



Year 6 SATs

This week has been the culmination of months of hard work from our Year 6 pupils (and staff) in preparation for the annual Year 6 SATs week. SATs are the national curriculum assessments which the children take part in at the end of Key Stage 2 and are an important event for our oldest pupils who are assessed in Reading, Maths and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar).

Once again, we have been totally impressed by our Year 6 pupils who are an amazing group of hard-working, motivated and determined children whose approach to their work this year has been diligent and mature. They have all aimed to do the best that they possibly can and we are very proud of them all.

The Little Mermaid– next week!

Not only have our Year 6 pupils been working hard for their SATs, many of them have also been rehearsing for our fabulous production of The Little Mermaid. If your child is not in the cast or choir then do please still come along as you are guaranteed to enjoy it! Our production is always very professional, complete with sound system and amazing costumes as well as fantastic singing, dancing and acting.

If you would like to see the show and your child is currently at Alverton, their ticket is **free**. Tickets are selling fast so please call in at the office as soon as possible. Adults £4.50, children (not at Alverton) £2.50.

Woodland pre-school

Thursday 23rd May

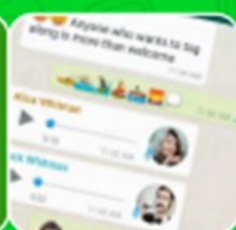
Due to the Woodlands pre-school room being used next Thursday as a polling station for the European Elections, the children will be using a room in the Woodland Nursery building for the day. Please drop your child off and collect them from the main Nursery door by the car park.

Online safety

Please see the next page with some excellent advice about WhatsApp. We will be publishing a different information page each week.



WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.



AGE RESTRICTION
16+



What parents need to know about



WhatsApp

AGE LIMIT CHANGE

Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

SCAM MESSAGES

Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive scam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes to 'lucky people', encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES

WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. Whilst this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with somebody they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

LIVE LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to show their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' button, is described by WhatsApp as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are.' Location-sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents



CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE

If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list - they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat stream and tap on the settings.



REPORT SCAM MESSAGES

Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam'.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once. If they leave again, they cannot be added again.

USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY

If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone'. The app allows seven minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

SET TIME LIMITS

A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 30,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.



SOURCES: <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2018/may/24/whatsapp-privacy-policy-update> and <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/technology/whatsapp-privacy-policy-update-how-to-protect-yourself-from-scams-4015611.html>

Minack visits

Two groups of our children had an amazing time at the Minack this week, not watching but performing! The sun shone for Tren crom on Monday when they took part in a dance performance. Mrs Dennison was extremely proud of



them. On Wednesday a group of Year 5 and 6 went with Mrs O'Rourke to perform an interpretation of the first part of a Shakespeare play ("the Scottish play") along with children from St Madderns, Ludgvan, Nancealverne and Cape Cornwall. They were fantastic! We are grateful to the Minack for the opportunity to perform and thanks to all the parents who came and cheered

both groups on.



FOAS Duck race

A big thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Duck Race last Saturday. Over £200 was taken for FOAS funds. The winners were:

1st Nat (Lanyon)

2nd Susie (Kingfishers)

3rd Kitto (Woodlands)



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Payment for Year 5 camp

A reminder that full payment for Year 5 camp (£150) must be made by **Friday 24th May** at the latest. Please pay using schoolmoney.co.uk or ask at the office for a PayPoint barcode which you can use at any Co-op store.

Consent form

If you haven't yet returned your form, we need it in now please. We have to collate the information for Cornwall Outdoors who are running our camp in June.

Clubs

Cancellations

All Fun Fit is now cancelled until after half term.

Outdoor learning is cancelled on **Tuesday 21st May** but will be held on **Thursday 23rd May instead.**

During the Show week (next week) there will be NO Go Active Street Dance on **Wednesday 22nd May** or Jump Dance on **Thursday 23rd May.**

Drama Club has now finished for this year.

New club

A new club for KS2 Bubble Football will start on Wednesdays after half term for 4 weeks with Go Active, cost £20. A letter is coming home and if your child would like a place, please return the slip with payment in cash by Monday 3rd June.

Lost property

The lost property box is overflowing again so will be emptied on **Friday 24th May** and any un-named items will be sent to the charity shop. If you are missing anything, please come in before then to look.

Alverton Primary School's production of

NEXT
WEEK!

Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID JR

Performances at 6.30pm on
Wednesday 22nd May 2019 and
Thursday 23rd May 2019

Tickets

£4.50 adult / £2.50 children over five.

Free tickets for pupils of Alverton School.

Please ask at the office if you have younger children
who would like to attend.

Music by Alan Menkin

Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater

Book by Doug Wright

Based on the Hans Christian Anderson story and the Disney film.

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
Music Theatre International (Europe)

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe

www.mtishows.co.uk



Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again it's time for the **Extreme Reading** competition at Alverton School! The aim is to take a photo of your child reading in the most unusual place or situation you can think of - the more extreme the better!

The competition is open to all pupils and the closing date is Friday 7th June. There will be a prize for the most Extreme Reader in each Key Stage!

Please e-mail your entries to extremereading@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Clive.



LOST

Cora in Lanyon has lost 2 new red cardigans. They are Sainsburys brand, aged 9 and have her name written along the inside. Please check & hand in if

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	96.5%	4
Robins	92.0%	8
Puffins	89.7%	10
Owls	97.9%	3
Kingfishers	95.3%	6
Trencrom	88.2%	11
Lanyon	90.6%	9
Kerris	95.5%	5
Bodrifty	92.6%	7
Bosigran	99.3%	1
Kenidjack	97.8%	2
Overall school attendance	94.1%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

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!



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

May

- 22nd Swimming finishes for Year 2
- 22nd & 23rd School production of 'The Little Mermaid' – tickets now on sale

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – HALF TERM

June

- 3rd All clubs continue as normal today after half term (except Drama)
- 4th New Reception Intake meeting for parents at 6pm
- 5th Swimming starts for Year 6
- 11th KS2 Sports Day at 1.30pm
- 12th-14th Y5 Camp at Porthpean
- 12th KS1 Sports Day at 1.30pm
- 13th EYFS Sports Day at 1.30pm
- 19th Last swimming for Year 6
- 27th Alverton Mazey Parade at 9.30am (followed by refreshments for children on the field)
- 29th Mazey Day Parade – time of parade to be confirmed





Great British Tennis Weekend & Spring Fayre

May 18th 2019 9am-3pm

Penzance Tennis Club, Penlee Park, TR18 4HE



Come along to our family fun tennis day and spring fayre!

9:00-10:00 Junior tennis (ages 3-10)
10:00-11:30 Junior tennis (ages 11+)
12:00-15:00 Adult tennis for all abilities
15:00-14:00 Cardio tennis for all

Plus fun family games throughout the day!

For more information, visit www.penzancetennisclub.co.uk

