

## Thank you

Key Stage One had a wonderful day out at Eden last week as part of their new topic on 'Rainforests'. We'd like to say a big thank you to FOAS for their contribution towards the cost of the coach transport there without which the trip might not have been possible. This is why the Friends of Alverton School and the fundraising they do are so important to us. Thank you very much to them all.



## Fox kisses!

The winners of the 'kiss a fox' competition went to Feadon Farm on Monday where, as ever, we had a fantastic time meeting all the animals - a beautiful Harris hawk, a baby hedgehog, a tiny weasel and a bat that flew around us. And of course got kissed by a fox!



## School term dates 2020-21

Our school term dates for the next school year are attached to this newsletter. Please ensure that any holidays booked are not taken in term time.

## Wanted!

Thanks to everyone who donated old uniform to our Reception classes. We are very grateful. We still need both **boys and girls pants, socks and tights** please so if you have any good quality old ones please hand them in to us. Thank you.

## Punctuality

We are finding that quite a number of children are arriving late at school on a daily basis. The school doors open at 8.45am to give your child plenty of time to arrive and settle before the formal start to the school day at 9am. Even just a few minutes late can mean that they have missed the opportunity to say hello to and chat with friends and are likely to feel unsettled and embarrassed as they start morning lessons.

If you arrive after 9am we will ask you to sign the late book at the office which Mr Higgs monitors on a weekly basis. **Please do not allow your children to walk into school by themselves.**

If your child arrives after the register closes at 9.30am, this counts as an unauthorised absence and will show on your child's attendance record. Not only has your child missed the chance to meet with their friends before school, they are likely to have missed the start of lessons which are key to your child's learning and they may well feel much less confident than their classmates as the lesson moves on. **Arriving just 10 minutes late a day amounts to six days of education missed a year.**

Please ensure that you get your child to school before 9am so that they are settled and ready to start work on time.

## Term time holidays

As advised in previous newsletters, our school absence rates are significantly affected by term-time holidays. As you know, we have tried to avoid going down the line of referring families for fixed penalty notice fines which is an approach that is now a standard response in many parts of the country and is being used by a large number of schools locally.

We are well aware that the financial savings of taking holidays in term time can be significant, and that for many people this means the difference between having a family holiday in a desirable destination or not. We also know that many of our families are involved in seasonal work that prevents them from taking time off in the school holidays. This is why, as a school, we have tried to manage the term-time holiday situation without resorting to fines as we have no desire to see our parents fined. However, the current situation is untenable.

**At the end of the Summer Term, Governors of the school extremely reluctantly took the decision to follow other local schools in adopting the Local Authorities guidance on fixed penalty fines for holidays taken in term time with effect from September 2019.** We would therefore, once again, ask parents not to book holidays in term time next year and remind everyone that under the DfE's rules we can only authorise term-time absence in exceptional circumstances. Please note that none of the money taken in fines from these fixed penalty notices comes to the school.



## Online safety

Please see the information below with some excellent advice about how to manage what your children watch on TV. 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 platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Thanks to the internet, there are now many ways for your children to watch TV, both the old fashioned way on a big screen and via the internet with on-demand programming. Restricting and controlling what your kids can watch is harder than ever, but with our help you can make TV safer for your kids and limit the amount that they can watch.

# How to manage what your children WATCH ON TV

## TRADITIONAL TV

Traditional TV covers programmes broadcast directly to your TV without having to use the internet. This is the standard way that most of us watch television programmes.

### BROADCAST TV

Free-to-air broadcast television is delivered via an aerial or satellite to your TV directly or through a PVR that also handles recordings. Most modern TVs and PVRs sold in the last few years will have parental controls, which restrict the content available, requiring a PIN for unsuitable programmes. The exact settings vary by manufacturer, so check your TV or PVRs manual for full details. Parental locks work by checking the rating of a programme as it's broadcast. If a show is unrated or has an incorrect rating, some content may not be blocked.

### SKY TV

The version of Sky that you have defines the options available to you. If you have a Sky+ HD box, you'll need to press the Services button and select Parental Control & PIN. From here, you can turn on the Family Setting, which gives you the option to remove Adult Channels and content, and requires a PIN to be entered to buy anything or for pre-watershed playback. More granular control allows you to block specific channels, either completely or only after 8pm, requiring a PIN to watch. You can also block programmes based on ratings, although this feature only works for programmes with correct ratings, so some shows may slip through. Sky Q owners have the more powerful Kids Safe Mode, which locks the system to show only kid-safe material. This includes locking the list of viewable channels and filtering recordings to only those suitable for children. Kids Safe Mode can be enabled either on the main box or on the Sky Q Mini boxes that you might have elsewhere in your home.

## INTERNET TV

There are plenty of ways to watch TV online, whether that's via the likes of iPlayer or with streaming video services, such as Netflix and Amazon Prime Instant video. Here, we'll show you how to control each.

### AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

Amazon Prime Video has Parental Controls available in the Settings section of the Prime Video website. The settings let you set the age range of content that can be watched without entering a PIN: U, PG, 12, 15 and 18. Settings apply to all devices (bar the Xbox 360, Wii U and Fire TV, which have their own settings), but you can opt-out of devices of your choosing in the settings. For example, you may not want to have any restrictions on your iPad, which only you use. PINs can also be used to block purchases.

### NETFLIX

Netflix lets you create profiles for everyone in your house. On the Netflix home screen, if you select Manage Profiles, you can change each one to show different content, defined by age group. Children should be encouraged to use their profiles only, particularly as there's no way to PIN protect adult profiles. However, you can PIN-protect content globally, so if a child does use your profile, they're blocked from watching inappropriate content. Go to Netflix, select Account from the drop-down menu by your name and select Parental Controls. You'll be prompted to enter a PIN, but then can select which content is PIN protected by age range: Toddlers, Older Children, Teens and Adults. You can also PIN protect specific programmes by typing their name in, which could be handy if you feel a programme is unsuitable or a child has been watching it too much.

### ON-DEMAND PLAYERS

If your children are watching content from on-demand services, such as BBC iPlayer or All 4, you can turn on parental controls for each via the main websites. Controls work across all devices signed into your account. Controls vary by platform. With BBC iPlayer, the parental lock requires a PIN for anything marked as requiring Guidance by the BBC. ITV Hub parental controls let you PIN protect for content with a G-rating (a guidance rating). For All 4, you can choose to protect programmes rated 16+ or 18+. If you use My5, you can set up a PIN to protect against anyone watching G-rated content. For UKTV Play, you can add a PIN to restrict content selecting one of two levels: all content that's rated 15+ or all content that's rated 18+.

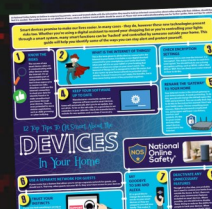
## HOW CAN PARENTS MANAGE THEIR CHILDREN'S TV TIME?

Particularly with on-demand content, it can be hard to restrict how much viewing time a child has. However, you can restrict internet time with parental control software, restricting how much time a child can spend online, whether they're using the internet or watching TV shows. Parental control software will generally only work on laptops, computer, tablets and phones. However, if you have parental control software that runs on the router, you can manage other devices, such as a child's smart TV and games console, and restrict time usage on these, too.



### Meet our expert

This guide has been written by David Ludlow. David has been a technology journalist for more than 20 years, covering everything from internet security to the latest computing trends and the smart home. A father of two (a nine-year-old and a six-year-old), he's had to control and manage how his children access online services and use apps.



You may also be interested in our smart home devices guide!

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### **Year 3 camp at Eden (6th-7th May) and Year 4 camp at Bude (30th April-1st May)**

A reminder that ALL payments for Year 3 camp at Eden (£76 total) and Year 4 camp at Bude (£95 total) need to be made by **1st February** at the latest. This is because Eden and Adventure International ask for their final invoices to be paid at that time.

**Full payment is needed by the above date. If it is not paid in full by this date, we will cancel your child's place and refund any money you have already paid (less the deposit) with immediate effect.**

You can pay as much or as little as you want anytime up to the final date. Please pay online at [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk) as we no longer accept cash or cheques. Click into the amount box and change the total payment to the amount you'd like to pay. If you cannot pay online, please ask at the office for a Paypoint barcode which you can use to pay cash at a local Paypoint retailer. Thank you.

### **Menu change**

#### **Thursday 23rd January - Chinese New Year**

Chicken stir fry with rice

or

Quorn stir fry with noodles

Apple pancakes

There will also be jacket potatoes and packed lunches



### **Club cancellations**

KS2 Street Ice Hockey has been **cancelled** next Weds 22nd and Weds 29th January due to staff meetings in the hall. These will now take place on Weds 4th and Weds 11th March (the first two Weds after half term).

### **Chobins junk modelling**

Next week Choughs and Robins are going to be building cars from junk! If you have any old cereal boxes, cartons, egg boxes, small yoghurt pots or any recycling materials suitable for making cars, please bring them in on **Monday 20th**. Many thanks.

### **Guitar lessons**

Julyan has told us that his guitar lessons will now start on Thursday 30th January and not on 23rd.

### **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!



### STARS OF THE WEEK

Chobins	Sofia	for super reading progress and constant smiling
	Lowan	for an amazing attitude to all areas of learning
Puffins	Eve	for her perseverance & effort in her writing this week
Owls	Jasmine	for amazing perseverance when working with exchange in addition this week
Kingfishers	Flo	for fantastic use of adjectives when working really hard on recount writing
Trencrom	Logan	for his beautiful writing in English & creating a wonderful poem
Lanyon	Nathan	for a positive start to the new term. Well done
Kerris	Jackson	for showing a really positive attitude towards his work this week
Bodrift	Reuben	for working extremely hard in Maths & English every lesson. Well done
Bosigran	George	for a brilliant attitude to all his work & for being a complete superstar
Kenidjack	Nelly	for being an all round star
Dinnertime	Sienna J	for lovely manners all the time
PE Star	Mark	for developing his skills and confidence in Roller Skating club
	Sunny	for a fantastic performance at the Athletics



### 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	90.0%	11
Robins	93.1%	9
Puffins	95.9%	7
Owls	98.0%	4
Kingfishers	98.0%	4
Trencrom	99.1%	1
Lanyon	90.7%	10
Kerris	94.7%	8
Bodrift	98.6%	2
Bosigran	97.9%	6
Kenidjack	98.6%	2
Overall school attendance	96.1%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

### DIARY DATES

#### January

31<sup>st</sup> Sharing assembly for Bosigran at 2.45pm

#### February

7<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly for Lanyon at 2.45pm

14<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly for Trencrom at 2.45pm

14<sup>th</sup> School closes at normal time of 3.15pm for half term break

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – HALF TERM

PLEASE NOTE CLUBS CONTINUE AS NORMAL AFTER HALF TERM

#### March

5<sup>th</sup> St. Piran's dance for Year 6 – details to follow

5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day

9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations – appointment times will be booked online – **no clubs this week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.**

13<sup>th</sup> Sharing assembly for Owls at 2.45pm

19<sup>th</sup> FOAS Easter Disco – details to follow

20<sup>th</sup> **All clubs finish**

20<sup>th</sup> All music lessons finish

25<sup>th</sup> Last swimming for Year 5

