



As we reach the end of another incredibly busy year in the life of our school, it is perhaps worth reflecting a little on the past 11 months at Alverton. There have certainly been some 'headline moments' such as the amazing production of Beauty and the Beast, a record number of trophies being won on the sports field, the child-led end of topic exhibitions and assemblies (Polluter or Protector, The Roman Town, China, VE Day etc) and a very successful Ofsted inspection. However, I would argue that these are the tip of a very impressive iceberg. Below the surface, often unseen, is where our real success is generated. There hasn't been a day, an hour, or possibly even a minute since we started back in September without something to celebrate in our school. These successes are most often small steps for individual children which happen hundreds of times a day and in every classroom; they remain invisible to most of us but these are the moments which, little by little and day by day, help to shape and build vital self-confidence, skills and understanding for our children. They are moments that give our school its vibrant and positive feel and on which the more obvious headline successes are built.

I am very grateful to everyone on our staff team for another year of being prepared to constantly go so far beyond the levels of commitment and dedication I can reasonably expect of them. They are a fantastic and united team who resolutely stick to the belief that we have to educate the whole child and not simply focus on the narrow definition of success which seems to preoccupy some policy makers. The vast majority of the small steps I mentioned earlier come from our teachers' and teaching assistants' hard work and ability to look for, and get, the best from our children.

Having read and commented on the End of Year Reports for all of our pupils, I was struck by just how high the standards achieved by our children are across the school. This was evident not only in terms of academic results but also in the heartfelt comments from staff about the children's behaviour, kindness, enthusiasm and their overall approach to school life and to one another. We are very proud of all our children and I am sure that you are too.

Our attention at this time of year is, of course, particularly focused upon our Year 6 pupils who are now ready to leave us having completed their long journey from their slightly timid entrance on the first day in Nursery to their final departure on Friday afternoon as confident and competent young people, ready to take on the challenges of the next stage in their school career. This has been a particularly busy term for Year 6, who have not only worked incredibly hard and achieved some amazing SATs results but who have also taken leading roles in Beauty and the Beast, behaved impeccably on a trip to London and raised over £900 through the Fiver Challenge, a considerable amount of which they will be donating to charity. We are sure that they will quickly find their feet in their new schools and continue to make the most of their wide range of talents. We wish them every success and happiness in the adventures ahead.

The final newsletter of the summer term is a great chance to thank all of the people who support the school over the year and help to make it the special place it is. The fabulous Summer Fair a couple of weeks ago highlighted just how lucky we are to have such a supportive school community of parents, families and friends and we would especially like to thank the Friends of Alverton School for all their hard work and fundraising across the year, our Governors for the many hours they give up behind the scenes in order to secure the best possible future for the school, and of course you as parents for your continued support for the school and our all that we try to achieve.

We hope that you all have a very happy summer holiday.

## Hello and Goodbye

Today we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Gwennap, who has been a fantastic teacher for us this year, and to Mrs Lodey, one of our much-loved TAs who is retiring after twenty-five years at Alverton. We wish them both the very best for the future and hope to see them again soon.

Yesterday, we appointed Mrs Emily Tudor to teach in Trencom Class on Mondays alongside Mrs Dennison. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Tudor and Mrs McKellar-Savage, who will be teaching in Lanyon Class, to Alverton in September.

### Outstanding debts

Schoolmoney will continue to be live over the summer so if you have any outstanding debts for swimming, breakfast club, trips, and nursery sessions, please ensure they are paid online.

### School shoes

Please ensure that your child has suitable smart, black shoes for September.

### Medicine and asthma pumps

If your child needs an asthma pump or medicine which needs to be kept in school, please ensure that it is brought in, clearly labelled, once term begins.

### 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	97.6%	4
Puffins	95.9%	10
Owls	96.6%	7
Kingfishers	96.4%	9
Trencrom	97.0%	5
Lanyon	97.8%	3
Kerris	98.5%	2
Bodrifty	96.6%	7
Bosigran	95.0%	11
Kenidjack	96.9%	6
Overall school attendance	97.0%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

### New Autumn term price increase

Please note that Caterlink have informed us this week that they have increased the cost of a lunch to **£2.27** from September (£2.52 with juice).



## PENZANCE CRICKET CLUB

# CRICKET SUMMER CAMPS 2018



**Price:** £20 per day £70 for 4 days

**Location:** Penzance Cricket Club

**Dates:**

Camp 1: 31st July to 3rd August

Camp 2: 14th to 17th August

Camp 3: 28th to 31st August

**Time:** 11am-4pm

**Age Groups:** 8 - 14

Please contact Greg or Ant to book your place.

**Contacts:**

greg@penzancecricketclub.com / 07725881152

antonyangove@hotmail.com / 07577423120

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### DIARY DATES

**July**

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Staff training days - school closed

**SCHOOL REOPENS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM ON  
THURSDAY 6th SEPTEMBER**



# ***Penzance Summer Get Together Project!***

Keep an eye on our Facebook page to confirm location!

[facebook.com/  
PCDYouthworkers](https://www.facebook.com/PCDYouthworkers)

- 9th August.
- 11am-2pm.
- Penlee Park.  
Free Lunch.  
Fun Family  
Activities.

