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FRIDAY NEWS

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Dear Parents/carers

This week is a hub of creativity as Mazey preparations are in full swing! We are very excited to share our creations with you next week in our Mazey parade, as well as ask you to sing-a-long to an old classic with us!

Staffing - we will be sending our staff list for the next academic year out to you all on Monday. We have thought very hard about this and are very excited to share our plans with you.

Parking - We sent parking reminders out this week as the situation has become dangerous again outside school. A few reminders:

Top car park closes at 8.25am

Do not move the cones or take down the chain.

Do not come into the bottom car park without a permit - even to turn around. Permits should be displayed clearly.

The top car park will be opened again at 8.50am for nursery drop off.

I know it seems like we keep saying this, but one child hit by a car is too many. Hope Church car park and Larrigan Crescent are great places to park with safe walking routes.

Have a great weekend

Nichola Smith
Headteacher

Remember – safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Nichola Smith (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at nsmith@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

Class photos

All class photos were taken recently and your child should have come home with a slip with all the information about how to buy them if you wish to. To get free postage back to school, please buy them online by **28th June**. Any questions, please contact Hatchbox direct by emailing photos@hatchboxphoto.co.uk

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.

Alverton Mazey information

All the information about the Alverton parade on the field on Thursday 25th and the procession on Mazey Day on Saturday 27th has been sent home by email this week and is also attached to this newsletter. **We are in the 11am parade on Saturday 27th June.** Please come and support us if you can.



No traffic crossing patrol

Our crossing patrol lady will be absent from the crossing on the following dates:

24th & 25th June - morning & afternoon

Please take extra care when crossing the road on those days.

After school child care

There will be **NO** after school child care on the last day of term **Thursday 23rd July** for any children including Reception. Please collect your child at 3.15pm.

Sun hats and water bottles

Don't forget that your child needs a filled, named water bottle with them every day and if the weather is hot and sunny, please ensure they have a sun hat and have had sunscreen applied before school. Thanks.

Well hello again to you all....I have been reading just random stuff recently, newspapers, magazines and even posters in train stations! And I've uncovered what seems to be a general concern which aligns with how I feel at the moment about all of us adults and you guys especially (and here I'm talking about every single one of you lovely folk who look after children in any capacity whatsoever - parents, carers, grandparents, teachers, all of us). There is a worry that we're not looking after ourselves properly (at all?) and I know I harp on about this often but I do it because it's so important. We. Need. To. Look. After. Ourselves. I hope you're paying attention chaps, I'll be quizzing you on this one. Personally I'm hoping for a really quiet weekend and recharging my social and physical battery with a very small amount of socialising and a lot of peace and quiet. Trust me when I say that when you've done your job and your own small folk have turned big and flown the nest that yes, you'll have times when you miss them, but you'll also love the calm and quiet that comes along every now and then. Maybe you ought to practise a little now? A cuppa and a moment to yourself. Or with me. Anytime. Much love Mrs D xxx





Parent Picnic

POSTPONED UNTIL
THURSDAY 2ND JULY

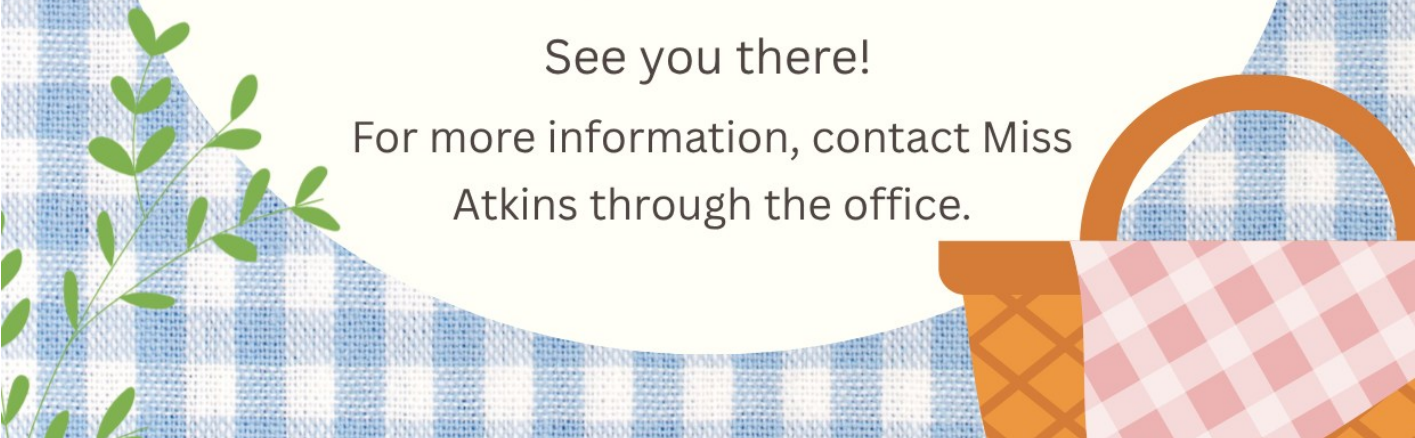
9am-10am on the school field

Bring a flask and enjoy a cuppa with Miss Atkins, Mrs Hughes and other parents from our school. A good time to make new friends and connections.

Everyone welcome!

See you there!

For more information, contact Miss Atkins through the office.





Friday 17th July
2:30pm to 4:30pm

Summer Fair

Save the Date!



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

THECALMZONE.NET/WEBCHAT

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 WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, allowing users to send text and voice messages, share multimedia, make video calls, and chat in groups. With end-to-end encryption, only the sender and receiver can view messages. This may offer privacy, but it also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats enable multiple users to message in the same space, but this can also make it easier for young people to feel excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and young people may feel pressure to respond or stay engaged even when the conversation is uncomfortable or upsetting.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers are increasingly using WhatsApp to trick users into sharing personal information. Common scams include fraudsters posing as family members in an emergency or tricking users into revealing security codes. These can lead to identity theft or access to private conversations.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and 'Chat Lock', which can give users a false sense of security. While intended to protect privacy, they can be used by young users to hide inappropriate conversations or content, making it harder for adults to spot potential issues.

EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS

'Channels' are an optional feature that allows users to follow updates from public figures or organisations; however, there is no way to block this feature or filter its content by age. Young users may encounter adult or distressing content, including misinformation and harmful ideologies.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp users can share their live location, and if not managed carefully, this can allow others – even those in mutual groups – to track someone's whereabouts. Also, without the right privacy settings, young users may be contacted by strangers.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp now includes ads in the 'Updates' feed and has introduced an AI assistant – Meta AI – across the app, which cannot be removed. These additions raise concerns about targeting, privacy, AI use, and the type of content children and young people might interact with.

Advice for Parents & Educators

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Help young users check who can see their profile photo, status, and location. Activate the 'Silence Unknown Callers' setting and set group chat invitations to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' for added safety.

TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS

Encourage caution around unusual and unexpected messages, especially if they involve money or codes. Help young users understand the signs of scams and what to do if they receive a suspicious message. Enable two-step verification to add an extra layer of protection.

BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS

Discuss why children and young people might use features like disappearing messages or 'Chat Lock'. Encourage them to share if something made them uncomfortable, even if the messages are gone. Let them know that privacy should not mean secrecy.

TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI

Explain that WhatsApp now includes ads and AI tools. Discuss the difference between genuine and sponsored content, and the potential for AI to share inaccurate or age-inappropriate responses. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.

Meet Our Expert

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



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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. Your child's teacher will also always be happy to talk to you about online safety.

DIARY DATES

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| Wednesday 24th June 5pm | New Reception parents meeting |
| Thursday 25th June 9.30am | Alverton Mazey Event <i>School field</i> |
| Saturday 27th June | Mazey Day |
| Tuesday 30th June | Year 6 transition day at MBA & HDS |
| Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd July | Year 6 London trip |
| Wednesday 8th July 1.30pm | KS1 Sports Day (re-scheduled) |
| Thursday 9th July 1.30pm | Reception Sports Day (re-scheduled) |
| Friday 17th July 2.30pm | FOAS Summer Fair |
| Thursday 23rd July 1.30pm | Year 6 leavers assembly |
| Thursday 23rd July 3.15pm | School closes for Summer holidays at normal time |
| Friday 24th July | INSET Day– school closed |
| Monday 27th July-Monday 31st August | Summer school holidays |
| Tuesday 1st September | INSET Day - School & Nursery closed |
| Wednesday 2nd September 8.30am | School opens for Autumn term |



CAPE CORNWALL SCHOOL

SUPER! SATURDAY

Years 4, 5 & 6

Saturday 20th June 2026 10.00 - 12.30

History **A Knights Tale**

Design your own knight's shield, using the correct medieval rules

Cape Sport

Join Mr Gapp for an exciting morning of athletics, cricket, and tennis!

DT **Abstract** **Sculpture**

Theme based sculptural design and making.
Craft your very own unique sculpture from various materials based on a chosen theme, it could be man made or inspired by nature!

Art **Manga**

Get creative with manga art—start drawing and bring your characters to life!

English **'Macbeth'**

We will get active, and combine drama games with the original play script. You'll explore how the power of words and ideas convinced one man to murder his King! Does he get away with it? You'll have to come along, speak Shakespearean and find out!

