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FRIDAY NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Fair

It was brilliant to be able to hold the first Summer Fair since 2019 last week and what a Summer Fair it was! Thank you to everyone who helped out, donated, bought wrist bands and supported. The total money raised was an amazing **£1124.61**.

A huge thank you to our fantastic FOAS team for all their hard work in planning and organising the event – they are back with a vengeance and we look forward to seeing what their next fundraising plans will be.

Camp!

You may have spotted a few very tired faces at the Summer Fair. They would have belonged to the children (and staff!) who had just got back from a fabulous camp at BF Adventure in Penryn. These seven- and eight-year-olds are our youngest children to go away for the night and they were absolutely amazing! All of the staff were blown away by their enthusiasm to get stuck in to a whole range of activities. For some of these children, it was their first time staying away from their parents and we are very proud of them all!

As I write this, Year 6 are away in London clearly having the time of their lives if Mrs Harman's Twitter feed is anything to go by! They are enjoying an action-packed few days including a walking tour of some of the sights (complete with a photoshoot outside Buckingham Palace), trips on the London Eye and down the River Thames, climbing to the very top of St Paul's Cathedral, a visit to Covent Garden, dining in style at Pizza Express and the Rainforest Café, watching Matilda at the theatre and even fitting in a visit to Legoland on the way home.

Thank you to all the staff who have accompanied the children on these camps and on the Year 4 and Year 5 camps earlier this term. It is a lovely thing to do, because it's great to see the children in a completely different environment, but it's exhausting and very little sleep is involved! Without their dedication, these trips could not go ahead and we really are very grateful to them all.

Have a lovely weekend,

Cathryn Wicks
Deputy Head

Remember – safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Martin Higgs (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at head@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk 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

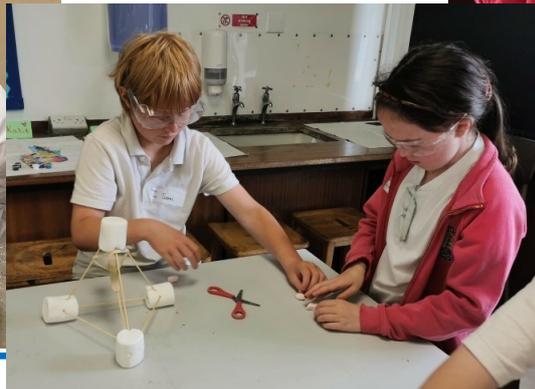
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Year 5 taster morning at Cape Cornwall School

Yesterday our Year 5s went to Cape Cornwall School for an enrichment morning. The children had a wonderful time doing either Cookery, Science, History or French followed by a very tasty free lunch.



Violinists perform

Recently three of our children who learn violin at school took part in a concert which was their first time some of them have performed in public. Juni, Grace and Katie all played lovely little solos in front of an audience of around 50 people. Juni and Grace also played a duet. Very well done to all of you.



Thank you

Thanks to everyone who came along and supported the FOAS Summer Fair last Friday and who donated any items to sell or use. The FOAS team and volunteers did an amazing job and we are so grateful. What a fantastic total of £1124.61!

Thank you to everyone who donated a raffle prize. Special thanks to the following businesses for their support

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Apologies if we have forgotten anyone.

All the money collected will benefit your children.



Hot weather

With the possibility of hot weather on the way please remember that your child needs to have a sun hat and a filled, named water bottle in school every day. Please can you also ensure that you apply sun cream before they come into school.



Lost property

All the un-named lost property remaining in the lost property box on 21st July will be taken to the charity shop so please come and check the box before then if you are missing something. All named items will be returned to your child. The box can be found outside the side hall door by the table tennis tables.

The last day of the Summer term is Friday 22nd July at 3.15pm as Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th are INSET Days.

Please ensure you take home all your child's belongings. Any asthma inhalers or medicines in school will be sent home in the last week of term.

New email address for school

Our email address has changed! If you need to contact us in the office please email:

alverton@tpacademytrust.org

Daisy's Diary

I love my job. I've emptied my work coat pockets today and found lots of things that remind me of nice times. A slightly squashed whale I found growing in the nursery allotment. Little triangles of the playhouse roof. Bits of smashed pot we found on the big dig in the woods that everyone thought might be from ancient times. Teasel seeds from Rory's garden. A slightly threatening welly note. A special feather. Lots and lots of rubbish from around the woods. Left over flatbread from last term, now as hard as steel. A Christmas card from last Christmas that never made it out of my pocket and on to the mantelpiece. A pound! Boom! And giant dahlia seeds that the slugs loved so much they ate them before I even got them out of the packet....



Field of doooooom



It's been a couple of weeks or so of death on the school field. Another fox has died - this is super sad. But there must be foxes left because there was also a dead pigeon, a dead seagull (both in stinky bits), we've had dead mice and a while back those weird giant dead fish. Every time a body is found everyone calls Daisy! Daisy! Daisy! And off I go to scoop up the body or what is left of it and then troop off to dispose of it followed by a line of skipping children like a Pied Piper of doom. What I can't figure out though is the reason a dead, enormous and very heavy edible crab ended up on the field. Very odd. And stinky. I'm not going to illustrate this bit with dead animals. Here's a picture of some cute girls in the mud kitchen instead.

Up for adoption!

I'm looking for a new home for Pearl. She is a lovely bantam that the other two hens have bought up very well, she's friendly and shiny and lays an egg every other day. I'd like her to go and live with some other chickens so she's not on her own because chickens don't like that. The reason I'd like to rehome her is because this year when the hens were broody I would have loved to get them to hatch some eggs so we could have had chicks at school. But I don't have enough room for three hens and chicks! If you could take Pearl please let me know.



Womble Pit

A massive thank you to all of the children who have been working really hard to clear the old playground area behind the car park (also known as the Womble Pit Of Doom). Piles of wellies were moved by the Kingfishers in a long conga line of helpers. Year 5 and 6 students bashed the spikey brambles and carried out branches and braved the enormous nettles. It would have taken me hours and hours to do this on my own! The plan is to put a big container or two in this space to use for storage.

The difference in the Womble pit is amazing. I forgot to take a 'before' picture but it was basically this:



And now it's like this:





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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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

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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.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about STEAM

Steam is a computer gaming digital distribution platform and storefront. It is the biggest platform for desktop- or laptop-based gaming, with a range of more than 30,000 games available. The platform has become a lively social environment for many gamers, and allows people to trade, sell and buy gaming items for real money. Valve, the developers behind Steam, have also released different hardware that works with the platform, including the Steam Deck – a hand-held console that lets users play their favourite games while away from their computer.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNSUITABLE GAMES

Among the 30,000+ games on the platform, there are many that aren't appropriate for children. Individuals can view and download games featuring adult content if they verify their age – but, of course, it's easy to enter a false date of birth online. This can lead to children and young people finding games that they shouldn't have access to: featuring violence or profanity, for example.

SPENDING SPREES

Steam hosts regular sales – including some where game prices are reduced by up to 90%. Some sales promotions also include a mini-game or event which encourages users to spend more money. The sales can be an excellent time for young gamers to purchase the titles they've been wanting, but the attractive discounts can also promote impulse buys driven by the fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Steam isn't a social media site, but it certainly shares some of their elements. Users can add other people as 'friends', for example (whether they know them in real life or not), and then communicate privately with them using text or voice chat. The platform also hosts public discussions and groups for socialising. Steam users can also leave comments on the profiles of other players.

POTENTIAL SCAMS

Sadly, Steam's immense popularity has made it a lucrative destination for internet scammers. The most common ruse is phishing: scammers send links to other users, aiming to trick them into entering their login details – which are then stolen. Once in control of the account, the scammer sends messages to everyone on the victim's friend's list, in an attempt to hijack their accounts too.

SHADY TRADERS

The Steam Community Market is a built-in trading area where players can trade resources for their games on the platform. Gamers can exchange items, or buy and sell them using real-world currency. It's possible for unwary users to be scammed through bad trade deals, and Steam doesn't usually get involved when this happens. There are also third-party trading websites, which can be risky to use.

SPARSE AGE RATINGS

Steam is a digital distribution platform for games of all kinds, including ones not rated by regulatory bodies. Getting a game rated takes a long time, and can be expensive, so developers only tend to follow that process when releasing a title that will be physically sold in shops. Most games on Steam, therefore, don't have an advisory age rating on the store page.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Steam does have some limited parental controls that can restrict exactly what games someone's account can view and access. This can be set up by navigating to the 'Family' tab in 'Settings', then selecting 'Manage Family View'. The platform then allows parents and carers to share a Steam account with their child and limit them to age-appropriate games.

USE GIFT CARDS

Having payment methods (like card details or PayPal) linked to a Steam account makes it very easy for a child to purchase new games or spend money on items in the marketplace. An excellent and safe alternative would be to buy a Steam gift card and let your child make their purchases with that instead – putting a manageable cap on how much they can spend on the platform.

APPLY STEAM GUARD

Steam Guard is an optional additional layer of security that protect accounts. Enabling it ensures that anyone attempting to log in to that account also needs to provide authorisation via their phone or email. The computer that your child uses Steam on can be authorised to prevent having to provide separate authentication for each login.

SHARE A LIBRARY

Using Family Library Sharing lets everyone at home share games across accounts (while still keeping their accounts separate). The entire game library from each account is shared with the other account holders – a great way to avoid having to purchase a different copy of the game for each of your children. However, if two users want to play the same game separately, you would need to buy it twice.

SAFE MODDING

Modifying a game to customise it or to introduce new content – known as 'modding' – is common on Steam. There's nothing inherently bad about modding, but installing the wrong mods can be disastrous: they can stop games from working properly, or at all. Steam's mods are unlikely to contain viruses or malware, but it's still possible – so ensure your child reads the mod's reviews first to avoid anything dangerous.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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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.

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 Wicks 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.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Kittiwakes	River	for being the most efficient, polite & wonderful waiter at our Café Day
Curlews	Kerris	for being a learning machine & an all round wonderful girl
Puffins	Tali	for being such a wonderful, hard working pupil. All the best for the future
Owls	Lowan	for working so hard on his DT vehicle this week
Kingfishers	Alfred	for super progress in reading
	Felix	for super progress in reading
Trencrom	Austin	for working consistently hard in Maths & always taking on a challenge
Lanyon	Tyler	for always working his hardest, behaving beautifully & being a wonderful member of Lanyon
Kerris	Kenzi	for being such a kind, helpful & wonderful young lady all of the time
Bodrifty	Oscar	for impressing Cape Cornwall with his history skills. Well done
Bosigran	Arthur	for being so helpful with cleaning & tidying after Art
Dinnertime	Ella	for always smiling & being so well mannered.



Well summer seems to have arrived and as I sit and write this I am wondering how to make the best of it this weekend, how to avoid getting too much sun at the same time, how to remain cool and not get hot and bothered. A real challenge but a good one. Before the sunshine came our way I was feeling really quite flat to be honest, wondering if this was all we were going to get in terms of summer and feeling rather cheated. Especially as the summer holidays loom, great for some, less so for others. If the thought of six weeks is not an easy one, maybe others feel the same, who knows? Perhaps now is the time to make opportunities, arrange play dates, get the diary out and make dates to hang out with others who may feel daunted at the thought of so many weeks ahead with no structure. Maybe now is also the time to get in touch with me if you do want a chat, if anything is on your mind, rather than have it sitting with you over the summer break. I am, always, happy to help. Mrs Daylak

Diary Dates

22nd July	Year 6 Leavers assembly
22nd July	School finishes at 3.15pm for the summer holidays
25th July	INSET Day - school closed
26th July	INSET Day - school closed

School begins again for the Autumn term on **Tuesday 6th September.**

After school childcare provision

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alvertonkidsclub@outlook.com

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