



## Incident outside school

Once again, there has been an incident involving a car and a pedestrian outside the school gates. Will it take an accident when a child or parent is hurt to stop parents driving down Toltuff Crescent? This is why we ask that anyone bringing children to school parks responsibly either in the Free Church car park or in any of the adjoining roads and takes a few minutes to walk their children to school. Thank you again to the vast majority of people who support our efforts to provide a safe environment for our children and community. Please do what you can to help us keep everyone safe.



## Tempest whole school photo

The whole school got together this week on the field to be part of the first whole school photo for over 10 years. The children were really well behaved especially the younger members of the school. When the proofs arrive from the photographers, they will be sent home and a large copy will be on display in the reception area for you to look at in more detail.

## Harvest Festival and fundraising coffee morning

Our Harvest Festival will be held on **Thursday 11th October** at 9.30am and you are all very welcome to join us.

This year, we are particularly thinking about people who do not have enough to eat and we would be grateful for any donations of **dried or canned food** that the children bring in as these will be going to the local food bank. Please do not send in fresh food as the food bank is unable to accept these items. Please bring your donations in from next Monday 8th October.

After the Festival, we will be raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support by holding a coffee morning selling coffee and cake so please stay on and join us if you can. Thank you.

**MACMILLAN**  
CANCER SUPPORT

## Drama Club

Please note that Drama Club will be for **Year 6 children** only next **Tuesday 9th October**. Year 5 should be collected at 3.15pm. All back to normal on 16th October.

## Cancellation of club

There will be no Dance club on **Thursday 18th October** due to setting up the Hall for the Halloween Disco. An extra one will be added to next half term so Dance will now finish on 6th December.

Dear School Community

We are currently looking for a governor to join our friendly governing body.

Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has spare time and the energy for the role
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements

We are seeking to recruit someone with the following skills:

- Knowledge of P.E. within schools & an ability to assist with the development of our P.E Premium approach
- Knowledge or experience of special education needs and disabilities.

It would also be helpful if you have experience in the following:

- Some experience of committee working
- A working knowledge of budget monitoring and financial management
- Experience in property or estate management, and or procurement.

If you are interested, please call in at the office to see Mrs Gill who will be able to give you an application form. **Closing date is midday on Friday 12th October.**

### **Year 6 London trip**

Following the meeting last week and letters that have gone home, if your child would like to go to London next July, please pay a deposit of £30 as soon as possible but by next **Friday 12th October** at the latest. Please pay online at [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk). We need to give the tour company numbers and the initial deposit. The total cost will be around £310 payable by Easter 2019.

### **Transfer to Secondary School**

If your child is currently in Year 6, you need to apply for their place at your preferred secondary school **by 31st October 2018**. The easiest way is to apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions). For more information call the Admissions team on 0300 1234 101 or visit the website.

## PE kit

Please remember that **ALL** children from Year 1 upwards need to have a full PE kit in school all week. In the last few weeks, lots of children from all years have been without all or part of their kit. Apart from PPA days, your child will take part in other sporting activities with their teacher throughout the week and will need to change into it. **Please remember your child must have trainers as well as their PE kit.** Please bring it in on a Monday (named and in a bag), leave it in school all week and take it home for washing on a Friday.



## Do you have a child born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015?

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2019 for that child by the deadline of **15 January 2019**.

Please note that attending a school's nursery does not guarantee your child a place at that school – you still need to apply. The criteria in the school's admission arrangements will be used to allocate places.

Visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) for more information and to access the online application system

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on **0800 587 8191**

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

The deadline for applications is 15 January 2019



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## FOAS AGM

**Alverton School, 6pm, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

What would you – and your child – like to see in school next?

This week we have the annual FOAS AGM – everyone is invited to come along and meet FOAS at school at 6pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. The meeting lasts about an hour (dress code: busy parent/jeans/baby yoghurt) and new committee members will be decided. Everyone is welcome to join in, either as member (which all parents and guardians are already) or committee member (yell if you want to), and this is also a chance to say what you'd like in school in the next year.

Every year, through the discos, fairs, duck race and other events, we raise money for the school. We try to spend it on items that will benefit all the children in the school, e.g. playground improvements, clubs, library shelves, and subsidised trips. And every year we ask the children (via their teachers and the school council) what they would like to see.

We would love to hear your views – what would you like to see in school? Is there something that you think would really benefit all the children? Would you like to help decide how we raise or spend money? Come along and have your say! Everyone is welcome.



## 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 Monday to Thursday after school until 4pm.



## **BAG 2 SCHOOL - please start saving your donations**

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 15th November** - why not start collecting now? The more we donate, the more money we earn for the school!

### **Yes please:**

- Men's, ladies' and children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Curtains
- Towels
- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

### **No thanks:**

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

The Friends of Alverton School will be paid 40p per kg collected, and in the past this has been a great way to earn hundreds of pounds towards enhancing your child's school experience.

Bags to fill will be sent home soon. Please bring them to school on the morning of **Thursday 15th November** (not before, please, as we have nowhere to store them).

You can find more information at [www.uk.bag2school.com](http://www.uk.bag2school.com) Thank you very much for your support.



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins & Choughs	Piper	for super writing
	Noah	for being super brave & coming into school with a smile
Puffins	Seren	for listening well in class & always trying hard
Owls	Millie	for settling in so well to her new class
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Kingfishers	Eliza	for her superb attitude towards learning & great effort with her handwriting
Trencrom	Ryan	for being a wonderful role model to others
Lanyon	Cora	for the amazing attitude she shows in her learning
Kerris	Reuben	for the amazing effort & enthusiasm he puts into all of his learning
Bodrifty	Milly	for fantastic teamwork in the woods & a hard working attitude
Bosigran	Felix	for being an excellent outdoor explorer & cook in the woods
Kenidjack	Joel	for fantastic reading this week
Dinnertime	Jowan	for always choosing a nice healthy lunch



## Twitter

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



## DIARY DATES

### OCTOBER

- 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation evenings - **Choughs & Robins only**
- 10<sup>th</sup> FOAS AGM at 6pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival at 9.30am followed by cake & coffee in aid of Macmillan
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Bosigran at 2.45pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> FOAS Halloween Disco – details to follow
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Bodrifty at 2.45pm

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM

### 29<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

### NOVEMBER

- 9<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Lanyon at 2.45pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> FOAS Bag2School collection
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Trencrom at 2.45pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Individual and Family photographs – details to follow
- 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Parent Consultation evenings – **Year 1-6** – details of how to book to follow
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sharing assembly – Kenidjack at 2.45pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> M & M Theatre Production of Dick Whittington – details to follow

## CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	92.1%	11
Robins	93.7%	9
Puffins	93.4%	10
Owls	96.5%	4
Kingfishers	98.6%	2
Trencrom	96.0%	5
Lanyon	95.8%	6
Kerris	95.5%	7
Bodrifty	94.4%	8
Bosigran	100%	1
Kenidjack	97.5%	3
Overall school attendance	96.0%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

