Alverton School

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FRIDAY NEWS



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Dear Parents,

As you know, we have today had to shut our Key Stage 1 and Woodlands Pre-school bubbles because of a confirmed case of coronavirus. Letters regarding this have been sent to you all. We had already written the remainder of this newsletter and it now feels more timely than ever.

I'm sure you will agree that the government's announcements regarding restrictions, together with local statistics, have been a sobering reminder that coronavirus is far from over and that we will all need to continue to find a way to live with this situation.

With this in mind, and with the recent increase of cases in Cornwall, we are tightening up on procedures in and around the school. Please could I remind you about our drop off and pick up arrangements:

- Please wear a mask when you are on site (unless exempt from doing so)
- Please maintain two metre social distancing at all times
- Please ensure that only one adult drops off or collects children
- Please keep the paths clear
- Please follow the one-way system

As we mentioned last week, please leave the site as soon as you have collected your children at the end of the day. Thank you.

Within school, we are carrying on with our usual summer activities, even though they look a little different this year. Years 5 and 6 held their Sports Day on Tuesday, with Lower Key Stage 2 planning theirs for next week. We will make sure that the children all have a great time, even though you are not there to cheer them on in their races.

Mazey celebrations are also taking place, albeit differently. In previous years, as you know, we have held our own parade around the estate. This is obviously not possible this time and, instead, we will be holding an event for the children on the field. This means that we will still be able to enjoy and celebrate everyone's creations and the children and staff, led by Miss Williams, are hard at work on these all across the school. Photos will follow, and possibly a film so that you will be able to see some of it for yourselves. It will still be a memorable event for the children (complete with the traditional drink and cookie – very important!). Please see the information on Page 3 about the clothes your child will need to wear on Thursday. I'm sure you will understand, these arrangements will remain under review. You will be able to view our main images in the Golowan in the Gardens exhibition – please see the information on the next page.

The children at Alverton continue to be absolutely amazing – teachers are in the middle of writing their end of year reports and it is lovely to read about all the great things they have done this year. Thank you.

Martin Higgs



MORRAB GARDENS MAZEY DAY & QUAY FAIR DAY SAT, 26 JUNE & SUN, 27 JUNE 2021

To replace the Market Jew Street Parade this year, schools and community groups are creating fabulous parade images to display in Morrab Gardens over Mazey Weekend.

Also music on the Bandstand, children's activities & performances, and refreshments.

Come give them a cheer

COVID-19 compliance: Limited numbers (but still room for plenty ③)

FREE 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Come follow the Serpent Trail.... Recommended stay 1hr



www.golowanfestival.org

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Please keep checking the Golowan website in case these arrangements change.

Thursday 24th June - Alverton Mazey Celebration

On Thursday 24th June, the children do not need to wear their school uniform and should instead wear clothes in the following colours.

Nursery, Choughs and Robins:blue, white, silverPuffins, Owls and Kingfishers:red, orange, yellowTrencrom, Lanyon and Kerris:blackBodrifty, Bosigran and Kenidjack:green

Mazey film

There's a film about the history of Mazey currently on Facebook - please see the link below. Alverton School was central to its creation and there's some footage of the school from the early 80s near the start of the film. It really is worth a watch if you haven't seen it already.

https://www.facebook.com/746428381/posts/10159069456143382/?d=n

Golowan Exhibition

This year is the 30th anniversary of the Golowan Festival and to celebrate its colourful history since its revival in 1991 they are hosting a pop-up exhibition in the former Argos store in Wharfside Shopping Centre.

The Argos industrial unit will be transformed into a fascinating multi-media exhibition commemorating the history of Golowan and its people, for the two weeks in June leading up to Mazey Day.

Due to Covid constrictions and the need to limit numbers attending tickets are needed in order to visit the museum and these should be booked in advance.

Details are on their website golownafestival.org or follow the links below.

https://www.facebook.com/events/260720589169119/

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/golowan-festival-exhibition-tickets-156418222113

Sun Safety - Years 1-6

Now the weather has improved, on sunny days, please send your child to school with **suncream already applied**. They should also remember to bring a **named hat or cap** to wear at break and lunchtime and have a named water bottle in school at all times. If you think your child will require suncream to be applied during the school day, please send in a named bottle in their bag so that they can apply it themselves. Thank you.

Nursery & Reception children have separate information which has come home.

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**.





NSPCC

Help for children worried about COVID

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keepingchildren-safe/childrens-mental-health/ depression-anxiety-mental-health

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.



https://www.wcwaid.co.uk/helpline

Remember – safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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

Class photos

Tempest have now sent us the links for the class photos and they have been emailed out. If you haven't received it, please contact the office and we will resend it. All orders in within 14 days will not be charged carriage back to school.

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.

Coronavirus symptoms

The main symptoms are:

A high temperature (hot to the touch on chest or back)

OR

A new, continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)

OR

A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste (you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal)

If you or your child have any **ONE** or more of these you must get a COVID-19 test as soon as possible and stay at home and do not have visitors— only leave home to get the test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result. **Please ring or email the school office as soon as possible to let us know.**

You can book at test online at:

https://www.gov.uk/get-

<u>SafeToNet</u> is an app for parents to help them safeguard their children from online risks like cyberbullying and sexting, whilst respecting their child's rights to privacy.

Online Safety

The BBC have a website and app called <u>Own It</u>. The website has a lot of content for children to help them navigate their online lives, and the free smartphone app comes with a special keyboard which can intervene with help and support in the moments that children need it the most.

Whilst there are huge benefits to being online in order to stay connected to family and friends, many parents may feel concerned about the activities and content their children are accessing. This guidance outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to receive support and advice. This information is updated as needed (it's recently added new infromation on apps) so it's worth another look.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/ coronavirus-covid-19- support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online

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Free School Meals

At this time, many families may find themselves eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium who previously did not meet the criteria. Please read this page carefully to find out if you are now eligible.

Cornwall Council are continuing to process new applications for Free School Meals. Please ensure that you read the eligibility criteria before applying and complete the online application form if you are eligible.

https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for -free- school-meals-and-pupil-premium/

Postal applications are currently not being accepted but, if you are unable to apply online, 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. Please make sure that your phone will accept calls from a private / withheld number.

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 underlying entitlement to benefits-related Free School Meals. Please ensure that you check this and apply if appropriate, even if your child is in one of these year groups, because of the additional benefits (eg food vouchers during holiday times where these are given by the Government).

Your child may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals if their parent / carer (or the child themselves in their own right), receives of 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

However, you will be temporarily eligible to claim free school meals if you receive a Working Tax Credit run-on, which is the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If you think that your child is eligible for Free School Meals, we strongly recommend that you contact Cornwall Council as detailed above.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Choughs	Leo	for making amazing progress in all areas of his learning
Robins	Kitto	for trying new things and not giving up all week
Puffins	Kit	for settling so well into a few school and being an absolute star
Owls	Marley	for setting such an exceptional example of behaviour on our trip
Kingfishers	Dylan	for super work in Maths
Trencrom	Sophia	for always using her manners, working hard & standing out for her efforts in swimming
Lanyon	Jamie	for working so hard to write an excellent poem - you really persevered
Kerris	Rickie	for his fantastic rounders skills. You were excellent
Bodrifty	Logan	for always being so cheerful, friendly and hardworking
Bosigran	Oliver K	for being a great friend & making everyone smile - a lovely person to have in Bosigran
Kenidjack	Georgina	for super work all year and being a fantastic Mazey maker
Dinnertime	Ruby G	for always having lovely manners



Mrs D

Hello again, I hope you're all feeling good? I have been rather grumpy this week to be honest. For several reasons. The weather still isn't brilliant, although I must concede it's made a definite improvement (though I'd still like it be warmer and more sunny with less wind). The lockdown release we were all looking forward to so much, if for no other reason than it signalled the ending of all of this chaos and unpleasantness, has been postponed. Even if I didn't want to suddenly launch myself into a life of parties and nights out seeing friends, going out for drinks, going to the cinema, having a meal in a restaurant, seeing my family and so on, having the choice would have been great. But 'twas not to be. Never mind. Hey ho. And the final straw? A family member has tested positive for this dreaded illness. So here I am, stuck at home, not feeling at all poorly so far, feeling rather sorry for myself and quite fed up actually. Yet on the plus side I have a great job, some super colleagues, many fabulous friends and loving family. And all are reachable by phone. I've received many offers of help, support and advice to get me through these next few days. Aren't I fortunate? Imagine having to go through this without that support network? And believe me, I am indeed imagining it. Already I have had shopping done and many texts with offers of support and requests to do anything I may need doing to help me out. Lucky me. What if I didn't have the very best neighbours on tap, or great colleagues, or family out there? Just imagine that. Is there anyone you know who may be feeling rather cut off from the rest of us? Perhaps a grandparent? A single parent? A smile is all it takes sometimes. A "hello" too. Especially as I can't do any of it from where I am. Now it's my turn for others to come to my aid. Thank goodness they are. Lucky me. Mrs D xx