Alverton School



24/1/25 FRIDAY NEWS N°. 18

Dear Parents/Carers

This week we looked at the idea of mutual respect in assembly. We looked at how penguins form their huddles. They take it in turns to bear the brunt of the cold wind, then move into the middle to get warm. We talked about how in school we work as a team even when it comes to the jobs people don't like to do - like tidying up! We noticed that when we 'show up' for our friends and team mates, it shows them that we care and encourages them to keep going.

On Thursday, I was lucky enough to go on the EYFS trip to the Eden Project. The children had such an incredible time, and were so well behaved. We went from exploring the freezing cold ice rink, where we played on sledges and balance bikes, to going into the rainforest biome and running across the rope bridges in the clouds! What a magical day. Thank you so much to all the parents who came along, and the staff for working so hard to arrange a day that ran like clockwork!

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

Club cancellations

Year 1/2 Football club on **Tuesday 28th January** is CANCELLED.

Year 2 Art club on **Wednesday 29th January** is CANCELLED. Please collect your child at 3.15pm.

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.

Reception and Year 6 height and weight screening

Friday 7th February

All parents in Reception and Year 6 have had an email today about the school nursing team coming in to weigh and measure the children in those year groups. Please remember that this is **opt out** so if you do not wish for your child to be included on the day **you must opt out using the links below:**

Reception: https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/2024-child-health-programme-reception-year/

Year 6: https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/2024-child-health-programme-year-6/

This must be done by Friday 31st January at the latest.

Payments

All payments for swimming, trips, residentials, breakfast club and after school childcare are now on Arbor. When you log in you will be able to see what you owe and pay this by card. Please check your account regularly.

School lunches will continue to be booked and paid for via the Aspens Select site.

Messages

Thank you for being so patient with us as we get used to our new communications system.

Sorry if we are sending lots of messages but if you don't yet have the Arbor App you won't be able to receive in-app messages so we are sending emails as well. If you haven't yet downloaded the Arbor App please do so as soon as possible.

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Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Alverton School and Alverton Woodland Nursery School Holiday Provision

We have spaces for you to book your child into our school holiday provision during the February half term at Alverton Woodland Nursery

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Prices 8am-4pm £35

Options to book additional hours between 4pm-6pm (Late tea at 4:30pm)

Options to book a hot lunch £2.75 and/or tea £1.75 Healthy snacks provided within the sessions

If you wish to book a place or want to find out more information, please contact either Kayla Statham or Mrs Simpson via the nursery office or on 01736 351135

Payments will need to be paid prior to the sessions, as part of the booking terms.



Alverton School pupils only Age reception to year 6



Reminder

New days for wearing PE kit

Tuesdays - Kingfishers and Kerris

Wednesdays - Puffins, Owls and Bosigran

Thursdays - Lanyon and

Trencrom

Fridays - Kittiwakes, Curlews, Bodrifty and Kenidjack



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Hello, my name is Miss Atkins. I am really enjoying being Puffins Class Teacher. I have recently joined Alverton School and couldn't think of a better place to work!

I have recently taken on a new role of being an Autism Champion. My role will be to work with parents, staff and children to support children at our school who have autism. Part of my role will be running parent cafe/drop in sessions with Mrs Hughes, staff training, building on our autism awareness as a school and running interventions to best support your child(ren).

Please feel free to say 'hello' whenever you see me. I am looking forward to getting to know our children and families and working alongside Mrs Hughes.



PARENT CAFE

With the Autism Support Team

An opportunity for parents/carers to speak, be heard and meet whilst enjoying tea/coffee/biscuits.

- Learn more about autism
- Share your worries with others
- Access support networks

TO FEBRUARY 2024

9am - 10am Alverton School

For more information, please contact Miss Atkins



Cornwall Partnership

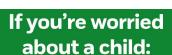
NHS Foundation Trust

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**.

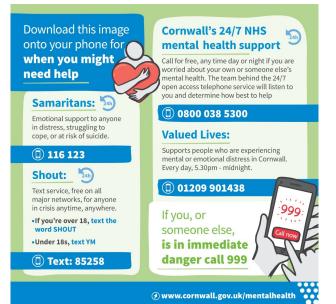








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- www.nspcc.org.uk



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.





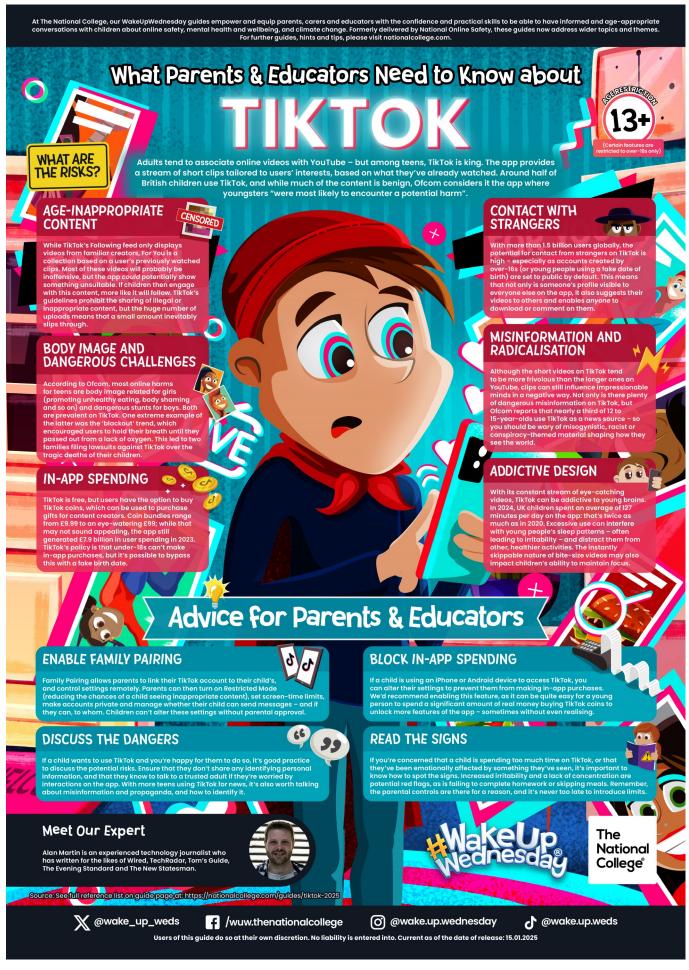


NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE 0808 2000 247 24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE



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.



Do you ever wonder if your child is different? I used to spend a good chunk of time worrying about this - do other children do the same things? Behave in the same way? Think the same thoughts? Do they have friends? Do other children even like them? Do they play all alone? Should I organise play dates? If so, how many? Who do I ask? When should I ask them? If they're clingy, will they always be like this? If they have accidents will they always? Should I

worry? Should I not worry? Questions constantly come at us. And all of this worry! It's totally daunting being parents and carers, and children are all different. They don't even come with a set of guidelines! They're harder to put together than a chest of drawers from IKEA (trust me here, I'm speaking from experience on both matters). If you're worried, come and chat. I can listen. Much love, Mrs D xxxxx

DIARY DATES	
Monday 17th - Friday 21st February	Spring half term holiday
Wednesday 5th March	St Piran's parade - Year 6
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day

