

Mazey Day - Saturday 29th June



It was such a shame that our Alverton Mazey parade had to be cancelled yesterday due to the strong winds forecast but we had a lovely celebration in the hall yesterday morning with music and singing. It's going to be even more exciting for you to see our big image on Saturday! A vast amount of time and effort has gone into making our part of the parade as wonderful as we hope it will be. A big thank you to all our children, staff and the incredible creative talent that is Mrs Hobin

who made the tree for our main image and Alanna from Year 6 who designed it. Don't forget that we are in the 1pm parade tomorrow so please come along if you can. We would love more children to take part, particularly in KS2, so please come along. Year 6 **only** need to meet outside St Johns Hall (right hand side) from 12.30-12.45pm to collect their leaves. Children from Reception to Year 5 need to meet at the minibus



in the corner of Penlee Park between 12.30-12.45pm, wearing green then make their way to the top of Morrab Road. Please can one adult only accompany EYFS and KS1 children and no adults accompany KS2 children at the request of the Golowan organisers or the parade will be too big. Thank you for your support.



Online safety

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

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EA
SPORTS

You don't need to be the biggest football fan in the world to have heard of FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) - the governing body for football. And, the video game series bearing the organisation's name is one of the most successful ever. The lure of this football series is that official licensing gives your child the opportunity to play games in the role of their favourite players. They can either work through a story mode version of the game or play online in competitions against other players. The game, released annually by Electronic Arts under the EA Sports label, is available for a range of consoles, and there are also mobile versions available for smartphones and tablets. The most recent version is FIFA 18, but FIFA 19 is due for release later in the year.

AGE RESTRICTION
3+

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 stadiums, 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!

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.

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 purchases 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!

NOS National Online Safety

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.

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

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FOAS Summer Fair - Friday 5th July

**NEXT
FRIDAY!**

Over the past few years the FOAS Summer Fair has been one of the highlights of the school year for the pupils, with the range of activities offered changing every year to keep it fresh and exciting. There will be lots and lots of things for children to do including a bouncy castle, arts and crafts, action packed games plus food stalls, an amazing raffle and much more. To keep the fair as inclusive as possible we are again offering ALL activities for free, and just charging a £2.50 fee for a wristband for each child (up to and including 13 years old; 3 years and under are free) to cover this. **Wristbands will be on sale at the office from next Monday 1st July.**

Help needed

To make this happen we need help from parents, grandparents and carers! You can help to set up the fair, serve on a stall or clear away, even an hour of help when it's easiest for you will help us create this experience for our children, and raise funds. Many of the huge improvements to our school environment in the last couple of years have been directly funded by FOAS events. Please give a little time for the school fair if you possibly can. Please sign up on the board in the reception area. Thank you!

Wanted!

We'd be very grateful for any **plants** for the plant stall which can be brought into school as near Friday as possible.

We are still collecting **egg boxes** so if you have any please drop them into the office.

Summer Fair Raffle

We would also be very grateful for any raffle prizes. Items such as wine, chocolates, vouchers for hair or beauty, cafes, etc or any other quality things that you would be pleased to win in a raffle would very gratefully received. Letters and raffle tickets have now come home. Please sell them if you can and return the stubs and money to the office.

Cakes!

Cake plates will come home soon so please fill them with biscuits, buns or cakes and return them on Friday 5th. Thank you for your support.



Insect house

Look at the amazing insect house that some of our children made with Cormac yesterday! It was made by lots of Chobins and made and installed by a group from Bodrifty and Lanyon yesterday. They have named it Buglins and it is a hotel with restaurant, play areas, swimming pool and water slide (that's the blue pipe on the front). Please have a look - it's in the field opposite the Wherrytown boating pool with all the beautiful wildflowers in.



Please can you ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school with them each day. It is very hot and it is important that the children drink plenty of water. Thank you.



Clubs

ALL Clubs except Jump Dance have now finished for this term. New lists for next term will come out when we come back in September.

Jump Dance have two more sessions:

Monday 1st July

Thursday 4th July

Thursday 11th July (to make up for Steph's missed session last week)

Sports Day reminder

Tuesday 2nd July - KS2

If you are able to come and watch, this one starts at 1.30pm on the school field and we'd be pleased to see you. There will be refreshments for sale in aid of school funds.

Year 5 assembly

Thursday 4th July at 2.15pm

Please come along if you can.

Late Arrivals

Recently we have found that quite a number of children are arriving late in the morning.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school between 8.45am and 9am as the school day begins at 9. If your child arrives late, the class is disrupted and your child may not find it easy to settle into their work and will have missed the important social time first thing in the morning with their friends. Registers close at 9am and if your child arrives after 9.30am, they will be marked down as an unauthorised absence for the whole morning in line with the DfE guidance. If you run late regularly, you could consider using our Breakfast club which starts at 8am and costs only £2 to include breakfast.

Go Active summer holiday club

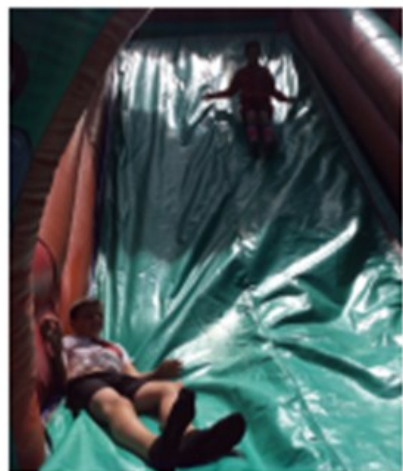
Go Active is running a day's holiday club on Wednesdays in August from 9am-3pm at school at a cost of £12 per child.

This is only open to children currently on roll at Alverton School - sorry no older or younger siblings or friends and relations. For more information, please contact Mr Timmons on 07843 126833 or ask for a letter at the office. Booking with payment must be made by Monday 22nd July.

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!





A Cornish Country Garden Summer Fair

garden-inspired activities

bbq

arts and crafts

hook the duck

bouncy castle

cream teas

ice creams

Pimms

face painting

zorbing

henna tattoos

live music

water splat



Alverton Primary School

Friday 5th July 2019

3.15 - 5.00pm

Wristbands £2.50 (ages 4 to 13)



SENNEN Bar & Bistro STAFF WANTED!

We are looking for Front of House and Back of House staff!

If you're hardworking and reliable with a passion for customer service come and be part of our fun team!

CALL ON - 01736 812675
EMAIL - THESENNENBARANDBISTRO@GMAIL.COM

Music lessons in September

If your child is interested in taking part in music lessons from September there are currently spaces to do keyboards, woodwind (recorder, flute or clarinet) and ukele. If your child is Year 2 or above and you would like more information, please ask at the office.

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	87.6%	11
Robins	98.5%	3
Puffins	97.2%	5
Owls	93.1%	10
Kingfishers	95.9%	9
Trencrom ★	99.6%	1
Lanyon	97.2%	5
Kerris	97.4%	4
Bodrifty	96.7%	7
Bosigran	98.7%	2
Kenidjack	96.7%	7
Overall school attendance	96.4%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

July

- 2nd KS2 Sports Day - NEW DATE
- 4th Y5 Assembly at 2.45pm
- 5th Guitars and keyboards finish today
- 5th FOAS Summer Fair – more details to follow
- 9th Y6 Transition Day at Mounts Bay or Humphry Davy
- 10th-12th Y6 London trip
- 16th Guitar recital at 2pm
- 18th Parent Helpers lunch at 12.15pm
- 23rd Y6 Leavers assembly at 2.15pm

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15pm TODAY

24th & 25th Staff training days

SCHOOL REOPENS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM ON THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER.

