



## Recent sporting success

### County Hockey

Well done to our County Hockey finalists who came 3rd out of fifteen schools when they played last week.

### High Fives

Our High Fives team of Callum, Summer, Maisie, Rex, Lily Rose and Jacob had their final matches in this week and lost a very close match against Mousehole. As this is the end of the season, Mrs Dennison wants to say a huge well done to all the children who have taken part representing Alverton and a big thank you to all the parents who have helped to transport them and have supported them.

### Cross Country

Around twenty children went with Mr Hammond and Mr Holcroft to Cape Cornwall school on Monday to participate in the final round of the Penwith primary schools Cross Country events. Well done to George and Agnes who came back with medals and to all the other members of the team who competed on this occasion and at the other races this year.

### Grass track cycling

For the first time, eight of our Year 6 children took part in a Grass Track cycling event at Mounts Bay Academy on Monday. Despite never having taken part before, they were fourth overall and Mr Timmons was delighted with their attitude and determination.

### Year 5 and 6 swimming gala

Twelve of our Year 5 and 6 children went to Penzance Leisure Centre this week to compete against 22 other schools in the Penwith Swimming Gala. Our children won a number of individual medals, our Year 6 boys relay team came back with a gold medal and they have been successful in qualifying for the Cornwall Schools Games in June. Congratulations to the whole team: Ellie, Martha, Olive, Lily Rose, Samson, Finley R, Finley L, James, Maisie, Esme, Nelly and Olivia. Thank you to Mrs Whipp and Mrs Richards for taking them.



## TPAT Ofsted Evaluation

At the beginning of the term, TPAT was evaluated by Ofsted (and was the first Multi Academy Trust to be appraised in this way). As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Mr Higgs, Mrs Wicks and Mrs Hall were all involved in meeting with the Lead Inspector to discuss different aspects of TPAT's work.

The outcome was extremely positive and the report reflects our experience as part of TPAT. The inspectors stated that "the Trust's ethos reflects a strong commitment to collaboration and co-operation between and beyond its constituent schools. This develops capacity and expertise across the Trust at all levels". It also states that "constituent schools [are allowed] to express their individual identity". This was very important to us when we joined TPAT, as we are proud of our school and all that we do and achieve here, so we are pleased to see this confirmed as a strength of the Trust by Ofsted.

The full Ofsted evaluation is available on the TPAT page of our website or by following this link <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/1000/5119>

## Red Nose Day - Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated money and got involved with our fundraising in aid of Comic Relief today. There were some beautifully decorated biscuits, crosswords, word searches and joke sheets and face painting. A big thank you to Alverton stores for donating all the biscuits and icing and to Mrs Higgs for baking the amazing cake which was sold after school. Well done to the house captains for all their organisation. The fundraising total will be announced next week.

**COMIC  
RELIEF**

## Online safety

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

## Club cancellations

There will be no Hockey club on **Thursday 21st March** as Mrs Dennison and the team are at a tournament.

ALL clubs (except Nerf Games - last one on Monday 1st April) finish on Friday 29th March. A new clubs list for next term will come home just before Easter.

## Youth Speaks

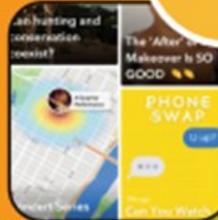
Our Youth Speaks team of Jacob, Jesse and Riley D are off to the District Finals tomorrow in Saltash and we wish them very good luck.

**ROTARY  
YOUTH  
SPEAKS** COMPETITION

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**



Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images, videos and chat with friends. Users can share images and videos directly to specific friends, or through a 'story' shared with their entire friend list, which documents the previous 24 hours. In a study, Snapchat was ranked the 4th most negative app in terms of having an impact on young people's health and wellbeing, with children feeling that they can use the app Snapchat to "make you look pretty."



## What parents need to know about **SNAPCHAT**



### EXPOSING YOUR CHILD'S EXACT LOCATION

The 'Snap Map' lets you share your EXACT location in real-time through a map on the app. The user's location updates when the app has been opened on the device. There is a warning on the Snapchat website about uploading images and videos to 'Our Story', stating that "snaps you submit to 'Our Story' can still show up on the Map, no matter which location setting you choose!". When uploading to 'Our Story', your child's image or video could appear in "Search results and Stories on or off Snapchat - today or in the future."

### LENS EXPLORER

The 'Lens Studio' on Snapchat gives users the freedom to use their imagination to design their own filters for themselves and others to use. Snapchat states that the lenses users create "must comply with our Lens Studio Submission Guidelines and Community Guidelines and must be appropriate for Snapchatters ages 13+." The 'Lens Explorer' in the app now enables users to choose from thousands of these creations to alter their snaps. Anyone can create a lens for Snapchat, which gives opportunities for age-inappropriate content to be uploaded.

### SCREENSHOTS & SAVED MESSAGES

While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear eventually, users still have the capability to screenshot or record anything which has been sent to them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshotting is possible and send a compromising image or message to somebody who they think they trust. They may also accidentally send an image or message to somebody who they do not trust. Simply by pressing and holding a message, the user is able to save a message they have received, which can be screenshotted or used against them at a later date.

### SNAPSTREAKS & ADDICTION

'Snap Streaks' are gained when snaps have been sent back and forth consecutively between friends. The longer that snaps are sent between users, the longer the streak becomes. Furthermore, Snapchat rewards users who have achieved high Snap Streaks, by gifting emojis, adding incentives for users to keep the streaks. Children invest time into making their streaks as long as possible, which can put an incredible amount of pressure on both themselves and their friendships.

### SEXTING

Due to 'Snaps' disappearing, (users can even send a one-second photo or video), Snapchat has become the chosen platform for children and young people to send sexually explicit images or 'selfies'. Once a photo/video has been screenshotted, or recorded using another device or software, this can lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying. It is illegal to make, possess, download, store and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves. However, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed, but taking formal action isn't in the public interest.

### SNAP ORIGINALS

Through 'Snap Originals', users can watch content which has been created by Snapchat on the app, including comedy shows, drama, news and more. Additionally, there are new lenses and filters available, inspired by the 'snap originals' shows. This is another feature to encourage addiction.



## Top Tips for Parents



### THE RISKS OF SEXTING

It can be slightly awkward talking about this topic with your child, but if it helps them protect themselves, it is worth it. Talk to them about the consequences of sexting and make sure that they're aware of the risks. Ensure your child knows that 'Snaps' can be screenshotted. Teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences as the message, image or video can be shared further.

### REPORTING A STORY, LENS, FILTER, SNAP OR MESSAGE

If your child comes across inappropriate Snapchat content sent directly to them or in another person's story, advise them to report it immediately. This may include an inappropriate lens, filter, message or snap. To report an offensive lens, they should open the app and select the lens they want to report. An info button will appear above the lens. Click this, followed by the flag icon. This will send a report to Snapchat for further investigation. Reports can also be made on the Snapchat support website: [support.snapchat.com](http://support.snapchat.com).

### USE 'GHOST MODE'

We highly recommend enabling 'Ghost Mode' on the app so that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the 'Snap Map'. To enable this, go onto the Snap Map and tap the cog in the top-right corner. Here, change the setting to 'Ghost Mode'.

### HOW TO DELETE A MESSAGE

Advise your child never to send any negative messages (or images) through gallery in the chat on the app as screenshots can still be taken. You should also advise your child to screenshot any negative comments they receive as the sender can also delete them. To delete a message, simply press and hold the sent message and press delete.

### TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'

'Quick Add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature. This can be done in the settings.

### RESTRICT STORY VIEWS

Your child can add videos and images to their 'Story' throughout the day which will last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in a user's friends list can see their story. We recommend checking the privacy settings to ensure that this has not been edited. This can simply be done in the app's settings under the 'Who Can View My Story' section. The options to choose from are 'My Friends', 'Everyone' or 'Custom' - we suggest that it is set to 'My Friends'.



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

### Class photos - new date

Tempest will be in this term on **Monday 1st April** to take class photos and not after Easter. Please ensure your child is wearing their smartest school uniform on that day.

### Alverton Rocks

A letter with lots of information about taking part in our Alverton Rocks pebble hiding game has come home this week. Please take part if you can!



### Lunch debts

The kitchen staff have advised us that a number of parents accrue several weeks' worth of debts on a regular basis. Please can you ensure that your child's lunches are either paid for on a daily or weekly basis and large debts are not built up with Caterlink.

### Wanted!

Miss Williams is keen to make a space for music in the woods - we want to make a fantastic junk band area full of home-made instruments. Do you have anything at home that we could turn from rubbish into music? Old pans, pipes, Hoover bits, etc? Would anyone like to come along and help us make a little music grove in the woods? If you can donate anything or help, please let the office know. Thank you very much.



### Year 3&4 camp meeting - change of date

If your child is going to Bude in May please come along to a camp meeting at 3.30pm on **Tuesday 4th April** in the hall (it was Wednesday 5th). There will be lots of information provided and a chance to ask questions.

### 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.

### FOAS Easter Disco

**Thursday 4th April**

FOAS have decided that they will no longer be giving out cookies at the Disco although there will be drinks available. Instead, they will put all names of any child who attends into an Easter Egg raffle and will draw out the winners on Friday 5th April. The cost will remain at £1.50 per child.



### 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      | Buster   | for super all round effort and a positive attitude to school                |
| & Choughs   | Vivian   | for always having a positive approach to learning                           |
| Puffins     | Elowen   | for her fantastic positive attitude towards her work & being kind & helpful |
| Owls        | Freddie  | for being on fire with his money Maths this week                            |
| Kingfishers | Daniel   | for fantastic progress in Maths   |
| Trencrom    | Lilia    | for having an incredible week. You have worked so hard. Well done!          |
| Lanyon      | Thomas   | for his outstanding report on the king cobra                                |
| Kerris      | Toby     | for amazing report writing about tigers and black panthers                  |
| Bodrifty    | Jonah    | for improving so much with his Maths and getting more writing done          |
| Bosigran    | Cora     | for amazing focus in all her work especially Maths                          |
| Kenidjack   | Kotryna  | for fantastic progress in all areas this term                               |
| Dinnertime  | Thomas B | for his love of food  |
| PE Star     | Ruan     | for his commitment and dedication to Cross Country                          |



### 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

Reece in Puffins has lost two white polo shirts, a pair of red shorts and his red V necked school sweatshirt. They are all named. Please check and hand in if found.

### CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

|                           |       |    |
|---------------------------|-------|----|
| Choughs                   | 95.0% | 9  |
| Robins                    | 95.3% | 8  |
| Puffins                   | 98.9% | 2  |
| Owls                      | 96.7% | 3  |
| Kingfishers               | 94.7% | 11 |
| Trencrom                  | 98.6% | 4  |
| Lanyon                    | 95.0% | 9  |
| Kerris                    | 96.5% | 7  |
| Bodrifty                  | 99.2% | 1  |
| Bosigran                  | 97.3% | 6  |
| Kenidjack                 | 98.5% | 5  |
| Overall school attendance | 96.9% |    |

Our collective target is 96.5%

### DIARY DATES

#### March

22<sup>nd</sup> Sharing assembly for Lanyon at 2.45pm

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

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

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

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

#### April

2<sup>nd</sup> Year 3/4 camp meeting at 3.30pm in hall

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

**FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15pm (normal time) FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY**

**SUMMER TERM BEGINS ON TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL at 9am**

