

Child seriously injured by car outside of school

Thankfully, this hasn't happened at our school **yet**. However, it is surely only a matter of time before this is the Friday News headline. Despite repeated requests for parents not to drive to the school gates a small number of people continue to do so. The road outside of school is simply not wide enough to accommodate over 600 children and parents plus a range of cars trying to park, squeeze past one another and reverse onto pavements. Near misses occur daily. We know it's a public road and that you have a right to drive into the Crescent, however we also know that it's not safe. Please stop. Unless you have a disabled badge or are dropping children to nursery, please consider the safety of our families and park in the nearby roads or in the Free Church car park and walk to school.

Harvest Collection

Please can you help?

At this time of year, we usually invite parents and families into school to help us celebrate Harvest.

As part of this, we support the CTIPA food bank in Penzance with donations from our school community and we would like to do so again this year.

Next week (week beginning 5 October) we will be collecting for the food bank. They cannot distribute fresh food but anything else will be very gratefully received.

Last year you were incredibly generous and we collected an enormous amount of food. This year, our help is needed more than ever. If you would like to help, please send in your donations with your child next week.

Thank you.



Reminder - one way system

Please can you ensure that, if you are dropping off or collecting your child from **Lanyon, Kingfishers, Owls or Puffins classes**, you exit the school site using the one way system via the library and the hall. Some parents have been noticed returning round the front of the school.

Welcome

We have recently appointed three new Teaching Assistants to our staff and are delighted to let you know that Hannah Ladd, Becky Cooke and David Eddy have all joined our team.

Individual photos - UPDATE

The photographers from Tempest will be in school on **Tuesday 13th October** to take individual photos. Please could you ensure that your child is wearing smart school uniform. **We have considered very carefully whether this is possible but unfortunately this year it will not be possible to take photos of siblings together in school.**

Daisy's Diary

Sand pit

Mrs Hall and her family spent last Saturday transforming the Woodland nursery old sand pit area. It now has archways, a beautiful new sand kitchen and will be filled with 3 tonnes of golden sand soon. As you can see they have done an amazing job. Lucky nursery children!

Bike shed

Well, the construction company who were coming to make the big banana bike shed have had to cancel for the third time due to the current restrictions. However, I think, with your help, a team of us will be able to construct it. We have all the materials needed, the instructions, a portaloo with handwashing facilities on site and we even have a cake rota! Now all we need is **you**! I'll be building it on Monday, Friday and at weekends for the next fortnight starting next



Monday 5th. If you can spare any time at all on these days to help, for however short a time, please email me: dwright@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk or call the school office and leave a message for me (01736 364087). Thank you very much.

PS - has anyone got a cement mixer please? (Not joking!)

Thank you

A big thank you to Mr Inch for giving us so much woodchip that the little ones can finally use the climbing wall again! Hurrah!





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**.



Family
Line

0808 802 6666



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Emotional support to anyone in distress, struggling to cope, or at risk of suicide.

☎ **116 123**

Shout: 24h
Text service, free on all major networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere.

• If you're over 18, **text the word SHOUT**
• Under 18s, text YM

☎ **Text: 85258**

Cornwall's 24/7 NHS mental health support

Call for free, any time day or night if you are worried about your own or someone else's mental health. The team behind the 24/7 open access telephone service will listen to you and determine how best to help

☎ **0800 038 5300**

Valued Lives:

Supports people who are experiencing mental or emotional distress in Cornwall. Every day, 5.30pm - midnight.

☎ **01209 901438**

If you, or someone else, is in immediate danger call **999**



🌐 www.cornwall.gov.uk/mentalhealth

Penzance CTIPA Foodbank

The CTIPA Foodbank in Penzance has let us know that, at the moment, it is not necessary to obtain a voucher to receive food from them. If their support would be helpful to you, just phone Vervan 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.

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ask for help"**



☎ **116 123**

COVID-19 isolation may cause tensions to rise and domestic abuse to increase. Help is available.



**NATIONAL DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE HELPLINE
0808 2000 247
24/7 CONFIDENTIAL
FREEPHONE**

WCWAid

West Cornwall Women's Aid
01736 367539

<https://www.wcwaaid.co.uk/helpline>



SafeToNet 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 Own It. 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 information 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>

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and educators with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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What you need to know about... ONLINE HOAXES

What are they?

Online hoaxes are fictional stories circulated online, frequently intended to shape people's beliefs or opinions. They have been around as long as the internet itself. Older more basic and transparent hoaxes have been replaced with something far more believable. Nowadays, anyone can put together a believable looking photo, video or website in hours and minutes, rather than days and weeks. Combined with the speed at which social media operates, this allows online hoaxes to flourish.

Know the Risks

Taking dangerous advice

While many online hoaxes are harmless fiction created to make people smile, some are actively dangerous. This can affect almost any topic, including serious health related information such as cancer or coronavirus. Hoaxes can cost money as well as time.

Spreading disinformation

Even if children don't believe the content of a hoax, engaging with hoaxsters can inadvertently send misinformation to those that might. This can happen directly by sharing or retweeting, but it can also occur accidentally through discussion. Liking a post or replying can bring the original hoax into your children's friends' and family's feed which could have a serious impact.

Preventing genuine advice

Many online hoaxes thrive on a distrust of authority figures: doctors, academics, and journalists. Spreading an online hoax as fact amplifies this distrust, but also drowns out these important voices, seemingly giving each one equal balance. The two shouldn't be equivalent, for obvious reasons.

Safety Tips

Talk about trusted sources

Children need to learn quite quickly that not everything they read or watch on the internet can be taken at face value. Explain that there are people who seek to actively deceive for attention, profit or ideology. Teach them to look for reliable resources such as established news channels, health authorities and fact checking sites, and not take everything they read on social media as fact.

Encourage critical thinking

It's best to encourage scepticism: if something sounds a bit too perfect or too unlikely, it probably is. This scepticism should also be aimed at children themselves; encourage them to pay extra attention to shared content if it is something they believe. If they want to believe something is true, then red flags may be invisible. This is called confirmation bias.

Think before they share

Encourage children to stop and think before hitting the share button. In the online world, being among the first to share something can be incredibly tempting but stopping to think can save embarrassment later when something dubious is exposed as false.

Spotting a Hoax

Check the source

Although hoaxes are most likely spread by friends and family on social media, finding the original source usually isn't too difficult on the likes of Twitter. A new account that has a history of sharing dubious content or behaves a bit like a bot isn't a guarantee that the viral story/picture/video is fake, but it is a red flag that warrants further investigation.

Look deeper

If a claim, story, picture, or video has gone viral, there's a chance that other hoax slayers will be on the case. Start off with Google and Google News, and be sure to favour trusted news sources rather than anonymous blogs that often seek to amplify rather than critique. Visit independent fact checkers online to establish what is real.

Tell-tale signs

If no one else seems to be investigating, you can take steps to do it yourself. Fake accounts can be identified by analysing posting patterns and doing reverse image searches. They're usually stolen from somewhere to make a bot or troll appear more authentic. A reverse image search can also be used to find genuine pictures being used for the wrong thing.

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GIANT BLUE ALIEN SPOTTED IN WOODS
LOCAL KIDS CAPTURE PHOTO EVIDENCE OF THE CLOSE ENCOUNTER

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STARS OF THE WEEK for week ending 25th September

Puffins	Joshua	for his positive, hard working attitude to all that he does
Owls	Amelia	for always trying her best in all that she does
Kingfishers	Molly-Jade	for her fabulous leaf art & sunny disposition in school
Trencrom	Kenzi	for always being kind to others & setting an example
Lanyon	Hope	for working extremely hard both at home & at school. Well done!
Kerris	Ciaran	for making super progress with his vocabulary in his story writing this week
Bodrifty	Kenza	for always putting in 100% effort & being very lovely
Bosigran	Cora	for her mature attitude towards all aspects of school life.
Kenidjack	Alfie	for being an I.T. wiz-kid & sorting out lots of iPad issues
Dinnertime	Amelie	for always being so polite & well mannered



LOST

Violet in Puffins has lost her red shorts and red cardigan. Both are named. Please check and hand in if found.

After school childcare provision

This is now only being offered to Year 3-6.

Please contact Mr Timmons for details and to book by emailing alvertonkidsclub@outlook.com or by phoning 07843 126 833.

PPA Days

A reminder that from next week your child should wear their Alverton tracksuit to school for the whole day on PPA days:

Reception	Fridays
Year 1 & 2	Tuesdays
Year 3 & 4	Wednesdays
Year 5 & 6	Thursdays

Wellies and coats!

Please ensure that your child has a pair of named wellies in school at all times and a coat so that they can use the field and woods at times during the school day.

Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @alvertonschool to keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are going on.



Lost property

All the lost property in the lost property box was un-named when we looked through it this week. These items will be sent to the charity shop on a regular basis. **Please ensure that you name ALL your child's items of clothing.** This way anything found in school will be returned to you.

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. Our Pupil Premium Parent Guide is being sent home alongside today's newsletter to provide you with more information.

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 number.

NB All Key Stage 1 (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. Whilst schools are closed to most pupils during the current Covid-19 pandemic, schools are not required to provide meals or vouchers to Key Stage 1 children who usually receive free meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme but are not currently attending school.

However, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals (as well as all Key Stage 2 children) may have an underlying entitlement to benefits-related Free School Meals. Schools will make arrangements for these children to receive free meals through food parcels or supermarket vouchers.

Your child may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals if you, or the child themselves in their own right, receives 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.