

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are in the final half-term of the year, and our minds are turning to end of year events and report writing.

As part of our regular Summer Term calendar, we conduct an annual 360° Review with all members of our school community and, as you know, we ask parents to complete an online survey each year. The information gathered has a direct impact on the direction in which we try to develop the school over the next year and it is very important to us that our parents' voices are represented. To this end, you will find a link to Survey Monkey and a QR code below and I would be very grateful if you could follow one of these and complete the survey which should only take a few minutes. There is also a space for comments at the end if there is anything about the school that you would like to add.

As a school we are always trying to improve and this survey is an important part of that process. That said, it is important for the staff to know that their efforts are appreciated, so it is helpful if those of you who have positive feedback are able to take the time to complete the survey too please as this also helps to provide accuracy and balance when we look at the result.

Thank you for your continued support and for taking the time to complete the survey. As always if you have any issues or concerns that you need to raise, please feel free to contact the school office and make an appointment to come in for a chat.

Martin Higgs
Headteacher

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/59XQV9W>



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

Covid 19

Please see the link below for updated Covid 19 guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

Sports Days

Unfortunately the weather was against us for our LKS2 Sports Day yesterday but it has been rescheduled to **Thursday 16th June** at 1.30pm.

Weather permitting all our other Sports Days will take place next week:

Monday 13th June UKS2

Tuesday 14th June EYFS

Wednesday 15th June KS1

Thursday 16th June LKS2

All will start at 1.30pm on the school field. Please enter through the side gate in the car park next to the Nursery building. For safeguarding reasons the bottom field gate will be kept locked until 3pm. If the Sports Days finish early you may wish to take your child home but will not be able to take any siblings.

Class photos

Class photos were taken today. We are waiting for Tempest to send us the link for each class photo and as soon as they do we will email it to you. All ordering is done online via their website with deliveries back to school before the end of term if you order before the deadline. More information to follow.

Water bottles

We are finding that many children don’t have a water bottle in school. Please remember that your child should have a named, refillable water bottle in school every day which should be filled with **water only** (not squash or juice) and can then be refilled during the day.



Save the date

The FOAS Summer Fair will be held on Friday 1st July from 3.15pm. Please save the date.

Clubs

Clubs continue for another 3 weeks finishing on Friday 1st July.

After school childcare provision

Any queries or to book please contact Mr Timmons direct on 07843 126833 or by emailing him on alvertonkidsclub@outlook.com



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 & Carers Need to Know about

THE METAVERSE

AGE RATING

Varies per metaverse platform

'Metaverse' is a relatively new term to many, however the concept has been around for some time. Videogames, for example, use many aspects of the metaverse; avatars, digital currency, mini-games, and open communication. A metaverse can also take many forms; Fortnite can be seen as a metaverse, as is Roblox. Put simply, a metaverse is an online environment where people interact, play games and express themselves. Away from traditional videogames, there are newer and more 'dedicated' metaverses such as Decentraland, The Sandbox and Somnium Space which are akin to Second Life.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNSAFE AREAS

Many metaverse platforms feature little to no moderation. This is due to the decentralised nature of the metaverse - as there is no one company overseeing the platform, users can create and build with freedom. This can be a minefield for younger users as adult material or sensitive topics can feature on a parcel of land seen by everyone.

VOICE COMMUNICATION

The freedom found within creation is also found in communication. Most metaverses use proximity VOIP communication (Voice Over Internet Protocol) and users can approach any other user to start a conversation. It is necessary for avatars to be quite close to another in order to talk and once they are, anything can be said. While a chat box can be moderated, voice chat cannot.

ANONYMITY

As with almost every other form of online interactions, anonymity features heavily within the metaverse. The concept for the metaverse is to live any type of life digitally. This could mean that 'bad actors' (those with malicious intent) can take advantage of others with ease. Reporting and monitoring these users is becoming easier on the more popular platforms, but others struggle to police these situations.

VIRTUAL REALITY

Not all metaverse platforms are VR enabled, in fact less than 10% feature VR interactivity. However, it's always worth monitoring the amount of time younger users spend in virtual reality. A VR metaverse differs greatly to VR gaming in user interaction. Approaching each other in a VR metaverse attempts to represent 'reality' and can result in a greater impact if experiences are negative.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT

Whether in virtual reality or not, interactions and experiences in the metaverse can often carry more weight because they mimic 'real life'. Oftentimes, due to the freedom in avatar creation, younger users may open themselves up to bullying, prejudice or an unrealistic idea of reality. For instance, female-orientated avatars may find themselves targeted by bullies or inappropriate users.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TRY IT OUT FIRST

This may sound like an obvious tip, but by entering the metaverse and exploring on your own, you'll be able to see what your child might. You can explore the busier areas and even the quiet sections to see what users are building or advertising. You'll also learn first-hand how users communicate with each other. Many metaverse platforms will feature an entry area which showcases the busiest areas. Check them all out and see what's happening.

LEARN ABOUT NFTS, WALLETS AND CRYPTO

With the metaverse comes Web3 technologies such as NFTs, cryptocurrency and wallets in which to store them. If you have a crypto wallet, do not connect it to your child's metaverse. One simple click could result in loss of cryptocurrency. If you are unsure what these technologies are, try to research them as these terms will appear in the metaverse.

CREATE AN AVATAR TOGETHER

If you decide on allowing your child into the metaverse, set up their initial avatar together. This way you can ensure the avatar is age-appropriate and keeps their identity private. You can also advise on aspects which may result in attracting bullies or unwanted attention. It will also allow you to see which avatar items cost money, and talk to your child about in-game spending.

START WITH THE FAMILIAR

There are already metaverse experiences with children in mind; explain to your child what a metaverse is and have them recognise similarities between those and games like Roblox, Fortnite and Minecraft. Unfortunately, there is no 'child safe' metaverse option as yet, though Epic Games and LEGO are currently developing a family safe metaverse.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Lipscombe is a father to two girls, aged 14 and 12. Before Dan began his Web3 metaverse journey, he worked as a videogame journalist and author for a decade; reviewing games, talking to creators and writing about videogame trends. Dan has also written fifteen guide books about Fortnite, Minecraft, Roblox, Apex Legends and Valorant for HarperCollins and Bonnier 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	Enys	for consistently great behaviour all week
Curlews	Marley	for amazing perseverance to get her number bonds to 10 badge
Puffins	Frankie	for his effort in his reading even when he felt poorly
Owls	Charlie	for trying hard with his handwriting
Kingfishers	Oscar	for super progress in Maths especially times tables
Trencrom	Izzy	for being a fantastically fun member of our class & trying her best for our LKS2 sports day
Lanyon	Hayden	for trying really hard at sports day. Well done
Kerris	Kai	for working so hard & being so wonderful all of the time
Bodrifty	John	for always being so knowledgeable, hardworking and polite
Bosigran	Kaelan	for always being such a gentleman and always willing to help
Kenidjack	Ryan	for being a brilliant help to Daisy building the Year 6 shelter
Dinnertime	Phoebe	for being such a great help with our younger members of the school
	Poppy	for being such a great help with our younger members of the school
	Summer	for being so sensible and helpful at lunchtimes
Breakfast Club	Sienna	for always being polite and having a happy smile on her face
	Hollie	for always being polite and having a happy smile on her face



LOST

Kai in Kerris has lost his tie complete with all his badges. Please can you check at home and hand in if found. Thanks.

Contact details

If you've moved house, changed your landline or mobile number or your email address please let us know. We correspond with you in all these ways so please help us by keeping your details up-to-date. Thanks.

Diary Dates

13th June	UKS2 Sports Day - 1.30pm
14th June	Reception Sports Day - 1.30pm
15th June	KS1 Sports Day - 1.30pm
16th June	LKS2 Sports Day (rescheduled) - 1.30pm
22nd June	Alverton Mazey Parade - pm
25th June	Mazey Day (Parade time TBC)
30th June-1st July	Year 3 camp at Penryn
1st July	Clubs finish
1st July	FOAS Summer Fair - 3.15pm
5th July	Year 6 transition day
6th-8th July	Year 6 London trip

GOLOWAN

Community Workshops Hweljiow Kernenethek



Golowan is 'Going Back to the Future' and starting its two weeks of festivities from the Friday the 10th of June, by working closely with Truro & Penwith College and local artists to deliver a programme of **FREE workshops**.

We challenge Penzance community to ready itself for the return to festivities and Mazey Day madness by gathering your creativity and exploring workshops of dance, music, masks, headdresses, flags, lanterns, wicker boats and more!

Look for the Golowan Community Workshops fliers with: **'What; Where; When; and How'**, because you already know **'Why'** at the beginning of June or check our social media platforms at: www.golowanfestival.org
Facebook: Golowan Official
Twitter: @GolowanFestival



Photographs by John Stedman

We look forward to seeing your creations on Mazey Weekend!!

BACK TO GOLOWAN

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Most workshops are being hosted, just up the road, at the architecturally impressive Penwith College Campus, where it is inviting the community to get its creative juices flowing in preparation for the Mazey weekend.

Starting on **Friday the 10th of June** and finishing **Sunday 19th of June**, shake off the restraints of the last couple of years and get back to celebrating our rich community!

To ensure your place on a workshop scan this QR code to book on Eventbrite. Or alternatively just sign in @ reception & drop by to see what's happening!

Check our website and social media platforms for details.

www.golowanfestival.org
f @GolowanFestival
@ golowan_festival

We look forward to seeing your creations on Mazey Weekend!! (25th & 26th of June)

Children must be accompanied by an adult please.

When visiting PENWITH COLLEGE remember to sign in at reception (Sennen building) to find out where your Workshop is

Photos by Greg Martin and John Stedman

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CREATECH MAKING WORKSHOP

REGISTER HERE



For kids 4-14 (and their families)

Stop-Motion Animation

Use clay, paper and re-purposed materials to create stop-motion animations that tell 'Your Climate Story'. Design your own stage, create your story and bring it to life with technical filming and editing skills!

Creative Circuits

Using simple electronics like circuit tape and LEDs, kids will be able to light up their own drawings with the press of a button or construct their very own lighthouse using repurposed plastic bottles!



11th June 2022
Drop-in anytime
10:00 - 16:00
Learning Space,
PK Porthcurno

Free Event

