

Parents Evenings

Our Parents Evenings this term will be held in the week beginning **Monday 11th March** from 3.30—6.30 pm and we are really looking forward to meeting you and discussing your child's progress.

We are going to use our system for booking appointments through our eschools facility on our school website (www.alverton.org.uk) as we did last Autumn.

You will previously have been sent log in details for eschools. If you are unsure what this is, please ask at the office and they will arrange for new details to be given to you. These details will be needed in order to go online and book the appointment slot that suits you best when **the booking period opens on 26th February (the first Tuesday back after half term).**

If you have had, or will be having, a review meeting with Mrs Hughes and your child's class teacher, you don't need to book an appointment. Woodlands parents do not have to use this system either.

Girls football

Our girls went to Roskear school this week to play against their team and came home 2-0 winners! A fantastic team effort - well done! The team were: Erin, Alana, Jessica, Jenna, Lily Rose, Lily, Summer and Taylor.

One Planet One Future - Key Stage 1 Fundraising Event

Monday 25th February from 3-4.30pm in the hall.

Online safety

Please see the next page with some excellent advice about Fortnite, an online game which we know many of our children are playing but is rated as aged 12+. We will be publishing a different information page each week.



Advance notice

Year 3&4 camp meeting

If your child is going to Bude in May please come along to a camp meeting at 3.30pm on **Wednesday 3rd April** in the hall. There will be lots of information provided and a chance to ask questions.



FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE

'Fortnite - Battle Royale' is a free to play section of the game 'Fortnite'. The game sees 100 players dropped on to an island from a 'battle bus', where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player on the island wins the game. Players have to find hidden items, such as weapons, to help them survive longer in the game. To make the game more challenging, there is an added twist called 'the storm' which reduces the size of the island from the start of gameplay, bringing the players closer together in proximity. The game is available on PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Mac and iOS.



AGE RESTRICTION
12+

What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

MICROTRANSACTIONS

Newly featured items are released daily and are only available to purchase within 24 hours of their release. These are cosmetic items, called 'skins', 'gliders' and 'emotes', which change the characters' appearance, but do not improve the game play. Once purchased, the player has full use of these in the future. The designs are attractive for players to purchase and even celebrities are endorsing them. Also available to purchase in the game is a 'Battle Pass'. When a new Battle Pass is released, users can take part in a series of challenges, receiving more rewards (cosmetics) by progressing through different tiers. Whichever rewards they achieve can then be used in the game.

IT CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Games can last around 20 minutes but this varies according to the game. Children may feel angry if they lose the game and will want to continue playing until they achieve their desired result. The competitive nature of the game may make it difficult for them to stop playing halfway through as their position in the game could be affected.

IT CAN BE PLAYED ON THE GO

The game was released on mobile devices in April 2018, meaning it can be played without the need for a home games console. Since its release, there have been reports that the game is distracting their students whilst in the classroom. As the game is available outside of the home, parents may not be aware of how long their child is playing this game.

HACKER ATTACKS

News site Forbes stated that it had seen "dozens" of online reports from people who said their accounts had been compromised by hackers, who had gained access to user's accounts in the game and accrued hundreds of pounds in fraudulent charges.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

Interacting with other players in the game is part of the fun as players can communicate with their friends and other players in the game. Players will benefit from wearing headphones to hear footsteps from other players trying to compromise their game. Wearing headphones makes it difficult for parents to hear what exactly is being said and children may be exposed to inappropriate language. Fortnite includes really good reporting features for players either cheating or misbehaving, and works towards having one of the best online gaming communities.

NO PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED

Signing up to the game is relatively simple. Users have the option to log in with either their Facebook or Google accounts or their email address. When signing up with an email address, no proof of age is required. If your child is under the age of 12, it is important to check whether your child has the game downloaded.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

There are many accounts on Facebook and Twitter which claim to give away free money (known as 'V bucks') for games which will be transferred to their Xbox Live or PSN cards. Any giveaway promotion from Fortnite will be in the game. It is important to check the authenticity of these accounts before giving away personal information in order to claim 'V bucks'. The websites or accounts may ask you to share your account name and password in order to claim the money; if these offers seem too good to be true, they usually are.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

PEGI has given the game a rating of 12+. Even though the game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, grenade launchers, rifles, pistols, shotguns and more, PEGI say "more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only minor or trivial injury such as a slap," making the game 'suitable' for children aged 12 and over.

'FREE' TO PLAY

The game is free to play. However, if playing on Xbox, you will need an Xbox gold subscription, which does require a fee.

Top Tips for Parents

LIMIT GAME TIME

Parents can use parental controls on Xbox and PC to limit the time a child is playing games on these devices. Be aware that the game is available on iOS and will soon be available on all mobiles. With this in mind, it is worth having a conversation with your child to discuss and agree how long you would like them to play the games for. Even though the game lasts around 20 minutes, it may be difficult to take them away from a game mid play. It may be worth imposing a limit on the amount of matches they play rather than a time limit.

PREVENT YOUR CHILD FROM TALKING TO STRANGERS

There is an option to turn off the voice chat feature, which means your child wouldn't be able to talk to anybody, including their friends. However, they would still be able to use the in-app chat and hear other people's conversations. To turn off voice chat, open the Settings menu in the top right of the main Fortnite page, then click on the cog icon. Open the Audio tab at the top of the screen. From there, you can turn off voice chat.

LOOK OUT FOR VBUCK SCAMS

It is important that your children are aware of the scams that they may come across online in association with the game. Open up conversation with them about scams and how they should never share their username or password with people in order to gain anything for the game.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

'Fortnite: Battle Royale' is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional purchases. 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 restrict spending, we suggest using a payasacard, or a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to restrict the amount your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

SHOW THEM HOW TO MAKE A REPORT

If your child believes a player is playing or talking inappropriately, you should advise them to report them. To report a player, you can use the in-game feedback tool located in the Main Menu of the game. Additionally, you can report a player in-game when spectating them.

USE A STRONG PASSWORD

It may seem like a simple tip, but it is important that your child selects a strong password when creating an account, particularly if a credit/debit card is associated with the account. This will help reduce the risk of their account being hacked.



National
Online
Safety

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www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Email us at hello@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 368 8061

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West Cornwall Spring Flower Show 2019

Marazion Community Centre

Friday 1st March 11am-6pm & Saturday 2nd March 10am-3.30pm (£3 admission, under 14s FREE)

If your child would like to enter any of the following categories their entry **MUST** be in, clearly labelled (see box below), by Wednesday 27th February so they can be taken to Marazion in time.

General Classes

- A** (Ages 5 years and under) a painted tile with a flower theme (max size 15 x 15cm).
- B** (Year 1 & 2) a potato print of a tree or trees on A4 card.
- C** (Year 3 & 4) a Mother's Day card made from any material to include a Mother's Day greeting on the inside. Max A5 when folded.
- D** (Year 5 & 6) a miniature garden in a standard seed tray. Max 38cm x 21.5cm - any materials

The following are open to any child Year Reception- Year 6

- E** A model animal (max size 20cm x 20cm). Made from any material/s. **Has to stand up by itself.**
- F** A flower filled boot, welly or shoe. Max size 30cm x 30cm.
- G** An A3 collage of daffodils or spring flowers on card or paper. Can be made from any materials.
- H** A painted stone with a flower or animal theme. Max size 15cm x 15cm.

Photography

The following class can be entered by any child under 12 years

- K** 'This makes me happy' (max photo size 18cm x 13cm) mounted on white A4 card.

All entries <u>must</u> be clearly marked with the <i>category reference number, name, age, school year and school</i> of the entrant either on the reverse of the entry or on a small card securely attached to the exhibit.

Dog fouling

A very positive meeting was held at school last week, involving parents (and grandparents!) together with Cornwall Council officers and Councillor Jim McKenna to consider ways of reducing dog fouling in the areas around the school. A couple of signs have already been replaced and more frequent enforcement patrols are now happening.

A further meeting is planned (date to be confirmed after half term, all welcome) to discuss the possibility of involving schoolchildren in designing posters and perhaps also, subject to the necessary parental permission, recording a short video to encourage all dog-owners to 'pick up' after their pets.

The Council had been planning to develop a Cornwall-wide awareness campaign on this issue, so special thanks to Gina Russell for ensuring that Penzance is supported first.

Clubs

Clubs continue as normal after half term. If your child is starting either Baking Club, Nerf Wars or KS2 Cricket please ensure payment (£4 for Baking online, £9 for Cricket online and £20 for Nerf cash to the office) is paid before the first club or your child will not be able to start.

Club cancellations

Story club is cancelled on the first Monday back after half term, **Monday 25th February** due to the KS1 fundraising event.

Hockey club is cancelled on **Thursday 28th February** due to a tournament.

All clubs will be cancelled on **Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March** due to parent consultations.

Scooters

We are making a new garden in the outside corner of Lanyon/Kerris classroom where we used to have the scooter and bike park. This has now been moved to inside the main side blue gate. The bikes and scooters below have been in this area for a long time. If they are yours, please come and move them by Friday 1st March or we will give them to the charity shop. Thanks.



Lost

Olivia in Bodrifty and Katie in Kingfishers have both lost their red PE shorts. They are named. Tyler in Puffins and Ryan in Trencrom have both lost their black school shoes. Please check and hand in if found. Thanks.

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!



MOTHER AND DAUGHTER NETBALL CLUB

WHEN

**Friday 15th March
4.00pm - 5.00pm**

WHERE

**Alverton Community Primary
School Playground**

**ALL AGES AND
ABILITY
WELCOME**

**FREE OF
CHARGE**

**No fee required so
just turn up & play!**

VENUE

**Alverton Primary
School**

4 Tolkuff Crescent

Penzance

TR18 4QD

TIME

4.00pm to 5.00pm

**Coffee and biscuits
available after.**

**WE LOOK
FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU ALL
ON FRIDAY 15TH
MARCH!**

Year 6 London trip - July 2019

A reminder that ALL payments for Year 6 London trip (£310 total) need to be made by **5th April at the latest.**

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 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.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Grace	for being a lovely, LOVELY member of our class
& Choughs	Isabella	for super reading and all round effort
Puffins	Joe	for his excellent reading and writing this week
Owls	Oriana	for being an Owls class superstar and because we're going to miss her
Kingfishers	Lily	for fantastic writing about wildlife gardens
Trencrom	Hazel	for working hard to improve her spelling. You are a superstar!
Lanyon	Kayson	for being an all-round superstar in every way. We will miss you
Kerris	Gabriele	for being amazing all of the time. What a star
Bodrifty	Abigail	for an all-round excellent attitude and super writing for our folk tale
Bosigran	Amon	for brilliant cookery skills in our Indian cookery challenge
Kenidjack	Summer	for bubbling over with enthusiasm for everything Year 6 has to offer
Dinnertime	Emilis	for being such a help at lunchtimes
	Dexter	for always having a healthy packed lunch
	Annie	for her commitment to the Couch to 5K
PE Star	Jenna	for a great performance in the Cup game v Roskear - Woman of the Match



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	95.0%	3
Robins	97.4%	2
Puffins	94.1%	5
Owls	92.3%	10
Kingfishers	93.7%	7
Trencrom	91.4%	11
Lanyon	93.6%	8
Kerris	93.1%	9
Bodrifty	98.1%	1
Bosigran	94.0%	6
Kenidjack	94.4%	4
Overall school attendance	94.1%	



Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

February

PLEASE NOTE CLUBS CONTINUE AS NORMAL AFTER HALF TERM

March

- 1st Sharing assembly for Puffins at 2.45pm
- 5th St. Piran's dance for Year 6 – details to follow
- 7th World Book Day
- 11th-13th Parent Consultations – appointment times will be booked online – **no clubs this week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.**
- 22nd Sharing assembly for Lanyon at 2.45pm
- 27th Last swimming for Year 6
- 29th Sharing assembly for Owls at 2.45pm
- 29th **All clubs finish**
- 29th All music lessons finish

April

- 4th FOAS Easter Disco – details to follow
- FRIDAY 5th APRIL SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15pm (normal time) FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY**
- SUMMER TERM BEGINS ON TUESDAY 22nd APRIL at 9am**



MBFDC - HOLIDAY CAMPS

February Half Term 2019



Dates

Wednesday 20th February - Multi Sports Camp (an array of fun sports available!)
Thursday 21st February - Football Camp
Friday 22nd February - Football Camp

Tots: 4-6yrs

10am - 12pm

£6 per day, £10 for two days or £12 for three days

Pros: 7-13yrs

10am - 3:30pm

£15 per day, £20 for two days or £30 for three days

Venue

Mounts Bay Academy Sports Centre, Penzance, TR18 3JT

Come and have some fun with the MBFDC coaches during the school holidays, we welcome players from any school or sports / football club. Register & pay online or turn up on the day. For further info see the website....

www.mbfdc.co.uk

Contact

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Where: **Alverton Primary School**
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When: **28th February 2019**

Drop in between 4.30-6.00pm



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