Alverton School



3/11/23 FRIDAY NEWS N°. 8

Welcome back and what a start! I want to thank everyone for working with us on Thursday morning - we talked with a number of schools and did three site surveys before agreeing it was safe to open. We wanted to be there for all our families that needed us to be open while completely accepting that some families would not be able to get to school safely. I thank you all for your understanding and support with this.

I also want to thank everyone for making the Halloween disco such a good community experience last night - it was enjoyed by all. I know our staff especially liked seeing the costumes, dancing and smiles. Thank

you to our Friends of Alverton School for putting on such a good event.



Simon Brown Headteacher

Thank you

A fantastic £289.98 was raised at the FOAS Halloween Disco last night. Thank you so much to everyone who supported this event and to the FOAS volunteers and the staff who worked so hard on the night. All proceeds go towards the school and the children.

FOAS Adults' Quiz Night!

Come and test your general knowledge, socialise, and enjoy a soft drink / wine / beer. Tickets £3 per person on the door, max team of 6, smaller groups/individuals can join forces! An opportunity to raise funds for the school and meet others.

Main Hall, Thursday 16th November. Doors open at 7pm, quiz starts 7.30pm prompt.



Coats and wellies

As the weather is now getting much colder and wetter, please can you ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat with them every day and it is named. If they want to go onto the field they should also keep a pair of named wellies in school.

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

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.

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.

Clubs

All clubs continue until Friday 1st December. A new list will come out for the Spring term after Christmas.

Miss Mason's Magical Moments

Hello everyone and welcome back! I don't know about you, but I am certainly feeling the clocks going back; the cosy starts in bed while it is dark has certainly made it feel like Autumn is leaving and Winter is creeping in.



I have had a short but fantastic week in school. Reception started their first day back with something to remember, a bonfire! They were all mesmerised and certainly enjoyed the toast and marshmallows that went with it. It was wonderful to see their faces light up with joy and excitement. I think we will be having plenty more in the future.

In the week commencing the 6th November if your child is in Owls, Lanyon, Bosigran or Bodrifty they will need their coats and wellies, and if possible, some joggers to keep them warm in school every day.



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**.

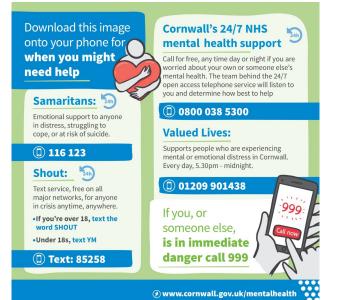








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Penzance CTIPA Foodbank

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:

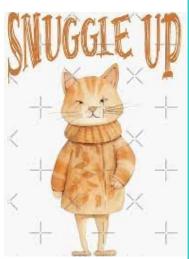
- · Working Tax Credit
- · Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and / or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

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.

Well the weather has certainly changed and I have had some pretty chilly morning rides on my bike. I do love autumn and winter, though I suspect I just like the change of seasons to be honest, especially the snuggly winter bit with hot chocolate and hot buttered toast. I consider myself very fortunate to be able to snuggle up with my family and wrap up for long, wet and blustery walks with friends. My favourite solution to any problem is, and has always been, 'walk and talk'. It's right up there with a cuppa. Especially as the days get colder and shorter with less daylight. Any takers? I'm always here. Happy to listen, make a brew, chomp



a biscuit. Just find me. If you don't need me, take care and enjoy yourself this weekend, though please be careful and don't get blown away. Much love, Mrs D xxxx

DIARY DATES	
Tuesday 7th November	Swimming starts for Kerris Group 2
Thursday 16th November	FOAS Adults Quiz Night
7.30pm	
Friday 1st December	Advent Service
9.30am	Followed by coffee and mince pies
Friday 1st December	All clubs finish
Wednesday 6th December	Reception Christmas performance
9.30am and 4pm	
Friday 8th December	Nursery Nativity - main school hall
2pm	
Tuesday 12th December	KS2 Carol Service at Chapel Street Methodist
6.30pm	Chapel
Thursday 14th December	KS1 Christmas performance
2pm and 6pm	
Friday 15th December	Pupils Christmas lunch