

Remembrance commemorations

On Monday, the whole school took part in our annual Remembrance service on the field. The children's respect and understanding was exemplary and a tribute to those who we were thinking about and remembering.



Woodlands pre-school closure

Due to the pre-school room being used for polling in the General Election, Woodlands pre-school will be closed on **Thursday 12th December**.

Club cancellations - next week

Due to Parents evenings, the following clubs will be **cancelled** next week:

Monday 18th: Football, Needlecraft, Story club, Gymnastics

Tuesday 19th: Drama, Baking

Wednesday 20th: Dodgeball

All other clubs that week will be on as normal.

ALL CLUBS finish on Friday 29th November except there will be an extra session of Gymnastics on Monday 2nd December (last one) and KS2 Dodgeball on Tuesday 3rd December (last one).

Netball success

On Tuesday our netball team played St Piran's school at Mounts Bay. They had their best match yet beating them 12-1! We are exceptionally proud of them. Well done to Maisie, Rex, George T, Kaiden, Agnes, Poppy V, Nelly and Esme.

Online safety

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

What parents need to know about FIFA

CONSTANT SERIES REFRESHES

The big selling point for the FIFA range of games is that it includes current players; a feature which no other football video game offers. However, this means that a new version of the game is released every year, with updated teams, players and stadia, plus new gameplay features and tweaks. And, with every annual update of the game, there is an expectation that it will be far better than the previous one, so the pressure to upgrade and buy the new version is likely to be immense!

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IN-GAME CHAT

While the FIFA video game is suitable for children of all ages as it does not include any inappropriate content, there is the issue of in-game chat. Your child can play with other people online and chat with them using headsets. As this is largely unregulated, it could mean that your child is exposed to language or conversations that you deem unsuitable.

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FAKE EMAILS, SCAMS AND COPYCAT WEBSITES

Your child may receive an email or see a message on social media or in forums which appear to be a genuine FIFA promotion. While the link may seem like a FIFA login page, it's a phishing scam to capture a login name and password. Scammers may use names that sound legitimate, like 'EA Admin' or 'FIFA Developer'.

BUYING ADD-ONS

In-game purchases are to be expected in any modern game and FIFA is no different. FIFA Ultimate Team (commonly called FUT) is a mode in FIFA that lets gamers build teams of players from any league, playing both offline and online to win coins. These can be used to buy better players or packs containing random players. While some purchases can be made using in-game currency, other purchases involve spending with real world money, which could become expensive. There have been reports of parents receiving large credit card bills resulting from in-game purchase made by their children.

JUST ONE MORE GAME

Your child could be playing FIFA games on their computer or console for very long periods of time. That's not to say that computer-based matches are a full 90 minutes long, but a series of 20-minute matches can very quickly fill up a day! The World Health Organisation has classified 'gaming disorder' as a mental health problem - this is when children have trouble controlling their gaming behaviour and let it reign over their lives and daily routine.

FIFA GAMEPLAY

The FIFA series has been criticised for the competitive nature of gameplay leading to aggression in some players. Add to this the chance to converse with other players via in-game chat, and the potential for anger levels is likely to rise... especially if you're losing heavily!

AGE RESTRICTION

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Top Tips for Parents

CONSTANT SERIES REFRESHES / WHAT TO DO?

As a parent, the implications of this really depends on the age of your child and your relationship with them. It may be that playing and sharing games is part of your family life and so this isn't a problem, but just be mindful that being involved with the FIFA franchise is unlikely to be a one-off event - it's the start of a gaming journey that could last for many, many years and involve numerous (potentially expensive) upgrades.

IN GAME CHAT

It's unlikely that you'll be able to convince your child to play FIFA without making use of the chat facility - it's something that adds to the experience. However, you should ensure your child is aware of how to silence any abusive players and how to report anyone who becomes problematic.

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FAKE EMAILS, SCAMS AND COPYCAT WEBSITES

You should teach your children to stay clear of scams. Explain to them that they must be wary of any link which asks them to either verify their username and password or provide other sensitive information; game developers will never send a message asking for login information. Console messages, emails and websites, or social media posts promoting contests for in-game content, such as packs, players, or coins requiring login information are fake.

BUYING ADD ONS

To spend real money in FIFA, a credit or debit card must be linked to a gaming account, so ensure that your card is not being used for this! There's also support for PayPal payment, so also check who has access to this type of account. Depending on the platform your child is using to play FIFA, there are different parental controls that can be put in place to restrict spending should you allow them to link a card to their account. There is also a payment option called Paysafecard, which allows you to make payments online without the use of a bank account or credit card. As you can top up balances, this makes it easy to control spending.

JUST ONE MORE GAME

The parental controls on consoles can be used to restrict the amount of time spent playing. Physically monitoring how much time your child is spending in FIFA is recommended - just as you might monitor how much time they spend watching TV. Keep an eye out for warning signs, such as a lack of interest in other activities, tiredness or fatigue, neglect of personal hygiene, changes in character or anger issues when your child is told to stop playing a game.

FIFA GAMEPLAY

Monitoring in-game chat may be difficult as you're likely to only be able to hear one side of a conversation. However, noticing how your child is reacting may be a reasonable indicator of the general mood. Dealing with both the frustrations of a game as well as troublesome people can serve as useful life lessons, but as a parent, you know your child better than anyone else. If you notice your child is getting too upset or angry, that's the time to intervene and try to encourage them to take a break from the game.

SOURCES
<http://press.ea.com/products/p1532/ea-sports-fifa-18>
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/men/relationships/fatherhood/10886939/My-son-spent-hundreds-of-pounds-on-in-app-purchases-without-me-knowing.html>
<https://help.ea.com/en-gb/help/fifa/be-safe-with-fut-coins-and-fifa-points/>

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www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Parents Evenings - KS1 and KS2

Our Parents Evenings this term will be held next week. If you didn't book your own appointment via the school website, an appointment time will have been made for you and has been sent home with your child. Please wait in the hall for your child's teacher to collect you.

Change of dates - KS1 and Reception Christmas performances

Please note new dates:

Tuesday 10th December

KS1 Performances at 2pm & 6pm

Wednesday 11th December

Reception Performance at 4pm

Thursday 12th December

Reception Performance at 2pm

FOAS Christmas Fair - Friday 6th December

Christmas raffle

Although the Christmas Fair is not until 6th December, FOAS would like to start collecting items as prizes for the raffle. If you would like to donate any suitable items such as vouchers, wine, chocolates and quality foods etc, please drop them into the office. FOAS will then transform them into lovely hampers. Thank you very much.

Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets to sell have now come home, priced at £1 per ticket. Please sell them if you can and hand the money and stubs into the office. If you'd like more to sell, please let us know.

Bag2School Thank you to everyone who saved old clothes and brought them in yesterday for the Bag2school collection. A fantastic **£112** was raised for FOAS funds which will all go towards enhancing your child's school experience. Thank you very much for your support.



Family Cycle - POSTPONED

Due to the unpredictability of the weather at present, many parents have suggested that we postpone the Family Cycle until the Spring term. As soon as we have another date we will let you know.



Rangers Feadon Farm visit

On Tuesday, the Rangers went for a trip to Feadon Farm. It was brilliant (it always is). All the students worked hard in the cold making an insect hotel and then spent the rest of the day with all the amazing animals - watching the Harris hawk flip in the wind, stroking a baby hedgehog, seeing a ferret do the Floss, being kissed by a fox...the snake even went for a slither through the toggle on Bea's coat and had to be unknotted! Magic! Well done to all the Rangers for trying everything!



Year 5 camp deposits

If your child would like to go to Porthpean next June, the deadline for the deposit of £30 (paid online) is **Friday 22nd November**. Please ensure you pay by then to reserve a place.

Absence from school

If your child is unwell or will not be attending school it is your responsibility to contact the school on the first day of absence no later than 9.30am (there is an answering machine if you wish to leave a message before 8am). If we have not heard from you by this time we will need to telephone home to ascertain the nature of their absence. This is in line with the Government's policy on attendance. Please note that any child who is ill with sickness or an upset stomach should remain away from school for 48 hours after the last episode of illness.

Jack and the Beanstalk

We are delighted to be welcoming M&M Theatre Company back to perform Jack and the Beanstalk on 25th November. All children from Reception upwards will be seeing the performance on that day. Please help us by paying £3.75 per child online as soon as possible if you haven't done so already.



Advent Service

Our Advent Service will be held on **Monday 2nd December** at 9.30am and will be followed by coffee and mince pies for parents. Please come along if you can and start the celebration of Christmas with us.

The Learning Institute

The Learning Institute hope to run Foundation Degree Courses from September 2020 using Alverton School as a venue. There are a variety of courses:

Early Years Professional

Health & Wellbeing in Society

Inclusive Education

Learning & Education

Mental Health & Wellbeing of Children & Young People

A representative from the Learning Institute will be in school on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th November from 3.30-5pm in the hall. Please come along to speak to them if you are interested. Further details can be found by visiting their website www.learninginstitute.co.uk or by calling 01579 386123 or 01726 891807.



The Learning
Institute



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FABULOUS
BOOKS AND
STATIONERY
TO BUY!



ALL
PROCEEDS
GO TO OUR
SCHOOL
BOOK SHOP
AND LIBRARY



REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE TOO!



MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
TO WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
3.30 - 4.30



PIC•COLLAGE

STARS OF THE WEEK

Choughs & Robins	Jackson	for being a delightful, hard working, perfect class member
	Jack B	for being amazing asset to our class & the school at our library trip
Puffins	Piper	for listening well and always trying her best
Owls	Bea	for her amazing moves in gymnastics this week
Kingfishers	Finn	for his fantastic descriptive writing about Skyman!
Trencrom	Jamie	for being a superstar in Maths & being a real gentleman
Lanyon	Layla-Jade	for working extremely hard to learn column subtraction
Kerris	Maisie	for being so sensible & incredibly helpful whilst lantern making
	Cora	for being so sensible & incredibly helpful whilst lantern making
Bodrifty	Verity	for showing enthusiasm for everything we do
Bosigran	Eleanor	for amazing ideas in English this week
Kenidjack	Lily	for finishing three pieces of work brilliantly this week
Dinnertime	Kenzi	for her lovely smile & good manners every day
PE Star	George T	for fantastic netball skills during our match



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!



Twitter

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



DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

- 25th M & M Theatre Production of Jack & the Beanstalk – please pay online
- 27th Last swimming for Kerris, Lanyon and Trencrom
- 29th Sharing assembly – Kenidjack at 2.45pm – **please note new date**
- 29th Non uniform day in aid of the FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow
- 29th ALL CLUBS FINISH TODAY

DECEMBER

- 2nd Advent Service at 9.30am – followed by mince pies and coffee for parents
- 6th FOAS Christmas Fair – details to follow
- 10th KS1 Christmas performance at 2.00pm & 6.00pm – **please note new date**
- 11th EYFS concert at 4.00pm
- 12th EYFS concert at 2.00pm – **please note new date**
- 12th Woodlands pre-school room **closed** for polling
- 13th Pupils Christmas lunch

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	97.5%	5
Robins	96.0%	7
Puffins	93.1%	11
Owls	98.7%	3
Kingfishers	98.0%	4
Trencrom	96.6%	6
Lanyon	95.3%	10
Kerris	99.3%	2
Bodrifty	95.5%	8
Bosigran	95.4%	9
Kenidjack	99.6%	1
Overall school attendance	96.8%	

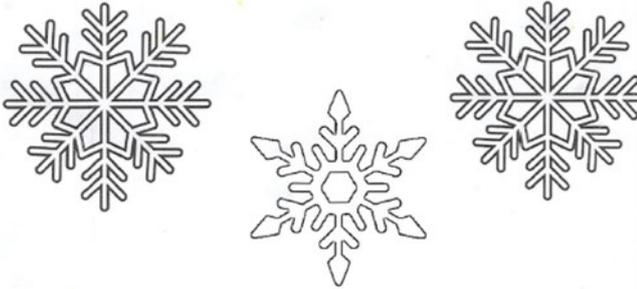


Our collective target is 96.5%





SNOWFLAKES AND CHRISTMAS DECORATION WORKSHOP



WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 3PM-5PM
AT ARCHIE BROWNS CAFÉ

Come and make a Christmas decoration for our café and shop.

We will have paper, cardboard, glitter, crayons and all we need is your imagination!

Free hot chocolate and cookie for any children who make a decoration for us

CHRISTMAS SOCCER CAMP

Festive Football Fun at MBFDC



Monday 23rd December 2019

Soccer Tots (4-6yrs)
10am - 12pm
£6.00

Soccer Pros (7-13yrs)
10am - 3:30pm
£15

Mounts Bay Academy Sports Centre, Penzance, TR18 3JT

All players welcome from any school or club
Come along and have some fun during the festive holidays
All coaching staff are UEFA / FA qualified and DBS checked

Check out the website, pay & register online or turn up on the day

www.mbfdc.co.uk

Contact

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ST IVES SCHOOL OF PAINTING

SUNDAY ART CLUB

An art club for 7-12s, taught by experienced Artist Tutors from our adult programme.
10am - 12pm on fortnightly Sundays from Oct-July.

Figure Drawing
Fashion
3D Constructions
Printmaking
Painting
& Mixed Media

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