

Car Park Changes

Welcome back. We hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday.

As you will be aware, we have been working hard over the past couple of years to improve pedestrian safety for pupils and parents around the school site. This has included reducing the number of cars entering the Toltuff Crescent cul-de-sac, and last term establishing a school crossing patrol on Toltuff Road.

However, one of the most hazardous and congested areas was that of the school car park. The layout of the school meant that minor accidents involving vehicles being reversed into one another were fairly regular occurrences, and more worryingly a great many 'near misses' were reported as pedestrians crossed the car park at the same time as cars were attempting to reverse out of tight spaces.

To address this issue we have converted an unused playground area next to the school into a new car park. This car park is predominantly for staff use and has a permit system in operation. On the left of the car park there is a dedicated 'drop off' area, for the Day Nursery and any parents who have to drive down into Toltuff Crescent. The old car park will continue to be used on a limited basis, with the main gates being closed at 8am each morning.



New car park entrance

The area in front of the school reception will no longer be used for parking and we are looking to follow through with the Eden Project design plans to create a much more parent-friendly waiting area and entrance way into the school site as soon as funds permit.

Thank you for your continuing support with these changes and your help in keeping our children and parents as safe as possible around the school.



Proposed new entrance area



New car park with drop off areas on the left

Staffing update

Just before the summer holidays began we said goodbye to Miss Allen and Mrs Tresidder, two of our Teaching Assistants. We thank them for all their hard work over the years and wish them all the very best for the future.

We're delighted to welcome Mrs Rachel Gwennap to our school. She will be teaching in Trencrom class on a Monday and then in Lanyon class job sharing with Mrs Clemens at the end of the week.

World Champion!

A huge well done to Roisin in Year 6 who, over the holidays, took part in the World Mirror Dinghy Sailing Championships at Mylor and was the winner in the Classic style boat category.



Meet the Teacher

Please come along and meet your child's new teacher next week at 3.30pm in their classroom.

Mon 11th - Bodrifty, Bosigran & Kenidjack

Tues 12th - Puffins, Owls & Kingfishers

Weds 13th - Trencrom, Lanyon & Kerris

New lunch menu

The new menu has come home and there will be jacket potatoes and packed lunches with various fillings available daily as well as a choice of hot meal.

Please pay either on the day or in advance either by cash or cheque (payable to 'Caterlink') as debts cannot be accrued. The cost has increased to £2.25 per day (£2.50 with juice).

A reminder that all Reception children and Year 1 and 2 are eligible for a free lunch under the Government's Universal Free School Meals initiative. A reminder to Year 3 parents that payment must be made for meals from now on. If you think your child is entitled to free school meals, please contact the office for more information.

New look tuck shop

Our new look tuck shop has reopened for this term in its new home in the newly paved area outside the hall. It will be open from 8.30am till 9am and again at breaktime and lunchtime serving a selection of healthy snacks and drinks as well as a wide range of half-priced books for all ages which can be bought with cash or book bank cheques.



Music lessons

If your child has signed up for music lessons, all start next week. There are currently spaces available for KS2 children to learn keyboards, violins, woodwind and brass and we have a waiting list for guitars. Please ask at the office for more details.

If your child does keyboards or guitars you should have received an invoice. Please ensure it is paid in full by the first lesson or your child will not be allowed to start. Woodwind, brass and violins are invoiced by the Cornwall Music Service Trust who should be in contact with you directly.

Monday 11th	Keyboards	Maria Heseltine	12.15-2.45pm
Tuesday 12th	Violins	Chris Bennett	12.15-1.5pm
Thursday 14th	Guitars	Julyan Wallace	12.15-3.15pm
Friday 15th	Woodwind	Siggy Hawken	12.15-1.15pm
Friday 15th	Brass	Kirsten Burden	1.30-2pm



Flu immunisation

Nasal flu sprays are being offered this year to all children from Reception to Year 4 and the school nursing team will be in school early in October to deliver this immunisation. If you would like your child to have this, please complete the form that has come home and return it to the office as soon as possible but by Monday 18th September at the latest. The forms are being collected then so that they can be processed prior to the immunisation date. **Children without a form having been returned or whose form does not give consent, will not be given the spray.**

Contact details

Please ensure that if you change your mobile number, landline or address, you let the office know as soon as possible. We may need to contact you if your child is ill and we also use your mobile number to text important reminders.

Clubs

Club lists have come home today and if your child wishes to join a club, please complete and return the form as soon as possible. Forms will be returned to you by Friday to show which clubs your child has a place in. All clubs start the week commencing **Monday 18th September**. Please ensure you collect your child promptly. Some popular clubs are oversubscribed so your child will need to commit to attending every week or their place will be filled by the next person on the waiting list. Unfortunately if a club does not have enough children for it to run, it will be cancelled.

End of the day arrangements

At the end of school each day, most Key Stage 2 parents wait for their children around the entrance to the field or, now that we have our picnic tables, in our paved area by the shop.

Teaching staff in Key Stage 2 accompany their classes to the gate at this time but this week have found this tricky due to the number of parents waiting close to the Lower Key Stage 2 (Trencrom, Lanyon and Kerris) workspace door.

Please could we ask parents to ensure that they wait outside the school building and also leave the route to the gate clear so that all children can walk safely off site at the end of the day. Thank you very much.

Absence from school

If your child is unwell or will not be attending school it is your responsibility to contact the school on the first day of absence no later than 9.30am (there is an answering machine if you wish to leave a message before 8am). If we have not heard from you by this time we will need to telephone home to ascertain the nature of their absence. This is in line with the Government's policy on attendance. Please note that any child who is ill with sickness or an upset stomach should remain away from school for 48 hours after the last episode of illness.

After school provision

A reminder that Go Active now run all the after school provision and there is now no buffer club in the library. **If you are running late, you will need to contact Go Active rather than school to book your child in.**

Please contact Ed Timmons for any further information or to book either by phone 07843 126833 or email ed@goactivecornwall.co.uk. If you are currently using Go Active and your days or hours are changing, please contact Go Active. If you are going to use this provision for the first time, please call into the office and complete a Go Active form which we will hand into them.

Online payments

We really appreciate everyone who regularly uses our online payment system (schoolmoney.co.uk) to pay for things for their child. It really saves you and us lots of time! This year we will be taking cash or cheques only if you cannot get online to pay. If you haven't yet used the system, please try it as you will find it is very easy, quick and secure to use. If you are having trouble logging in, please contact the office and we can help. We will be working towards a virtually cashless office in the coming year and thank you for your help and support with this.



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.



Date reminder

Please note school is closed on **Monday 30th October** for an INSET day so the first day back after half term will be Tuesday 31st October. Half term is 23rd to 27th October.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Puffins	The Whole Class	for settling in exceptionally well
Owls	Kaiden	for his mature attitude to hard work
Kingfishers	Paige	for a great attitude to her learning. Well done!
Trencrom	Seb	for being a fantastic member of Trencrom - polite, helpful & smiling
Lanyon	Winston	for being a super new member of our school
Kerris	Aimee	for settling in so well to the new school term
Bodrifty	Joel	for making such a fantastic start to Year 5
Bosigran	Jack	for an excellent shield design and a great start to the term
Kenidjack	Zac	for his enthusiasm for our project and bow-making skills
Dinnertime	Roxy	for her exemplary manners at all times



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	★ ★ ★	100%	1
Robins	★ ★ ★	100%	1
Puffins	★ ★ ★	100%	1
Owls	★ ★ ★	100%	1
Kingfishers	★ ★ ★	98.3%	9
Trencrom	★ ★ ★	97.5%	11
Lanyon	★ ★ ★	98.8%	8
Kerris	★ ★ ★	100%	1
Bodrifty	★ ★ ★	100%	1
Bosigran	★ ★ ★	99.5%	7
Kenidjack	★ ★ ★	97.9%	10
Overall school attendance		99.2%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 18th All clubs start today – letter for choices have been sent home
- 20th Swimming for Y3 and Y4 begins today – Kerris, Lanyon and Trencrom
- 22nd Sharing assembly – Lanyon at 2.45pm
- 28th Year 6 taster day at Mounts Bay
- 29th Sharing assembly – Kerris at 2.45pm

OCTOBER

- 5th Year 6 taster day at Humphry Davy
- 5th FOAS AGM at 7.00pm – details to follow
- 6th Sharing assembly – Trencrom at 2.45pm
- 9th – 11th Parent Consultation evenings - **Choughs & Robins only**
- 12th Harvest Festival at 9.30am
- 13th Sharing assembly – Bosigran at 2.45pm
- 19th FOAS Halloween Disco – details to follow
- 20th Sharing assembly – Bodrifty at 2.45pm
- Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October – HALF TERM**
- 30th **INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 31st Individual and Family photographs – details to follow

