

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have really enjoyed seeing our children enjoying their playtimes on the field this week, playing together and enjoying each other's company.

In Monday's whole school assembly, I read 'Norman, the slug who wanted to be a snail' story. The message to take from this story was around us believing in ourselves and knowing that we all have skills and talents that may not be exactly the same as each other but are valued. It has been great to have children come up to me to tell me about their own talents and what they believe they are good at.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Simpson  
Assistant Head



## **Cancellation of Duck Race - 11th May**

Unfortunately we and FOAS have had to take the difficult decision to cancel this year's Duck Race which was due to have taken place on 11th May. This is due to FOAS having too few supporters available to help both before the race and on the day. We hope that it will be able to take place next year.

## **Help for FOAS**

FOAS (Friends of Alverton School) have found that, over the past six months, their numbers have dwindled to such an extent that they are currently no longer able to run the majority of school and community events that they have done so in the past. This puts a number of events, such as the Summer Fair, in jeopardy. They are now reaching out to all parents and relatives to see if they can get enough volunteers and organisers to enable such events to happen. If you are able to support them by giving some of your time, please get in touch by emailing the office [alverton@tpacademytrust.org](mailto:alverton@tpacademytrust.org) and we will pass your details on. Thank you very much.

## Remember – safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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

[sbrown@alverton.tpacademytrust.org](mailto: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](mailto:multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk)

## Frozen Choir

Please could all consent forms for the children who have been asked to be in the Frozen Choir be in by next Wednesday at the latest.

All children must be able to take part on **both** evenings.

## Clubs

Drama Club on Wednesday 1st May will run until 6pm, not 4.30pm.

There will be no Dance club next Friday 3rd May as Steph is away.

Some clubs have waiting lists so if your child no longer wishes to have a place, please let the office know so that someone else can join in.

## 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.**

## Donations wanted

Our Help Your Shelf is looking rather bare. If you are able to bring in any non-perishable food items, cleaning products or toiletries, we would be very grateful. These will all go to helping our families and community. Thank you very much.

## Water bottles

As the weather gets warmer and sunnier, hopefully, all children should have a filled, named water bottle in school every day, a sun hat and please apply sunscreen before they come to school.

Tickets for Frozen will be on sale from Monday in the following order:

Tickets on sale to CAST ONLY from MONDAY 22nd APRIL.

Tickets on sale to CHOIR ONLY from MONDAY 29th APRIL.

Tickets on general sale from TUESDAY 7th MAY.

Last year, we sold out and so it is essential that you call in at the office as soon as tickets go on sale after the appropriate date. Thank you.

Alverton Primary School  
production of

Disney  
**FROZEN** JR.  
©Disney

TICKETS NOW  
ON SALE!

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 6.30pm  
Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 6.30pm

**Tickets**

£4.50 adult / £2.50 children over five.

Free tickets for pupils of Alverton School.

Please ask at the office if you have younger children  
who would like to attend.

Music and Lyrics by  
Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez

Book by  
Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee and  
directed by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee

The original Broadway production of *Frozen* was directed by  
Michael Grandage and produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

This amateur production is presented by  
Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI

[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)



## 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**.



Family  
Line

0808 802 6666

ChildLine

0800 1111



0300 123 3393

www.mind.org.uk



for better mental health

Download this image onto your phone for **when you might need help**



**Samaritans:** 24h  
Emotional support to anyone in distress, struggling to cope, or at risk of suicide.

116 123

**Shout:** 24h  
Text service, free on all major networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere.

• If you're over 18, text the word **SHOUT**

• Under 18s, text **YM**

Text: **85258**

### Cornwall's 24/7 NHS mental health support

Call for free, any time day or night if you are worried about your own or someone else's mental health. The team behind the 24/7 open access telephone service will listen to you and determine how best to help

0800 038 5300

### Valued Lives:

Supports people who are experiencing mental or emotional distress in Cornwall. Every day, 5.30pm - midnight.

01209 901438

If you, or someone else, is in immediate danger call **999**



www.cornwall.gov.uk/mentalhealth

If you're worried about a child:

0808 800 5000

help@nspcc.org.uk

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.

citizens  
advice

0344 411 1444

ON YOUR SIDE  
NO MATTER WHAT

0800 58 58 58

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5PM-MIDNIGHT | FREE | CONFIDENTIAL | ANONYMOUS

CAMPAIGN  
AGAINST  
LIVING  
MISERABLY  
CALM

"It's alright to ask for help"

SAMARITANS

116 123

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

AT HOME  
SHOULDN'T  
MEAN  
AT RISK

#YOUARENOTALONE

FIND SUPPORT AT:  
gov.uk/domestic-violence

WCWAid

West Cornwall Women's Aid

01736 367539

https://www.wcwaid.co.uk/helpline

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

### SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

### DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

### FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outshine any suspicions they may have.

### SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

### MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

### BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

### CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

### KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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The National College

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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](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](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.

## **We are recruiting at the Woodland Nursery!**

We are looking for passionate, experienced, qualified (Level 2 or above) Nursery Practitioners to join our dynamic, friendly team at the Woodland Nursery, Alverton School, which is part of Truro and Penwith Academy Trust. This is a hugely rewarding role for the right person, offering great benefits while having the chance to make a real difference to children's lives.

The Nursery is open from 8am-6pm and days and hours will be discussed at interview. These roles will start as soon as possible, subject to relevant checks, and are offered as maternity cover. This will include working in school holidays.

This is an exciting opportunity to join our successful, hardworking and friendly team.

The successful applicants must:

- provide a high standard of physical, emotional, social and intellectual care for children in the setting.
- give support to staff within the setting.
- work as part of a team in order to provide an enabling environment in which all individual children can play, develop and learn.
- build and maintain strong partnership working with parents to enable children's needs to be met.

When writing your application please refer to this advert and to the essential and desirable criteria detailed in the job description.

For more information or an informal chat about the role, please contact Kayla Statham, Nursery Lead on 01736 351135.

Closing date: Wednesday 8th May

Interview date: Thursday 16th May

Alverton Primary School is committed to safeguarding children and young people and the successful candidate will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS disclosure.

Please see our website <http://www.alverton.org.uk> for details about our nursery, school, including our prospectus. Our Child Protection and Safer Recruitment Policies are included in the School Policies section.

We are committed to safeguarding children and the successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, and will be assessed against the Childcare Disqualification Regulations.

**For further information, application form and how to apply please see the Vacancies page on the school website.**

Well I can only apologise because I mentioned that ball of warmth and cheer that occasionally appears in the sky and I don't think it's been seen since! I'm truly sorry so I shall make no more mention of it. Apart from to point out how cold I feel once more, just when I thought spring had arrived. And I'm feeling tired constantly and a little bit teasy if I'm honest with you. So, there you have it, there's my grumble. I'm cold, tired and teasy. If you're feeling at all similar and want to share and unload any blues, come and find me. Thank goodness the weekend has arrived. Now, where's my broolly... Mrs Daylak xx



## STARS OF THE WEEK



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|--|----------------|-----------|---|
|     | Little Foxes   | Erin      | for her fantastic talking during play                               |
|    | Little Owls    | Loveday   | for being fantastic   |
|    | Kittiwakes     | Winnie    | for always being so kind & caring                                   |
|    | Curlews        | Kobe      | for always being a delightful & hard-working member of our class    |
|    |                | Rosa      | for a beautiful poem  |
|    |                | Scarlett  | for a fantastic approach to your learning this week                 |
|    |                | Odin      | for making super progress in writing                                |
|   |                | Alexander | for super progress in reading                                       |
|  |                | Isabelle  | for working so hard in Maths & creating a wonderful poem in English |
|  | Puffins        | Ottile    | for working so hard in Maths & completing Year 4 work               |
|  | Owls           | Jackson   | for being such a kind, hard-working member of our class             |
|  | Kingfishers    | Ruby W    | for always putting 100% effort into all she does                    |
|    | Trencrom       | Finley    | for consistently high quality work in our English topic             |
|   | Lanyon         | Isla      | for brilliant suspense story writing                                |
|   | Kerris         | Joe       | for brilliant suspense story writing                                |
|   | Bodriftly      | Samara    | for being so kind & helpful   |
|   | Bosigran       |           |   |
|   | Kenidjack      |           |   |
|   | Lunchtime Star |           |   |

### DIARY DATES

<b>Friday 3rd May</b>	No Dance club - Steph away
<b>Monday 6th May</b>	Spring Bank Holiday - school closed
<b>Wednesday 22nd &amp; Thursday 23rd May</b> 6.30pm	School show - Frozen
<b>Friday 24th May</b>	School closes for May half term
<b>Monday 27th-Friday 31st May</b>	Half term holiday
<b>Monday 3rd June</b>	INSET Day - school closed
<b>Tuesday 4th June</b>	School opens for second half - summer term

# JUNIOR GIG ROWING TASTER SESSION

AGE 10 - 16? JOIN US FOR A FREE  
TASTER SESSION ON THE 19TH MAY

**AGE 10 - 16?**

Join us for a free taster  
session on Sunday 19th May  
2pm - 5pm

North Quay, Hayle



- Make Friends
- Keep Fit
- Have Fun
- Compete



**MORE INFO**

[WWW.FB.COM/HAYLEGIGCLUB](http://WWW.FB.COM/HAYLEGIGCLUB)



Scan Qr for entry form



26-28 APRIL 2024

CHapel STREET  
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# Chapel Street FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

## Prokofiev's **Peter & the Wolf**

Sun 28 April: 3pm and 4pm

**Free Family Event**

**Chapel Street Methodist Church, Penzance, TR18 4AW**

with the Minack Theatre Acting Academy  
and Chapel Street Ensemble



For more info: [www.chapelstreetmusic.co.uk](http://www.chapelstreetmusic.co.uk)  

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