



## Date change

The pupils' Christmas lunch will now be held on **Thursday 14th December**.

## Drama Club

Drama Club next **Tuesday 10th October** will be for Year 6 only. Year 5 should be collected at 3.15pm. All back to normal on 17th October.

## Wanted!

Ducklings would be very grateful for any small baby clothes or dolls clothes for their dolls who are rather cold at the moment!  
Thank you very much.



## Harvest Festival and fundraising coffee morning

Our Harvest Festival will be held on **Thursday 12th October** at 9.30am and you are all very welcome to join us. Reverend Julyan Drew will be with us to help lead our celebrations.

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 9th 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.



## FOAS AGM

The FOAS Annual General Meeting will be held at school next **Thursday 12th October** at 7pm. Please come along and see how you can help raise funds for our school. It will be very informal and everyone is welcome.



## Cancellation of club - advance notice

There will be no Dance Club on **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. The last Dance Club before half term is next week and it will start again on Thursday 2nd November.

## IMPORTANT DATE

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

### 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](http://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.

### Applying for a school place for September 2018

If you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 you need to apply for a school place in a Reception class to start in September 2018. The deadline for applications is **15th January 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.

### Year 6 London trip

Following the meeting this 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 **Friday 13th October**. 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 2018.

### 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](http://schoolmoney.co.uk). The total cost needs to be paid by 9th February 2018.

### Keyboard lessons

Maria has currently has four spaces for keyboard lessons. If your child is Year 2 or above and would like to try a lesson, please ask at the office. A lesson in a small group costs £5 per week, payable half termly or termly in advance.

### Old pound coins

Please remember that the old pound coins go out of circulation on 15th October and are no longer legal tender so we cannot accept them for payment after **Friday 13th October**.

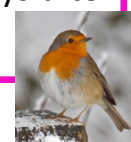


### Rotary shoe boxes

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.

### 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.



## **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:

- 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 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).

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



Choughs	Eva	for a wonderful story map	
Robins	Hollie	for an excellent retelling of the Three Little Pigs story	
Puffins	Susie	for being a super hard working member of our class	
Owls	Alfie	for his listening and following the Dance moves in PE this week	
Kingfishers	Ryan	for all his lovely homework this term	
Trencrom	Jack	for excellent concentration during our English lessons	
Lanyon	Zephaniah	for never causing a moments worry & being conscientious & hard working	
Kerris	Flic	for showing real determination with her Maths	
Bodrifty	Alanna	for sheer determination on our surfing day—always popping up with a smile	
Bosigran	Jorja	for the most amazing street dancing	
Kenidjack	Charlie N	for super descriptive writing in our Quest story	
Dinnertime	Paul	for always have a smile and lovely manners	
PE Star	Madison W	for showing effort & confidence during hockey club. Well done	

### 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	96.5%	8
Robins	98.2%	7
Puffins 	99.3%	1
Owls	98.3%	6
Kingfishers 	99.3%	1
Trencrom	95.9%	9
Lanyon	98.5%	5
Kerris	98.9%	3
Bodrifty	95.3%	10
Bosigran	93.8%	11
Kenidjack	98.8%	4
<b>Overall school attendance</b>	<b>97.5%</b>	

**Our collective target is 96.5%**

### DIARY DATES

#### OCTOBER

- 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation evenings - **Choughs & Robins only**
- 12<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival at 9.30am followed by coffee & cake in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support
- 12<sup>th</sup> FOAS AGM at 7.00pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Bosigran at 2.45pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> FOAS Halloween Disco – details to follow
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Bodrifty at 2.45pm

#### **Monday 23rd – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM**

#### **30<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

- 31<sup>st</sup> Individual and Family photographs – details to follow

#### NOVEMBER

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

