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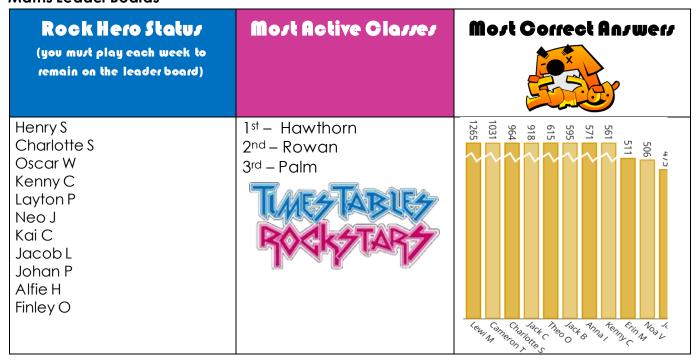


Children's Mental Health Week

Thank you to everyone who sent in photos and videos to mark Children's Mental Health Week 2021. We have put these together to create a short video which can be found <u>here</u>.

The most popular way of connecting with parents is through Facebook and Twitter. If you have not already, please like our <u>Facebook page</u> and follow us on <u>Twitter</u>.

Maths Leader Boards



Getting children reading during lockdown



There are lots of ways that children can access free books whilst at home. You will recently have received an electronic library card number which will give you access to free ebooks and audiobooks for Cornwall Library Service. More information about this has been added to your child's Google Classroom. Here are some other free resources for reading:

Oxford Owl ebooks – A range of free ebooks pitched at your child's age or reading level.

Oak Academy and National Literacy Trust – A free book a week and videos from favourite children's authors.

<u>The Week Junior</u> – A current affairs magazine for 8–14 year olds. Get first 6 issues free.

<u>Storytime Online</u> – Free to access online stories organised by age group and read by their authors and illustrators.

Call: 01726 812949

Food Supplies and Family Support

We are being generously supplied with a range of food supplies to support families during this difficult time. Please continue to pop in and grab some bits as you need them between 10am-2pm or during school pick up or drop off if your child is currently attending school.

Food packages are also being made available through the local council and can be collected from St Blazey Recycle, Reuse, Resale situated opposite St Blazey Co-op, behind the therapy shop through the green gates. Collections are Monday 10-1 and Friday 10-1. If you are interested please get in touch and we can arrange this for you.

We have some vouchers available in school for the St Austell foodbank. Please contact our school Parent Support Advisor (PSA) Mrs Gill if you are interested in these.

Safer Internet Day 2021

Safer Internet Day this year will be on the 9th February 2021 with the theme:

An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world.

The campaign focuses on how we can decide what to trust online, supporting young people to question, challenge and change the online world for the better. It will explore how influence, persuasion and manipulation can impact young people's decisions, opinions and what they share online. It also looks at the emotional impact navigating a misleading online world can have on young people and why it is important to create a supportive, critical and questioning culture online that encourages debate and discussion. We want to give young people the skills to support one another, and the strategies to spot and speak out against harmful and misleading content online such as fake news, fake celebrity gossip, adverts on webpages with weight loss transformations, pop ups, people on TikTok making up news, conspiracy theories etc.

Please spend the time discussing this topic with your child and help them to understand what is reliable and safe and what information can be harmful. Class teachers will be uploading an activity onto Google Classroom to support those children working at home.

More information can be found at https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021 and on our school website Internet Safety - The Aspire Academy Trust

INSET and Half Term

Aspire academies will be closed to ALL pupils, including critical workers/vulnerable pupils **next Friday 12th February** for a planned Trust INSET staff training day. INSET days are established diary dates in any given academic year and the Trust has retained this date to ensure professional development and teaching & learning best practice continues across all our academies. Academies will then remain closed to ALL pupils from w/c 15th February for half term and will reopen to critical worker/vulnerable pupils on Monday 22nd February. Eligible Free School Meals families will receive a Wonde voucher to cover the half term period.

Please note that there will be no home learning provided for the INSET day or during the half term break.

Dates for your diary	
09.02.21	Safer Internet Day
12.02.21	INSET Day – School closed to all pupils
15.02.21 - 19.02.21	Half Term – School closed to all pupils
02.04.21	Bank Holiday – Good Friday
05.04 – 16.04.21	Easter Break
03.04.21	May Day Bank Holiday
31.05.21 – 04.06.21	Half Term
23.07.21	Last Day of Term

Take care of yourselves and stay safe everyone.