



SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES

We would like to remind parents of the procedures the school has in place with the County Council if the school needs to be closed due to adverse weather conditions or an emergency.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT SCHOOL WILL NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES NOTIFY OF CLOSURES VIA SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES.

If the School is closed PRIOR to the start of the school day.

A decision will be made by the Head Teacher in conjunction with the Council and the Bus Companies as early as possible.

This decision will be given to the Council who will notify Radio Cornwall, Heart FM & Pirate FM who will broadcast the confirmed closure of the school during their breakfast shows.

The closure details will also be put on the County Council website and the School Website. Additionally we will send a text and/or email to all parents for whom we hold these details.

If the school remains closed for a subsequent day (or days) the procedure outlined above will be repeated.

If the School is to be closed DURING the school day.

A decision will be made by the Head Teacher in conjunction with the Council and the Bus Companies as early as possible.

Pupils will meet with their tutors and be asked to contact parents by mobile phone (or school landline) to gain permission to leave the school early. Once **the tutor has confirmed that permission has been granted** the pupils will be dismissed from school to travel home by bus, on foot or be collected by parents. IF PERMISSION CAN NOT BE CONFIRMED BY A TUTOR THEN THE PUPIL(S) WILL REMAIN AT SCHOOL UNTIL THE PARENT CONTACTS THE SCHOOL TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR THEM TO LEAVE.

School staff will remain on site until ALL pupils have been collected.

For Poltair Students who are on College Courses.

If the College closes before the start of the day the pupils will be notified as above.

If the College closes during the day the students will return to Poltair where practical or will be dismissed from the college after contact has been made with the parents **BY THE COLLEGE STAFF.**

DIARY DATES	Tuesday 11 February	Safer Internet Day
	Wednesday 12 February	Masterchef Final
	Thursday 13 February	Year 10 Parents' Evening 3.45—7.15 pm
	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February	Half term



SAFER INTERNET DAY 2014
11 FEBRUARY Let's create a better internet together



Safer Internet Day 2014 – Let's create a better internet together.

Safer Internet Day is organised in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre in February of each year to promote the safe and responsible use of online technology and mobile phones for children and young people. Safer Internet Day 2014 will take place on Tuesday 11 February 2014, with the theme 'let's create a better internet together'. The day offers the opportunity to focus on both the creative things that children and young people are doing online, as well as the role and responsibility that we all share in helping to create a better internet.

The UK Safer Internet Centre is a partnership of three leading charitable organisations, Childnet International, the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) and the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), all working towards the Childnet target; to make the Internet a great and safe place for children. Visit saferinternet.org.uk where you can find Safer Internet Day specific resources and support for children and young people as well parents and carers.

You can help by having a conversation with your child using the conversation starters for parents and carers resources and support them with their online activity.

Mr D Fitzgerald – Head of learning in ICT

MASTERCHEF QUALIFYING Key Stage 4 Round

Both heats of Master Chef are now completed and the Key Stage 4 round certainly proved popular. There were some fantastic entries amongst the 27 staff and pupil teams.

The brief for this round was to create Pasta A'la Poltair - the teams were provided with a tray of ingredients, enough to make a pasta dish and a flavoured bread accompaniment. The dishes were interpreted in which ever way the pupils saw fit and the completed dishes showed brilliant creative flair.

Everyone worked really well in their teams and the finished results were fantastic. The judging team:- Mr Tong, Mr King and Mr Marshall tasted a range of dishes from pasta with olive and tomato sauce to cheesy pasta bake and a range of breads from a garlic bread to a French plaited, herb crusted loaf.

Again Mrs Toms was tasked with the exciting job of delivering the finalist news. The 6 finalists from Key Stage 4 and proceeding to the final round on 12 February are:

Ethan Chapman and Mrs Whitbread-Abrutat

Harry Greer and Miss Sullivan

Caleb Hocking and Ms Lobb

Ashley Murrell and Mr Sugden

Lauren James and Mrs Thomas

Adam Barnecutt and Mrs Haley



Well done to all of the contestants - every one of you deserved a place in the final - there are certainly some budding Cornish chef's in the clutches of Poltair School.

Watch this space to see the Masterchef Winner.