – details to follow
- 9th Sharing assembly for Owls at 2.45pm
- 12th-14th Parent Consultations – appointment times will be booked online



If you are looking for private coaching or group coaching please contact Greg Smith on 07725881152

Join us for Junior Training, starting on the 5th February 2018
Location: Penwith College Sports Hall
Time: 5pm till 6pm
Cost: £3 per person
All ages from 9yrs - 15 are welcome

Contact greg@penzancecricketclub.com for more information.

HALF TERM TENNIS CAMPS

12th February
13th February
14th February
15th February
16th February

- Develop Tennis Skills
- Fun Games
- Friendly Competitions

9:00 – 10:00 3-5 years £5 per session
10:00 – 12:00 6-10 years £10 per session
13:00 – 15:00 11+ years £10 per session

- All abilities welcome
- All equipment provided
- LTA qualified coaches



For all enquiries contact Head Coach Ian Vidgen

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