

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert

Please don't forget to come along to our Carol Concert on **Tuesday 17th December** at the Chapel Street Methodist Chapel starting at 6.30pm. Key Stage 2 children will need to arrive, in full school uniform (including ties), between 6.10pm and 6.20pm. Please do not arrive any earlier. Parents of Key Stage 1 and EYFS children are also very welcome to attend and to bring their children along.

In order for us to have our final rehearsal at the church, we would like to ask you please **to arrange for your Key Stage 2 child to arrive at the church on the morning of Tuesday 17th December between 8.45am and 9am.** (If your child attends Breakfast Club on that day, they will be transported to the Chapel from school in the minibus). We will register the children at the church and walk them back to school in time for normal lunchtime arrangements. Please could any children who are playing their instruments bring them to school on Monday and to the church on Tuesday morning. A letter has also been sent home to all KS2 children about arrangements.

Christmas charity collection

Our chosen charities this year for our retiring collections at all our Christmas performances are St Petrocs and the CTIPA Penzance Foodbank. These local charities help hundreds of people a year who find themselves homeless or who need support. We would be grateful for any amount you could give. Thank you.



Payment of debts

Please could all debts for schools meals, breakfast club, nursery sessions etc. be paid by Thursday at the latest. Thanks to all the parents who pay promptly - it is much appreciated. There are still a number of outstanding debts for swimming, M&M theatre production and other subsidised events held this term. Unfortunately without your support we may not be able to continue with some of these in the future.

Reminder

School finishes for the Christmas holidays next **Friday 20th December at 3.15pm** (normal time). The Spring term starts on Monday 6th January 2020 at 9am.




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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 for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

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.



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:



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

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:



PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



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

Christmas lunch

A huge thank you to all our staff and the kitchen staff who prepared, cooked and served a delicious Christmas lunch to over 270 people. You did a fantastic job!



Parenting workshop

We are running a parenting workshop in January over two sessions on **Friday 17th January and Friday 24th January from 9.30am-12pm**. There will be lots of useful strategies to help you and your child and the chance to ask our Family Support workers questions if you have any concerns in a relaxed, informal environment. Refreshments provided. If you'd like to come along to these please let the office know.



Decorated window

If you are in town, please, please vote for our Christmas window display which is in the Q-tec computers window towards the top of Chapel Street on the left hand side as you go down. You can collect a voting card from one of the thirty six participating shops. The winning school window will receive £250 and one lucky voter will receive £100. Many thanks to Miss Williams and her team of creative staff.



Thank you

A huge thank you to all the parents, families and children who supported the Christmas Fair last Friday. A fantastic total of **£1494** was raised which included £647 on the raffle. Your generosity will help fund many different items and experiences for the children at Alverton. It is very much appreciated by the children and the staff.

Our staff have also given up a lot of their time and energy to help prepare and we are very grateful to them. Particular thanks to Alex Rowe, Heather Weeks, Maili Buckingham, Robert Wright, Zoe Davey, Anna Maddern, Tamsin Woodhead and the FOAS team and all the parent volunteers who organised it so well.

The following businesses gave prizes for the raffle and we thank them so much for their support. Apologies to anyone who has been forgotten from this list:

Fat Hen - the Wild Cookery School	Senara Restaurant
Pure Nuff Stuff	Lavenders
Edge of the World bookshop	Hunter Walsh
Isles of Scilly travel	Morvah
Tinnars Arms	Yacht Inn
Eden Project	New Hong Kong
Jessica Turner - the Enamel House	

The raffle was drawn today and congratulations to the prize winners. If you won a prize either your child will come home with it or you should have been contacted by FOAS to come and collect it.

A big thank you to all the parents, family, friends and staff members that donated prizes for the raffle, brought in a jar, toy or anything else, baked a cake or came along and spent some money.



Applying for a school place for September 2020

If you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 you need to apply for a school place in a Reception class to start in September 2020. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2020. The easiest way is to apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions. For more information call the Admissions team on 0300 1234 101 or visit the website.

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!



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	93.9%	2
Robins	94.0%	1
Puffins	91.0%	3
Owls	89.7%	4
Kingfishers	89.3%	5
Trencrom	84.7%	8
Lanyon	89.3%	5
Kerris	86.4%	7
Bodrifty	67.2%	11
Bosigran	77.5%	10
Kenidjack	78.2%	9
Overall school attendance	80.7%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

Lost

Levan in Lanyon has lost his blue/grey camouflage waterproof coat. It is named. Emily in Robins has lost her black plimsolls size 11. They are named. Please check at home and hand back in if found.

Lost Property

The lost property box is overflowing again. If you are missing anything, please come in and check after school. We will be emptying the box on **Friday 20th December** and sending everything that is not named to the charity shop unless it is claimed.

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

DECEMBER

17th KS2 concert at 6.30pm at the Chapel Street Methodist Church

20th SCHOOL CLOSSES at normal time 3.15pm

The spring term begins on Monday 6th January 2020





Thursday 23rd January 2020

Starts 10.00am to 12.00 noon

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO *Sleep Wise*

Booking is essential – to book a place

Email admin.penzance2@cornwall.gov.uk

Or Call Julie Attwell Cook 01736 336909



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with your child's
sleep?

Are you tired stressed
& need help to make
the 'right' changes?

Benefit from practical
tips & learn more
about sleep

Help your child
achieve a good nights
sleep

Personalised mini
sleep plan

For parents who
have children with
additional needs

VENUE

Hayle Family Hub
Bodriggy Street
Hayle
Cornwall
TR27 4ND

CORNWALL COUNTY CHOIRS



Aged 3–8? Love singing?
Mini Singers is Cornwall's County Choir for boys and girls aged 3–8.
Expect a variety of songs with plenty of movement and actions.
No auditions, just bring a smile!

The Cornwall Music Education hub has extended the Cornwall County Choir family to include younger singers from ages 3 to 8 years old. The Mini Singers and Junior Mini Singers will take place in two locations: Penzance (weekly during term time) and Truro (monthly during term time).

Penzance Weekly Sessions - Tuesdays

Mini Singers (for children aged 3 – 5 years)

4pm – 4.30pm weekly on Tuesdays at St Mary's C of E Primary School, Redinnick Place, Penzance.
Children to be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the session.

Junior Mini Singers (for children aged 6 – 8 years)

4.30pm – 5.15pm weekly on Tuesdays at St Mary's C of E Primary School, Redinnick Place, Penzance.
Parents not required to stay for the sessions.

Penzance Mini Singers and Junior Mini Singers Dates for Spring Term 2020

January - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

February - 4th, 11th

March - 3rd, 10th, 19th (Thursday), 24th

What does it cost to join Mini Singers and Junior Mini Singers?

Choir members pay a termly membership fee which is subsidised by the Cornwall Music Education Hub. The current termly fee is £30 for Mini Singers (10 x 30 minute sessions for children aged 3–5 years) and £35 for Junior Mini Singers (10 x 45 minute weekly sessions for children aged 6–8 years). Mini Singers County Choir membership includes a Cornwall County Choirs T-Shirt.

Places for these groups are limited and pre-booking is essential.

Children aged 3-5 must be accompanied during the sessions.

To register, email CMEH@cornwall.gov.uk

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