



## Headteachers Message!



Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you for your support and understanding around the events this week. It is never an easy decision to close the school and I recognise the difficult situation this will put many of you in.

We have had an action packed few weeks with lots going on in and around the school, with some brilliant opportunities and experiences for our children. Last week saw an Oak Tree first, with a group of 5 students travelling to Cardiff to watch an international game of rugby, Wales vs Australia. The trip was a great success with students and staff thoroughly enjoying the experience with Wales winning the game by 1 point!

With the festive season fast approaching we have lots more exciting opportunities and experiences for our children to enjoy including; a trip to see a pantomime at the newly renovated Hall for Cornwall, Oak Tree Christmas fayre & pantomime, Christmas lunch and all day green time.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Dan



## Dates for the Calendar:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Cinderella Pantomime HFC Trip

1<sup>st</sup> December

Staff Development – Students finish at

12.30pm

7<sup>th</sup> December

Swimming Gala



## Bake Sale



Our cake stall, as ever was very popular and we raised over £100 pounds for our charity. This wouldn't have been possible without all the amazing cake donations we received. THANK YOU!



## Focus of the Fortnight.....



With last week being Anti-bullying week we look back on the activities and informative lessons we have had. The students and staff have spent time focused on kindness to each other.

## Panto rehearsals are in full swing

Our first panto rehearsal of **The Grinch that stole Christmas** took place last week. We have a brilliant full student cast, and our first rehearsal went so well. All our students read their lines clearly and have started to work on their characters. **Watch this space!**





# Reading

Little Fistral have been enjoying their daily reading using the reading scheme Monster Phonics.



This is a reading scheme with 10 levels that encourages the reluctant reader and challenges the more confident readers. The colour coded reading scheme works in conjunction with their phonics scheme. And introduces the reader to wonderful characters such as Miss Oh No, Green Foggy and Tricky Witch. Each book has a section in the front to practice their High Frequency Words and a list of questions at the back to boost their reading comprehension.



## Play Safe, a new national safeguarding campaign (Football Association)

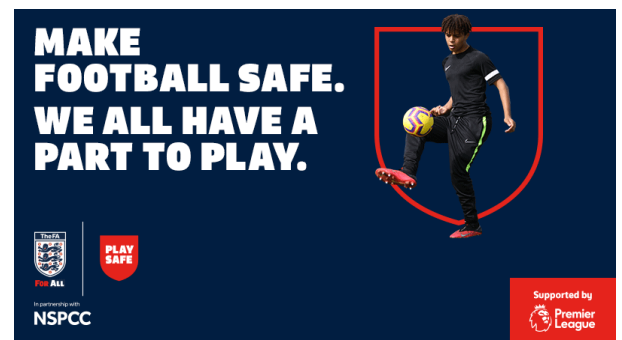
Over the weekend, the Football Association and the NSPCC launched 'Play Safe', a national campaign to focus attention on the vital importance of safeguarding in football. At the heart of the campaign are three short films to emphasise the importance of safeguarding for key groups of people, crucially children themselves.

One aspect of the campaign is prompting parents to ask questions:

- Do you know your child's club Welfare Officer?
- If so, do you have their tel no. in your 'phone, as well as that of the NSPCC?
- Are you up to speed with your child's club's safeguarding policies and procedures?
- Do you regularly check-in with your child to see what they are enjoying/not enjoying and why?

More information can be found here:

<https://www.thefa.com/PlaySafe>





Your local link into Learning

**OAK TREE SCHOOL HAVE JOINED FORCES WITH CORNWALL ADULT EDUCATION FAMILY LEARNING TO OFFER PARENTS & CARERS FREE ONLINE LITERACY AND MATHS COURSES STARTING IN THE SPRING TERM.....**

**TO ENGAGE YOU IN LITERACY AND MATHS IN A FRIENDLY AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT  
TO DEVELOP YOUR KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND UNDERSTANDING**

**RAISE YOUR SELF-CONFIDENCE AND YOUR CONFIDENCE IN SUPPORTING YOUR CHILDREN'S  
LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**TO GIVE YOU, OAK TREE PARENTS AND CARERS, THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET EACH OTHER, TO  
INTERACT AND ALSO TO FOCUS ON YOURSELVES AS INDIVIDUALS FOR ONCE!**

**6 WEEKLY ONLINE SESSIONS TO RUN EACH WEDNESDAY FROM 11-12**

**SESSIONS TO INCLUDE:**

- LITERACY AT HOME
  - EVERY DAY MATHS
  - PHONICS FOR YOUNGER READERS & READING STRATEGIES FOR OLDER LEARNERS
  - NUMBER BONDS FOR YOUNGER LEARNERS
    - CREATIVE WRITING
    - MENTAL ARITHMETIC
      - SPELLING
    - TIMES TABLES FACTS
- AND MUCH MORE!**

**THIS WILL REQUIRE A COMMITMENT FROM YOU AS SPACES WILL BE LIMITED.**

**TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL DIRECT  
AND ASK FOR MICHELE HAIGH- PARENT AND CHILD SUPPORT WORKER OR EMAIL  
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