

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Ruby in Trencrom who was the winner of our Attendance award for last year. She was drawn at random from all the children who achieved their Gold Attendance Award and is pictured here with Mr Higgs and her prize.



IMPORTANT DATE

Please don't forget that school is CLOSED on **Monday 30th October** (the Monday after half term) for an INSET day.

Staffing update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Stacy Mackenzie and Miss Emma Smith to our team at Alverton. They will be working in a number of classes across the school so you may well come across them soon. We hope that they enjoy their time with us and with all our fantastic pupils.

Individual & family photos

The photographers from Tempest will be in school on **Tuesday 31st October** (the first day back after half term) to take individual & family photos. Please could you ensure that your child is wearing smart school uniform. Children with siblings in the school or Ducklings nursery will be photographed together during the day. If you wish to have a family photograph taken with other children and/or parents, please come to the office from 8.30am and take a place in the queue.

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who donated and came along to the Harvest Festival. We took six boxes of food to the local Food Bank and they were extremely grateful. We also raised **£163** for Macmillan Cancer Support by selling coffee and cakes. Thank you very much to all the parents that donated and to all the staff who brought in a cake.



Old pound coins

A reminder that we no longer accept old pound coins as payment. You are still able to change them at your bank.

Clubs

New club - Tri Golf

Go Active will be running a new club on Thursdays after half term (in place of Street Surfing). It is Tri Golf and is open to all Year 2 and above. The cost is £25 for 5 weeks. If your child is interested, please ask at the office for a form. Payment must be in by the start of the first club on Thursday 2nd November.

Payment for clubs

If your child is starting Art (£10) or Baking (£5) after half term or continuing with Circuits or Dance (£15), please ensure that you pay for your child's club before the first one or they will not be able to start.

Cancellation of club

There will be no Dance Club this **Thursday 19th October** as the hall is being set up for the FOAS Halloween Disco. As there is no other additional Thursday on which to hold it before Christmas, we have arranged for the extra session to be held on **Monday 6th November** so there will be two Dance Club sessions in that week on the Monday and Thursday.

Year 3/4 camp Bude

Letters have now gone home about our planned camp at Bude next May (total cost £90). If your child would like to go please pay the deposit of £20 as soon as possible but by **Friday 20th October** at the latest so we can have definite numbers. Please pay online at schoolmoney.co.uk. The total cost needs to be paid by 9th February 2018.

Ducklings Nursery places

If you have a child, or know of one, who turns three on, or before 31st December 2017, we have spaces available in Ducklings starting in January 2018. If you are interested, please ask for an application form at the office and we will invite you to look around and meet Mrs Hanley and Mrs Roberts in November.



FOAS Halloween Disco

FOAS are holding the annual Halloween Disco on **Thursday 19th October**. 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. Fancy dress optional but please remember that young children may be scared by some costumes. **A very big thank you to Tim Hampton (Ryan and Tyler's Dad) who has kindly donated his lights, equipment and DJ skills free of charge for the evening.**

Help wanted

If you are able to help at the earlier disco from 5-6pm, FOAS would be very grateful. Please let the office know. They have plenty of helpers for the later one.



Height & weight screening for Reception & Year 6 children

Next month the children in Reception and Year 6 will be weighed and measured by the school nurses. All children in these years have received a booklet and "opt out" form about this. If you do **NOT** wish your child to be weighed or measured you must return the form to the office. By not returning the form, we assume you give your permission.

Rotary shoe boxes

The local Rotarians are once again asking for our help with filling shoe boxes with toys or household goods for disadvantaged children and adults in Eastern Europe which will be delivered in time for Christmas. Please help us fill as many boxes as possible. A box costs £2 to send so if you would like one, please bring your money to the office and collect one. They need to be filled and returned by 31st October. Thank you.

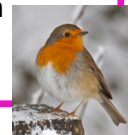
FOAS Christmas hamper raffle

Although the Christmas Fair is not until 8th December, FOAS would like to start collecting items for Christmas hampers to raffle. If you would like to donate any suitable items such as Christmas foods, small decorations or a pack of quality Christmas cards, please drop them into the office. FOAS will then transform them into lovely hampers.



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.



Lost property

The lost property box is overflowing again. If your child has lost something please come in and check before half term as it will be emptied on next Friday 20th October and all the contents will be taken to the charity shop.

LOST

Dexter in Kerris has lost his school jumper. It is named. Please check and hand in if found.

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 2017**. The easiest way is to apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions. For more information call the Admissions team on 0300 1234 101 or visit the website. If you miss this deadline your child may not get into their first preference school.

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 30th November** - why not start collecting now? The more we donate, the more money we earn for the school!

Yes please: clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves & ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, bedding.

No thanks: duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, carpets, rugs and mats, soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, school uniforms, corporate clothing and workwear, textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

Bags to fill will be sent home after half term. Please bring them to school on the morning of **Thursday 30th November** (not before, please, as we have nowhere to store them).

Thank you very much for your support.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Choughs
Robins
Puffins
Owls
Kingfishers
Trencrom
Lanyon
Kerris
Bodriftly
Bosigran
Kenidjack
Dinnertime
PE Star




TO BE ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY

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	96.4%	8
Robins	94.6%	11
Puffins	98.3%	3
Owls	98.3%	3
Kingfishers	98.2%	5
Trencrom	95.6%	10
Lanyon 	98.5%	1
Kerris	97.8%	6
Bodriftly	97.3%	7
Bosigran	95.9%	9
Kenidjack	98.4%	2
Overall school attendance	97.8%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

- 19th FOAS Halloween Disco 5-6pm or 6.15-7.15pm
20th Sharing assembly – Bodriftly at 2.45pm

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October – HALF TERM

- 30th **INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
31st Individual and Family photographs

NOVEMBER

- 10th Sharing assembly – Kenidjack at 2.45pm
17th Children in Need fundraising day
20th – 22nd Parent Consultation evenings (not Choughs & Robins) – details of how to book to follow
24th Sharing assembly – Kingfishers at 2.45pm
28th M & M Theatre Production of Cinderella – details to follow
29th Last swimming for Kerris, Lanyon and Trencrom

DECEMBER

- 1st Non uniform day in aid of the FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow
1st ALL CLUBS FINISH TODAY
4th Advent Service at 9.30am – followed by mince pies and coffee for parents
5th EYFS concert at 9.30am & 2.00pm – **please note new date**





WALK for PUDSEY

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER at LAND'S END

West Cornwall Footpaths Preservation Society (WCFPS) will be providing walk leaders and chaperones for anyone wishing to raise money for Children in Need.

10.30

For able bodied walkers there will be a walk of just over 3 miles along the South West Coast Path to Nanjizal returning inland via Trevilley and Trevescan. Wear stout shoes and appropriate clothing.

10.45

For shorter walkers there will be a 2 mile walk (with an option to cut short to 1 mile) going inland to Mayon Cliff, Sennen and returning along the South West Coast Path. Wear sensible shoes and appropriate clothing.

11.00

For toddlers and pushchairs there will be a quarter of a mile stroll to Greeb Farm (and the animals) and return along a tarmac surface.

Car parking is free for participants

You provide the sponsorship – We will provide the walk

West Cornwall Footpath Preservation Society

Italia Conti Penzance

We are very excited that we have two characters from the CBBC BAFTA award winning series The Next Step, together with our very own Ella Gilling, coming to Penzance and would like to open it up to all dedicated dancers, age guide 10+.

ANOTHER 'The Next Step' UPDATE

We are extremely lucky to be having Trevor Tordjman (James) and Issac Lupien (Eldon) from 'The Next Step' coming down to little Penzance.

We have secured our date which will be THURSDAY 26th October YAAAY.

It will be 2 workshops and a Meet and Greet!!

The day will run 10.30am-2.30pm at the Leisure Centre in Penzance. Tickets are £60 for the day.

Call 07711166869 NOW to secure your place, limited places so HURRY call us now!! Open to absolutely EVERYONE (guideline of age 10 years and upwards).

Let your kids go
WILD this HALLOWEEN

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Now booking for Halloween
Friday 27th and 28th October! 10.30 - 3pm

**WILDBERRYS KID'S CAMP DAY
AT THE PEAT PROJECT**

SPOOKY ART ACTIVITIES yummy
food pumkin lanterns goodie bags
GHOST STORIES CAMPFIRE
FREE LUNCH PROVIDED!!



AGES 7 -12
BOOKING ESSENTIAL!! £20 per child HALF DAY
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