Alverton School



15/9/23 FRIDAY NEWS N°. 2

Dear Parents,

The summer holidays now seem a long time ago, term is well underway and the children have all settled fantastically into their new classes. Thank you for making sure that your children came back for the new year with very positive attitudes and looking so smart in their school uniforms.

174 children have signed up for after school clubs which is our highest ever and we have 18 clubs which are starting next week. Most primary schools offer a far more limited range of after school activities and the children at Alverton are so lucky to have all these opportunities available to them. A massive thank you goes to all the staff who lead these clubs in their own time. Some clubs are not limited by numbers or may still have spaces so, if your child hasn't signed up and would like to take part, please ask at the office to see if they can join.

Reading remains the most important thing that you can do with your child to help them with their education. As well as reading regularly to parents and carers to practice decoding, reading includes discussion about a book and its pictures, not necessarily always just reading the words. We encourage reading with your child on a daily basis from Reception all the way through to Year 6, both sharing stories and listening to the children read. Even if you child is a fluent reader, they will always benefit from talking with you about their book and thinking about what they are reading. We are always trying to build our pupils' vocabulary – do they know the meaning of every word they've read each day? Thank you to everyone who reads regularly with their child – it really does make the most enormous difference.

Sometimes, the start of the school year can be an anxious time for children or parents; If you have any concerns or questions at all, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher who will be able to help.

Best wishes,

Simon Brown Headteacher

Remember – safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Simon Brown (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at

sbrown@alverton.tpacademytrust.org or,
if it is out of school hours, please contact
the Multi Agency Referral Unit on 0300
1231 116;

E-mail:

multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk

Clubs

All clubs start from Monday 18th September (not next week) except for Year 3/4 Art which starts on Tuesday 26th September and Drama Club which will begin on Wednesday 27th September. Many clubs will have waiting lists so if your child has a place and does not attend regularly, their place may be given to someone else. Any clubs which require payment should be paid for before the first session.

THIS IS OUR

HELP YOUR SHELF

How it Works

It's all free.

Take what you need, whenever you need it.



No Questions Asked - No Judgements Made

Give what you can if you would like to.

We currently have lots of items on our Help Your Shelf ready for collection which are free for anyone to take at any time.

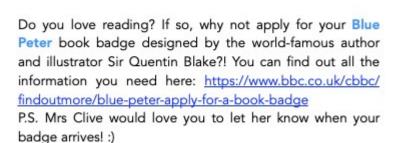
If you prefer, you can buy a reusable bag for £1 and fill this with items from the shelf. Once you've bought your bag, you can fill it with as much as you want, as many times as you want. Whichever way you choose, the Help Your Shelf is available all day and you can pop in at any time.

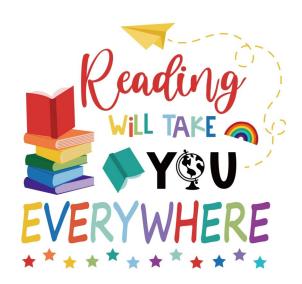
Keeping children safe before and after school

Please do not drop your child off and leave them alone before the doors open in the morning. If you need child care before 8.25am or 8.30am, please bring them to Breakfast Club for which there is a charge.

Please can all parents and carers collect their children promptly at the end of the school day and then leave the site. This is for health and safety reasons and for safeguarding the children left in after school clubs. We are not responsible for anything that happens before or after school on the site when children should be supervised by an appropriate adult.







PPA days

Just a reminder that children should wear their PE kits to school (not uniform) on PPA days when they will be doing PE.

KS1 (Year 1/2) Tuesdays

LKS2 (Year 3/4) Wednesdays

UKS2 (Year 5/6) Thursdays

Reception Fridays

Children from Year 1-6 should also keep their PE kit in school at all other times so that they can change into it. All PE kits should be brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.

School lunches this term

The menu remains the same as last term and can be found on the school website under Parent Pages, What's On this term. Copies are also available from the office. **Sandwiches are now not available.** If your child is Year 3 and above the cost for a meal is now £2.65 per day unless they are eligible for free school meals (please see page 6 for how to apply). Payment is by cash or cheque payable to Chartwells. Please ensure that no more than one week's debt is accrued. You can hand in this into the school office or put in a named envelope for your child to give to their teacher.

Miss Mason's Magical Moments

Happy Friday everybody! I hope you have had an amazing first proper week back at school. It has been wonderful seeing some of you in outdoor learning, and I cannot wait to see more of you next week. In between that I have enjoyed noticing the change of Summer to Autumn at school: sweet chestnut seeds are dropping to the floor, the squirrels are squirrelling away and of course the



leaves are a symphony of colour... just gorgeous. While nature has been busy outside, it seems I have been busy inside school. This week we have signed up to Eco-Schools; a fantastic charity that supports and encourages schools to become more eco-friendly and help fight climate change. Over the year,



we will be working hard to make our school more environmentally friendly and of course I will be updating you every step of the way. In the meantime, enjoy the September weather this weekend. Miss Mason Xx

So, just how has this week been for you all? The first full week back at school after the summer holidays. Some of you will be happy for your children, especially if they're settling well, others may breathe a sigh of relief and enjoy some quiet moments, others may well really be missing your children, while there will



be some of you who are worrying about any number of things. And that's where I may be able to help. A listening ear, a cuppa, a biscuit to dunk (it's got to be done) all private and confidential unless we agree that you want it to go further. I will listen to you all, no matter how large or small your worry. Remember, "a problem shared is a problem halved". Until then, have a super weekend, Mrs Daylak xxxx





Do you have a child born **between**1 September 2019
and 31 August 2020?

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2024 for that child by the deadline of **15 January 2024**.



The deadline for







Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or preschool class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

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Together **for Families**

Transfer to secondary school

September 2024

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school



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Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions





Cornwall Partnership

NHS Foundation Trust

The Trust has its own Out of Hours telephone support provided by Support Matters
Cornwall. This service operates from 5pm to 9am on weekdays and 24 hours a day at weekends and bank holidays. The service is open to all patients (aged 16+) under the care of the Trust's mental health services. Support can be delivered over the telephone, via text, email or web chat. Call free on **0800 001 4330**.

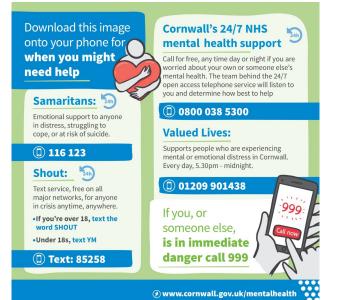








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- www.nspcc.org.uk



Penzance CTIPA Foodbank

The CTIPA Foodbank in Penzance provides food for anyone in need. If their support would be helpful to you, just phone Veryan or Adele in the office in confidence on 01736 364087 and they can phone the Foodbank for you who will be able to help.

The Foodbank are extremely busy at the moment and are very grateful for any donations.







NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE 0808 2000 247 24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE



WCWAid

West Cornwall Women's Aid 01736 367539 https://www.wcwaid.co.uk/helpline



There is a lot of help and advice available to help you keep your children safe online. Have a look at the Online Safety section of our website for lots of useful information and links http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/online_safety for families/246722. Your child's teacher will also always be happy to talk to you about online safety.

Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/

Registering a child as eligible for free school meals (as described below) means that your child receives a free meal every day (though they can, of course, bring a packed lunch should they prefer) but there are additional benefits too. Pupil Premium brings more money into the school to help children achieve and learn. Children in receipt of the Pupil Premium also receive other benefits (eg contributions towards Key Stage 2 camps and funding to use for uniform, music lessons, trips etc). At some times, there are further benefits for these children such as food vouchers during holiday times where these are given. Please see the Pupil Premium Provision Map in the Pupil Premium section of our website http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/pupil premium/172518 or speak to Mrs Gill or Mrs Stacey in the office or contact Mrs Simpson who leads our Pupil Premium provision.

The easiest and quickest way to apply for free school meals is online through the Cornwall Council website but, if you are unable to do this, you can call the Free School Meals team on 01872 323298 and a member of the team will call you back to complete the application over the phone.

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent / carer (or the child themselves) receives any of the following benefits:

- · Income Support (IS)
- · Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- · Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- · Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- · Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- · Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- · Universal Credit your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits / credits are being claimed:

- · Working Tax Credit
- · Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and / or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

NB All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative, regardless of what benefits are being claimed. However, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may also have an entitlement to benefits-related free school meals and it is important to apply for these if you think your child may be eligible.

Registering for free school meals / Pupil Premium is confidential. If you think that your child is eligible, we strongly recommend that you contact Cornwall Council as detailed above. Mrs Gill and Mrs Stacey in the office will also be able to help you and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.



DIARY DATES	
Monday 18th September	All clubs start (except Drama & Y3/4 Art)
Tuesday 19th September	Swimming starts for Kerris (Group 1)
Wednesday 20th September	Swimming starts for all of Kingfishers class
Friday 13th October	Harvest Festival
9.30am	Followed by coffee and cake in aid of the Foodbank
Monday 16th-Wednesday 18th October	Parent consultations
3.30-6pm	No teacher led or hall based clubs
Monday 23rd-Friday 27th October	Autumn half term holiday
Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st October	INSET Days - school closed