



## Parking

Please can we advise all new parents and remind existing ones that parking is not allowed in either of the school car parks. These are for staff parking only. Nursery parents **only** may use the drop off bays in the upper car park when collecting their children. There are plenty of safe places to park your car just a few minutes walk from the school so you do not need to drive down Toltuff Crescent. The back gate from Lariggan Crescent is unlocked at 7.45am and again at 3pm so please consider using that route if you don't want to park in the Free Church car park. Please park considerately and do not block our neighbours driveways. Consider the safety of your own child and if you must drive into Toltuff Road or Toltuff Crescent, please drive with care and below the speed limit. **The speed limit in Toltuff Road and Toltuff Crescent is 20mph.**

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## Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who donated and came along to the Harvest Festival. We took lots of boxes of food to the local Food Bank and they were extremely grateful. It nearly doubled what they had in stock! We also raised **£201** for Macmillan Cancer Support by selling coffee and cakes. Thank you very much to all the parents that donated and to all the staff who brought in a cake.

MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT

## Individual & family photos

The photographers from Tempest will be in school this **Monday 14th October** to take individual and family photos. Please could you ensure that your child is wearing smart school uniform. Children with siblings in the school or Woodlands pre-school will be photographed together during the day. If you wish to have a family photograph taken with other children and/or parents, please come to the office from 8.30am and take a place in the queue.

## Year 5 camp meeting

If your child is interested in going on Year 5 camp at Porthpean next June, please come along to a meeting on **Monday 4th November** at 3.15pm in Bodrifty classroom. There will be lots of information given out and a chance for you to ask questions.

Please note school is closed on Monday 28th October and Tuesday 29th October for INSET days so the first day back after half term will be **Wednesday 30th October**. Half term is 21st to 25th October.

## Online safety

Please see the information below with some excellent advice about Age Ratings. We will be publishing a different information page each week.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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# What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

**bbfc**

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

**PEGI**

## RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

### WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:



Universal, suitable for all ages



Parental Guidance required



Suitable for people aged 12 and over



Suitable for people aged 12 and over, younger must be accompanied by an adult



Suitable for people aged 15 and over



Suitable for people aged 18 and over



Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers

### WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

### LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: [www.bbfc.co.uk](http://www.bbfc.co.uk)

## RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

### WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:



[www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)



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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



DRUGS



IN GAME PURCHASES



FULLSCREEN



BAD LANGUAGE



DISCRIMINATION



SEX



DRUGS

### LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: [www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)



### FOAS Halloween Disco

FOAS are holding the annual Halloween Disco on **Thursday 17th October**. Times are as follows:

**Reception and KS1 5-6pm**

**KS2 - 6.15-7.15pm**

The cost is £1.50 to include a drink and a Halloween lucky dip. All proceeds raised will go to FOAS funds. Fancy dress optional but please remember that young children may be scared by some costumes. **A very big thank you to Tim Hampton (Ryan and Tyler's Dad) who has kindly donated his lights, equipment and DJ skills free of charge for the evening.**

### Help wanted

If you are able to help at either disco, FOAS would be very grateful. Please let the office know.



### Year 4 camp

If your Year 4 child would like to go to Bude in May next year, please pay the deposit by the date stated to ensure a place is booked for them:

Year 4 - £20 deposit by **Friday 18th October**

**Unfortunately if we don't get enough interest and confirmed deposits by that date, the camp will have to be cancelled.**

### New menu

Caterlink's new menu which starts after half term should have come home with your child. Spare copies are also available at the office. This menu will run until the end of the Spring term.

### Wellies and coats!

Please ensure that your child has a pair of named wellies in school at all times (including in Choughs and Robins) and a coat so that they can use the field at breaktimes and lunchtimes. Reception children need to keep a pair of wellies in school so that they can use our lovely outdoor learning space.

### Lost property

The lost property box is overflowing again. All un-named items will be given to the charity shop or Bag2School after half term. If you are missing anything, please come and check the box after school before **Friday 18th October**. If you name your child's clothing it will get returned to them.

### Need a chat?

Come and have a cup of tea with Mrs Daylak if you have any questions or concerns about anything which might be affecting your child in school. You can find her any Monday to Thursday after school until 4pm. If you would rather make an appointment, please ask the office. She might even find you a biscuit to go with your tea!



## New clubs after half term

Go Active will be running two new clubs after half term:

Mondays 3.15-4.15pm Year 1-4 Gymnastics £16 for 4 weeks

Fridays 3.15-4.15pm Year 1-6 Nerf wars £25 for 5 weeks

To sign up, please ask for a letter from the office. All consent forms and payments must be made in cash by the first club (Monday 4th November - Gymnastics or Friday 1st November - Nerf wars).

## KS2 Dodgeball

If your child signed up to start Dodgeball on Wednesdays after half term this will start on our first day back, **Wednesday 30th October**. If you haven't already paid, please ensure payment (£20) is made to the office by that morning at the latest.

## Cancellation of club

**Drama club** on **Tuesday 15th October** will be for Year 6 only. Year 5 should be collected at 3.15pm.

There will be no Dance Club on **Thursday 17th October** as the hall is being set up for the FOAS Halloween Disco.

## Football

On Tuesday 8th October Alverton's Year 5 and 6 football team pulled off a stunning 7-1 win against St Hilary school in a friendly 7-a-side match. They were strongly captained by Rex. Their formation was 2-1-3 containing Zac M in goal with a cracking save in the first few minutes. In defence was Amon passing the ball forward amazingly to Kyle the hat trick hero. In midfield with the opening goal was Liam. Dexter, the phenomenal passer, was playing left winger and Rex, who also scored three screamers, was on the right. Up front was George T giving loads of opportunities to his team. On the bench was George C, the mischievous miracle maker.

The team will be going to Mounts Bay today to play a 7-a-side tournament and is being taken by Mr T "the sporty specialist".

*Report by Zac, goalkeeper*



# Friends of Alverton School (FOAS)



## Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 30th October at 6pm  
at Alverton School



Why not come along  
to our AGM and find  
out about what we  
do and how you can  
get involved?

We are always  
looking for new  
members and  
would love to see  
you there.



Everyone is welcome!



## **BAG 2 SCHOOL - please start saving your donations**

Having a pre-Christmas clear-out? The Friends of Alverton School has organised another fundraising Bag2School collection. Please help the school by donating good quality clothing for re-use in Eastern Europe or Africa. Bags have now come home. You can bring your filled bags in to school on the morning of **Thursday 14th November** - why not start collecting now? The more we donate, the more money we earn for the school!

Yes please: clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves & ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, bedding.

No thanks: duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, carpets, rugs and mats, soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, school uniforms, corporate clothing and workwear, textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

**Please bring them to school on the morning of Thursday 14th November** (not before, please, as we have nowhere to store them).

Thank you very much for your support.



## **HALF TERM HOLIDAY MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS**

**5-13 YEARS OLD**

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**8:30am – 6pm**

**£16 per child per day**



- Multiple sports
- Arts & Crafts
- Pick individual days to suit you



**BOOK ONLINE**

**[WWW.PENZANCETENNISCLUB.CO.UK/COACHING/HOLIDAY-CAMPS](http://WWW.PENZANCETENNISCLUB.CO.UK/COACHING/HOLIDAY-CAMPS)**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Choughs & Robins	Anemones	for working hard as a team
Puffins	Maison	for settling in so well into a new class and school
Owls	Tyler	for an amazing start to Year 2 and a sensible attitude
Kingfishers	Hannah	for making a fantastic explorer mat
Trencrom	Sienna	for a brilliant week in Maths and her focus during lessons. Well done
Lanyon	Elsa	for working really hard to write an excellent mystery story
Kerris	Jowan	for making positive choices and really wanting to learn
Bodrift	Gabriele	for outstanding writing in English – she always goes above and beyond
Bosigran	Jasmine	for conquering chunking in Maths - you are a star!
Kenidjack	Alex	for generally being brilliant but particularly for wonderful story writing this week
Dinnertime	Aimee	for being such a help in the hall
	Patricia	for being such a help in the hall
PE star	Kyle	for scoring a superb hat trick on his birthday



## Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @alvertonschool to keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are going on.



## CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	★	100%	1
Robins		95.0%	10
Puffins		96.4%	9
Owls		97.3%	5
Kingfishers		99.7%	2
Trencrom		96.8%	8
Lanyon		92.7%	11
Kerris		97.0%	6
Bodrift		96.6%	7
Bosigran		97.5%	4
Kenidjack		98.6%	3
Overall school attendance		97.0%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

## DIARY DATES

### OCTOBER

- 14<sup>th</sup> Individual and Family photographs
- 17<sup>th</sup> FOAS Halloween Disco
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Bodrift at 2.45pm

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM**

**28<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

**29<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

30<sup>th</sup> FOAS AGM at 6pm

### NOVEMBER

- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation evenings - **Choughs & Robins only** – details have come home about how to book
- 8<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Kenidjack at 2.45pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly – Lanyon at 2.45pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation evenings – **Year 1-6** – details of how to book to follow
- 25<sup>th</sup> M & M Theatre Production of Jack & the Beanstalk – details to follow
- 27<sup>th</sup> Last swimming for Kerris, Lanyon and Trencrom
- 29<sup>th</sup> Non uniform day in aid of the FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow
- 29<sup>th</sup> ALL CLUBS FINISH TODAY

