

Spring Term 1 - Newsletter

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Pascoe**



Midway through September already, and we have all been very busy. The student council have met and have been discussing fund raising ideas for this new year and lots of fun ways to raise money. Cake Bakes etc. Yummy!

The weather is turning colder but this hasn't stopped the children getting out there for outdoor education, PE & Forest school. There is always a smell of fires and marshmallows around the school.

We are always striving to support with online safety and during the winter the children are at home more and often filling their time online. If you need any support with online safety or concerns around this for your child please contact school, we will support where we can.

Some things to remember:

Most games have an age rating based on their themes those with violent and sexual content will have a higher rating. The age rating system is provided by PEGI and gives an overview of individual games which can help you to decide if it's appropriate. These ratings don't include communication features, so a game with a low age rating may let children speak to people they don't know.

Consider creating a Family Agreement to establish some rules, which would include screen time or game-playing time. Remember that many games take a very long time to play and not all have regular 'save points'. This can be very frustrating for a child who has spent a long time trying to get to a new level only to be called down for dinner. Give them fair warning, e.g. 20 minutes then 10 minutes.

Outreach

We offer Outreach for our children, this is to encourage social experiences outside of school. Our staff will support your child with a club like Scouts, Army cadets, Sports clubs etc. If you would like to know more about this please contact Ben Gregor.

Wrap up, keep warm and healthy!

Michelle

Key Dates for your Diary

**Parenting Hacks
Workshop for
Parent/Carers**

22nd/29th January
12.30pm

**Afternoon Tea for
Parent/Carers**

Tuesday 23rd January
13.30pm

**Parenting Hacks
Workshop for
Parent/Carers**

5th February 12.30pm

Cultural Week

6th - 10th February

Half Term

12th - 16th February

**Students return to
school**

19th February

**All key dates will be
uploaded on our website.**

**To view our news and
events please [click here](#).**

WHAT'S ON?

Parenting Hacks



PARENTING HACKS!

MONDAY 15TH JANUARY
MONDAY 22ND JANUARY
MONDAY 29TH JANUARY

Come and join a friendly group for a series of 3 workshops
12.30-2.30pm at Oak Tree School

Facilitated by:
Michele Haigh (Child and family Support Worker)
Wendy Thomas (Therapy Team)

Lunch will be provided!

For Today's Wifi Password:
1. Empty Dishwasher
2. Fold Laundry
3. Vacuum Sandwiches
4. Take Out Trash

Parenthood. The scariest hood you'll ever go through.

PORTHLEVEN CLASS

A brilliant start to the spring term! Porthleven have been expanding their knowledge in multiplication and division in maths, states of matter in science and engaging in entry level 1 and 3 functional skills. Alongside this, it has been a real pleasure to speak to students about their aspirations for the future in PSHE and in turn thinking about what they can do to reach those goals.

Porthleven class absolutely love the outdoors from horse riding to den building and cooking on an open fire, a fantastic start to the spring term.

Afternoon Tea



Join us for Afternoon Tea

Tuesday 23rd January 2024 1.30pm- 2.30pm
At Oak Tree School

We welcome you to come and meet the Therapy Team and Pastoral Support Team here at Oak Tree, a chance to chat and ask any questions you may have.

Please ring the main office or email michele.haigh@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk to let us know you're coming, so we can make sure we have enough scones!

01872 264 221

Therapy and Pastoral Support Team

 Michele Haigh (Parent and child family worker)	 Michelle Pascoe (Therapy Co-ordinator)	 Louise Ryves (Speech and Language Therapist)
 Wendy Thomas (Educational)	 Sarah Canavan King (Educational)	 Ben Gregor (PSHE Co-ordinator)

Congratulations to our amazing kitchen team on the fantastic success of Environmental Health Officer visit, resulting in an impressive 5-star food hygiene grading. Their efforts and commitment to excellence have truly shone through, reflecting the exceptional standards of the running of the kitchen





WELCOME TO OTS

Andy Boxall - Class Teacher

I was previously a primary school teacher and surf instructor, both of which I thoroughly enjoyed. In my spare time I love to play football, spend time in the ocean and love reading!



Marie Long - Teaching Assistant

I have recently joined the Oak Tree team as a Teaching Assistant. In my spare time I love to paddleboard and gig row. I spend lots of time on the beach with my family and dogs. Sitting in the sun makes me smile.



Paul Crump - Class Teacher

Hello! I'm delighted to have the opportunity to work at Oak Tree School and look forward to meeting everyone. When I'm not teaching English, I play guitar in The Roosters, enjoy live theatre and watching rugby union.'



Amy Glenville - Teaching Assistant

My name is Amy Glenville, I'm 27 years old and enjoy baking at home in my free time. I like to go on coastal walks when the weather is nice, I also take my parents dogs for a walk with me as I love dogs. My favourite genre of film to watch is horror. I also enjoy watching cooking programs for some tips and tricks in the kitchen.



Sam Jose - Teaching Assistant

Hi my name is Sam, I'm a very outgoing person I enjoy being outside and love playing sports. In my spare time I play football go to the gym and also do some football coaching.



PARENT/CARER SUPPORT WORKER



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Parent Carer Support Worker who will be working alongside Michele Haigh.

My name is Sophie and most of you will already know me from my previous role as school receptionist here at Oak Tree. In my role as school receptionist, I have supported parents and carers with transport issues, attendance and I have been that link between parents/carers and the wider staff team I feel extremely privileged and excited to be given this new opportunity.

My favourite things to do in my time off is taking advantage of the beautiful place we live in, going to the beach and going for hikes. I also enjoy watching sport and playing netball as well as baking delicious treats!!

As a Parent carer support worker, I can support with a wide range of matters ranging from transport queries, attendance, signposting to external agencies, assessing family's needs on an individual basis and helping to develop support plans when needed.

As many of you know we host regular parent support groups, an opportunity for you to meet with the wider staff team and other parents and carers. I am very much looking forward to meeting you all at the next Afternoon Cream Tea on Tuesday 23rd January from 1.30pm.