

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

On Friday 4th November, Alverton football team took part in the ESFA tournament at Mounts Bay. We played 5 rounds and as our team was top of the table, we were guaranteed a spot in the final. We played Trewirgie School in the final and despite the weather, we battled through and won 1-0. Now we are on our way to the County finals at Wadebridge later this month with high hopes for another victory. Mr Higgs made a diversion on the way to collect a surprise celebrity (with a broken collarbone) to accompany us...Mr Hammond! His presence on the touchline helped us secure our victory. The team was: Alfie H, Jake W, Freddie, Frank, Oliver I, Anto, Gonzalo, Daniel, Charlie R, Rhys and Ollie P.
Report by Alfie and Jake.



WANTED!

Have you
seen this
man?!

Welcome
back Mr

Hammond!

See you on Monday!



Staffing news

Having been our Music teacher for more than 8 years, Mrs Eddy is leaving the Music aspect of her role with us at Christmas as she is taking up a role as the Music head at St Hilary School and we wish her well in her new venture. We're delighted that she is remaining as a member of staff with us to teach Owls on a Thursday.

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.

Clubs

Advance notice - there will be **NO** clubs on **Monday 21st November** due to staff training.

All clubs (except Art, last one 8th December, and Dance, last one 9th December) finish on Thursday 1st December.

Christmas lunch

Friday 9th December

A letter has come home this week with information about the Christmas lunch. There will be the choice of roast turkey or vegetarian option only (no jacket potatoes or sandwiches). If your child would like a lunch, please return the slip (and payment if necessary) by **Friday 25th November** so that the kitchen can order the food. If you do not return a slip by that date, we will assume that your child will be bringing a packed lunch from home that day.



ATTENDANCE Q&A BRIEFING FOR PARENTS

As you will be aware from last week's Friday News we are currently having a focus on improving our levels of attendance across the school in order to meet some challenging DfE targets.

I have met with a few parents individually to clarify some misunderstandings and to answer questions around the changes which have been made with regard to attendance, holidays in school time etc.

In order to ensure that any parent who has any questions or queries around school attendance issues, or would just like more information and to have their questions answered, I am proposing holding two **Parent Briefing/Q&A Sessions** next week.

These will be held **on Tuesday 15th November** from:

2.45pm to 3.15pm

and again from

6pm to 6.30pm

In terms of planning it would be helpful if you could return the slip below indicating that you would like to attend please or let us know via the school office.

I would like to attend the Attendance Parent Briefing/Q&A Session on **Tuesday 15th November**.

I will be attending at:
(Please tick)

2.45pm

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6pm

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Non uniform day for Children in Need

Friday 18th November

We are fundraising for Children in Need again this year and would like all the children to wear something spotty next Friday. Please send in a donation, suggested amount £1 per child. Thank you.



PE Kit

A reminder that ALL children need to have PE kit in school ALL week. Please bring it in on a Monday and leave it here until Friday when it can be taken home for washing. This means your child can take part in extra PE sessions, clubs, etc.

Year 5 camp - July 2017

There will be a meeting on **Monday 21st November** at 3.30pm in Bodrifty classroom about Year 5 camp next July at Porthpean. There will be lots of information given out and a chance for you to ask any questions. Please come along if you can.

Peter Pan

We are delighted to be welcoming M&M Theatre Company back to perform Peter Pan on 23rd November. All children from Reception upwards will be seeing the performance on that day. Please help us by paying £3 per child online as soon as possible if you haven't done so already.



Year 3/4 Camp at Bude

If your child would like to go to Bude next May, please ensure that you return your consent form and pay £20 deposit online at schoolmoney.co.uk **by Friday 18th November at the latest.** The total cost will be £85 (as long as we have 70 or more children who go) which can be paid online at any time and in any amount until February 2017. **If we don't receive a slip back and payment, we will assume your child is not going.**

Thank you

A big thank you from the Rotary Club for the boxes that were filled to go out to children in Belarus, Ukraine and Moldova. Just from West Cornwall, 145 were taken to Truro for despatch in time for Christmas.

Lost

Please could anyone who went to Lily Rose's party last weekend, check that their child has the right coat. One of her guests has a black coat with a hood that is similar to her own but is not hers. The two coats that were swapped over were a Next coat 9-10 years and an M&S one 10-11 years.

100 Word Challenge

**Thanks to everyone who entered.
The winners will be announced next week!**

FOAS CHRISTMAS FAIR - Friday 2nd December from 3.15pm

Please can you support us? We need help with the stalls on the day so if you can help set up and/or stay to man them, please let the office know as soon as possible.

To make this event a huge success we also need your help with donations for the following stalls:

Cakes and buns (a cake plate will be sent home in the week commencing 28th November)

As new gifts/jewellery

Second hand books

Raffle – any donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated and please sell or buy the tickets that have come home

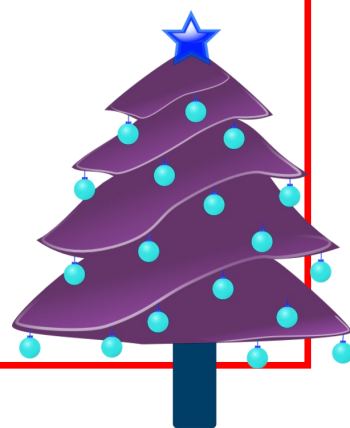
Second hand toys – in good saleable condition

Tombola

Jam Jars – filled and decorated (fill any **empty jar** with anything you like and decorate the outside see overleaf). This will be weekend **homework** for the children on **Friday 25th November**, to be brought into school on **Monday 28th November**.

NON UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER IS IN AID OF THE CHRISTMAS FAIR. PLEASE CAN YOU SEND IN A DONATION FOR ANY OF THE STALLS ABOVE except cakes which we would like on the day of the Fair itself.

Thank you very much for your support.



BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION ON WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER

We are pleased to tell you that the Friends of Alverton School has organised another fund-raising collection with Bag2School. Once again, it's time to clear out your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted clothes/accessories in the bag provided. Please use either the bag provided or you can use your own. Can you give any of the following?

- **Wearable adults' and children's clothes**
- **Pairs of shoes (tied together, please)**
- **Scarves, hats, belts, bags and ties**
- **Jewellery**
- **Soft toys**

Please DO NOT include any of the following in the bags: anything soiled, ripped or wet, school uniform that features logos, curtains, towels, bed linen, duvets, pillows, blankets, household linens, carpets, rugs, bath/toilet mats, fabric remnants or rags.

Bag2School will be collecting from our school on the **MORNING OF WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the front of the school outside reception by 9am.

Please don't bring your clothes in any earlier, as we can't store them.

Thanks for helping with this great fundraising opportunity.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Boo	for fantastic progress in Maths
Choughs	Eliza I	for working so hard in all areas of learning
Puffins	Lola B	for trying her very best in Maths this week
Owls	Louis	for his positive & hardworking attitude this term
Kingfishers	Seb	for fantastic work in Maths this week
Trencrom	Abi-Bo	for working really hard independently in her learning. Well done
Lanyon	Lily S	for putting 100% effort into our sharing assembly. Simply fantastic
Kerris	Martha	for her enthusiastic approach all of the time, but especially in Maths this week
Bodrifty	Amber	for her excellent attitude in class, working hard to do her best in every subject
Bosigran	Richie	for excellent concentration & focus in our Maths assessments this week
Kenidjack	Harry	for his excellent effort in this week's Maths (& for being such a thoughtful & happy member of our class)
Dinnertime	Zac P	for always having wonderful manners




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	83.9%	10
Robins	73.3%	11
Puffins	96.1%	4
Owls	97.5%	2
Kingfishers	94.3%	6
Trencrom	96.2%	3
Lanyon	87.8%	9
Kerris	90.0%	8
Bodrifty	95.3%	5
Bosigran	92.3%	7
Kenidjack 	100%	1
Overall school attendance	92.1%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

- 18th Sharing assembly – Kenidjack at 2.45pm
- 18th Children in Need fundraising day
- 23rd M & M Theatre Production of Peter Pan
- 23rd Last swimming for Kerris, Lanyon and Trencrom
- 25th Non uniform day in aid of the FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow
- 25th Sharing assembly – Trencrom at 2.45pm

DECEMBER

- 1st Advent Service at 9.30am – followed by mince pies and coffee for parents
- 1st UKS2 Exhibition
- 2nd ALL CLUBS FINISH TODAY
- 2nd FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow
- 2nd Guitar and keyboard lessons finish
- 6th EYFS concert at 9.30am & 2.00pm
- 7th KS1 exhibition/Christmas performance at 2.00pm & 6.00pm
- 9th Pupils Christmas lunch
- 13th KS2 concert at 6.30pm at the Chapel Street Methodist Church
- 20th **SCHOOL CLOSSES at normal time 3.15pm**

The spring term begins on Thursday 5th January 2017

