



## Safeguarding Newsletter

All children have a right to be safe and we believe that keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. Sent home with this week's Friday News is the first of our termly Safeguarding newsletters which we hope that you will find informative and useful. Please can we ask you to take a few minutes to read this. Thank you.

## Sports Day reminder

Weather permitting, all our Sports Days are next week. Your child will need to have their full PE kit (shorts, white polo or T-shirt and trainers) in school ALL week as we will be practising every day.

The dates for the Sports Days are:

**Tuesday 11th June - KS2**

**Wednesday 12th June - KS1**

**Thursday 13th June - Reception**

If you are able to come and watch, each 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.

## Online safety

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

## The Little Mermaid Show Photos

Mr Keast has taken some amazing photos of the Little Mermaid performances and performers. These will be ready in a folder from next Wednesday and if you would like to buy any copies, please ask at the office for the photo folder and chose which you'd like. The cost is £1 per photo. Please order and pay (cash only please) by **Wednesday 26th June** at the latest.



## Year 6 London trip meeting

There will be a meeting with Mr Hammond on **Thursday 13th June** at 3.15pm in Kenidjack classroom about the Year 6 London trip. There will be lots of information given out and a chance to ask any questions you may have. Please come along if you can.

AGE RESTRICTION  
**18+**

# What parents need to know about GRAND THEFT AUTO (GTA)



**Grand  
Theft  
Auto**

Grand Theft Auto is an action-adventure video game series where players control criminals and wreak havoc in order to complete missions and progress through the game. During the early stages of the game, it solely focuses on completing missions to go up a level. However, as the game grew more popular the makers of GTA decided to introduce a narrative to each edition of the game. The aim of this was to increase user engagement, making gamers believe that they were not just playing as the character, but they became the character. Grand Theft Auto is accessible on a number of devices including: PlayStation and Xbox, desktop computers, PSP, Nintendo DS, and Mobile.

## Top Tips for Parents

### THE RISK - PLAYING WITH STRANGERS

When buying GTA V you automatically have access to Grand Theft Auto Online, a version of the game that allows players to play online. They can play alone, invite players to a game, or be involved in public 'sessions' where people will be picked at random to play. When you first load into a game you are automatically placed into an open lobby, meaning you play with random people. The 'social club' is GTA's very own social platform where users can bet money, share in-game photographs (which users can like and comment on), and even message other users directly.

#### What parents can do

To prevent your child playing with strangers on the game, you can change the settings to ensure they only play with their approved friends list. Upon signing up to the 'social club', it automatically sets a player's visibility settings to 'everyone', meaning their name and profile information is made public. Parents can alter this by changing the visibility settings to 'only me'.

### WARNING!

Due to the nature of the game and the age restrictions, GTA includes content that is inappropriate for anyone under the age of 18, including sex, nudity, violence, profane language, and substance abuse. These are the main components that make up the game - you have to do certain things and witness certain things in order to move on in the game. Exposing your child to this type of content could affect their morals and understanding of right and wrong. Additionally, your child could become desensitised to similar situations, reinforcing the fact they would find it hard to differentiate between right/wrong and good/bad.

### THE RISK - ONLINE HACKERS

Hackers can make money by helping users cheat in the game. They can do a number of inappropriate things, including killing people, stealing weapons, spawning money into the game, and even raping other characters. Spawning money tends to be a gamer's most popular choice, being able to buy \$100,000,000,000 (of in-game currency) for as little as five US dollars.

#### What parents can do

Actively monitor your child's online activity. These websites are very easy to find, meaning children and young people can easily navigate their way to these websites and pay for hackers. Not only is this an illegal activity, but you have the risk of giving your personal information to someone who may misuse it.

### THE RISK - ADDICTION

Addiction is a risk with any game. Game developers use persuasive design techniques to force users to invest their time, and often money, in a game. Within GTA, your character is able to progress through the game for completing missions within a certain time frame, encouraging children to keep returning to the game. Gaming addiction is now a recognised health condition and the side effects are concerning including sleep deprivation, decreased attention span and erratic emotional behaviour.

#### What parents can do

There are a number of things you can do if you are concerned about your child's screen time, including setting time limits within the home, especially during meal times and before bedtime. Talk to your child and ask why they are spending so much time on the game, and encourage healthy alternatives such as outdoor activities and spending quality time with friends and family.

### THE RISK - LIVE CHAT

When playing GTA online, players have the option to use a microphone to broadcast their voice live to other players involved in the 'session'. These live voice chats are not moderated, meaning anything could be said, including inappropriate language, as well as verbal forms of bullying.

#### What parents can do

Talk openly with your child about not giving away personal information. Also remind them that conversations can be recorded, which could damage their online reputation. Depending on the device/platform, there will be ways to mute conversations. Make yourself aware of the device's/platform's individual settings and ensure that your child knows how to block and report.

### THE RISK - MICROTRANSACTIONS

By completing missions and partaking in certain activities you earn in-game currency. This allows you to buy things such as prostitutes, vehicles, weapons, ammo, new outfits, cars, apartments and more. However, the items that are available to buy often have a high price that require a lot of game time, meaning the items are pretty unrealistic to buy.

#### What parents can do

If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest purchasing a pre-paid gift card for your child. These can be purchased in specific amounts which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit or debit card to be used with their account.

#### SOURCES:

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2103188/parentalguide>  
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/gaming/news/grand-theft-auto-v-has-made-money-film-history/>  
<http://www.techaddiction.ca/addiction-to-video-games.html>



**National  
Online  
Safety**

A whole school community approach to online safety  
[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

Email us at [hello@nationalonlinesafety.com](mailto:hello@nationalonlinesafety.com) or call us on 0800 368 8061

## Sporting news

### Alverton Race for Life!

On Wednesday night, 63 pupils, parents and members of staff ran in the Penzance Race for Life 5k. This year we had boys, dads and male members of staff with us. In beautiful weather, we began the event with a fun warm-up before completing the 3 mile run along the prom, around the skate park and finishing back in the Wharfside car park. There was a fantastic team team spirit and it



was lots of fun. We don't yet know the total raised for Cancer Research but we will let you know as soon as all the money is in. A huge thank you to everyone for coming along and for supporting a wonderful charity.

### Year 6 Cricket

On Wednesday ten of our Year 6 went to St Just Cricket Club to take part in a tournament. Our first match was against St Hilary B team which was very close. It finished with Alverton winning 22 to 20. After the strong start we went on to win the second match against Pensans with much joy. Coming to a gentle close, our third match was played against Newlyn which we won by a small amount of points. Finally our last match against Bodriggy was the most important but yet again we won with Bodriggy scoring 11 and Alverton scoring 41. After winning all our matches, we are going to the finals on 26th June.

*Report by Summer*

### Year 3/4 boys football tournament

Yesterday some of our Year 3 and 4 boys went to Mounts Bay to play in a football tournament. They played really well, with lots of enthusiasm and a good team spirit. Mrs Dennison and Mr Holcroft were very pleased with them.

### Year 5/6 girls football friendly

Last night, our girls football team travelled to St Ives Junior school to play a friendly match. In a cracker of a match which was exciting and entertaining, the power of the Alverton team outclassed a brave St Ives and scored 3 goals to win 3-0! Lily Rose scored two and Ava one. Well done to the whole team.



## Wanted!

### Garden shed

We are looking for a play equipment shed to fill with all sorts of interesting items from the scrap store for children to play with at lunch times. Does anyone have a garden shed they don't want that we could have? Does anyone know of a company or business that might help us get one? Please let us know! We have a space ready and waiting for a shed size 8x10 ft.

Thank you very much.



## Clubs

### Cancellations

**Roller skating skills** will be cancelled on **Wednesday 12th June** and again on **Wednesday 26th June** as both Mrs Lowell and Mrs Ching are away. Last one on 19th June. If your child would like to come to Breakfast club on those days, they are welcome to do so as you have already paid. If they don't come, we will credit your schoolmoney account with £4 for the two missed sessions.

ALL Clubs except Jump Dance finish in the week ending Friday 28th June.

### FOAS Summer Fair raffle

The FOAS Summer Fair will be held on **Friday 5th July** and as in previous years, they will be running a fantastic raffle which always raises lots of money. They need your help please. If you can donate any good quality raffle prizes e.g. wine, chocolates, toiletries, jewellery etc or a voucher or token for something like yoga sessions, beauty therapies, meals out, etc, they would be very grateful. Please hand them into the office. Thank you very much.

### 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

|                  |          |   |
|------------------|----------|---|
| Robins & Choughs | Jack     | for a constant love of Maths  |
| Puffins          | Charlie  | for being a most delightful, hard working & positive member of Chobins  |
| Owls             | Tyler    | for fantastic handwriting for his character description & story writing |
| Kingfishers      | Freya    | for superhero efforts in her writing this week                          |
| Trencrom         | Katie    | for fantastic progress in her reading                                   |
| Lanyon           | Levan    | for making huge improvements in Maths. Your hard work is paying off     |
| Kerris           | Jowan    | for not allowing a fractured wrist to get in his way!                   |
|                  | Georgina | for her focus & determination in making her writing the best it can be  |
|                  | Bailey   | for making such progress with his handwriting                           |
| Bodrifty         | Zac      | for fantastic writing for our ghost story                               |
| Bosigran         | Liam     | for some fantastic ideas for his ghost story in English                 |
| Kenidjack        | Riley    | for being a wonderful Year Six & working amazingly hard all year        |
|                  | Olive    | for being a star not just of the week but all of the year               |
| Dinnertime       | Niko     | for his fantastic manners all the time                                  |
| PE Star          | James    | for superb bowling in cricket   |



### 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                   | 91.0% | 5  |
| Robins                    | 91.0% | 5  |
| Puffins                   | 89.7% | 9  |
| Owls                      | 91.7% | 4  |
| Kingfishers               | 94.7% | 2  |
| Trencrom                  | 88.6% | 11 |
| Lanyon                    | 94.4% | 3  |
| Kerris                    | 98.1% | 1  |
| Bodrifty                  | 90.4% | 7  |
| Bosigran                  | 88.7% | 10 |
| Kenidjack                 | 90.4% | 7  |
| Overall school attendance | 91.8% |    |

Our collective target is 96.5%

### DIARY DATES

#### June

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                   | KS2 Sports Day at 1.30pm   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> | Y5 Camp at Porthpean   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                   | KS1 Sports Day at 1.30pm   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                   | EYFS Sports Day at 1.30pm  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                   | Last swimming for Year 6   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                   | Alverton Mazey Parade at 9.30am (followed by refreshments for children on the field) |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>                   | Mazey Day Parade – time of parade to be confirmed                                    |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                   | <b>All clubs finish today</b>  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                   | Cornwall Schools Games   |

#### July

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 4 <sup>th</sup>                    | Y5 Assembly at 2.45pm                           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>                    | Guitars and keyboards finish today              |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>                    | FOAS Summer Fair – more details to follow       |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                    | Y6 Transition Day at Mounts Bay or Humphry Davy |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> | Y6 London trip                                  |





## Cleaner required at Alverton School

17.5 hours per week, £9.00 per hour

You will be required to undertake general cleaning duties including sweeping, mopping, vacuuming and toilet cleaning.

Management is through a site based Supervisor or Area Manager who will ensure that the site is maintained in a clean, safe and hygienic condition.

In order to comply with Health and Safety Regulations this post is not suitable for persons under the age of 18.

Please contact the Corserv Recruitment Team on **01872 323035** for further information or view our current vacancies on

[https://cornwall.taleo.net/careersection/cormac\\_portal/jobsearch.ftl?lang=en\\_GB](https://cornwall.taleo.net/careersection/cormac_portal/jobsearch.ftl?lang=en_GB)

