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# Newsetter Stay safe online

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You may have seen recent reports on social media regarding risks associated with children talking to strangers when playing Fortnite. Fortnite is a 12+ rated game and therefore children of primary age should not have access to it. Go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/fortniteadvice">https://tinyurl.com/fortniteadvice</a> to read the Fortnite: all you need to know guide.

It is also important to point out that primary age children should not have a Facebook, Instagram or Snapchat account. These are for children of 13+.

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day and, as always, we will be talking to the children about how to stay safe online.







Swimming has got off to a great start again this term. Mrs Davison has said the children are working really hard and doing brilliantly. A big thank you to Mrs Baylis for attending too.







Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to anyone who has been a member of the PTA during my time at St Mawes. It is a thankless task and I am humbled at how hard everyone has worked for the school. Thousands and thousands of pounds has been raised. Unfortunately we no longer have a PTA that will be arranging events and raising funds for the school. As a small school our budget is extremely tight and we have always relied on the PTA for funds towards outings for the children and curriculum resources. This has enabled us to keep costs down for parents. For example, the PTA have heavily subsidised the residentials and therefore it has reduced the cost per pupil by about £50. That is just one example of how important the fundraising is to the school and you as parents. Without our PTA it is inevitable that these costs will now increase for parents. If anyone is interested in running or being on the PTA then please come and speak to myself or Mrs Crinks.



Well done to the following winners of our reading karate bands:

White (15 reads) - Alfie,

Yellow (30 reads) - Albie, Dylan G, Arthur and Evie

Orange (50 reads) - Zara, Amelie F, Isaac, Summer, Lottie M, Charlie Rg and Kaiden,

Green (80 reads) - Lottie C, Maggie, Sydney, Jed, Leili and Poppy

Blue (110 reads) - Layla, Tazmin, Jack, Lottie C, Max, Lily-Rose, Taylor, Noah and Isla

Purple (150 reads) - Layla, Tazmin, Imogen, Suki and Oliver



Our stars of the week are Amelie R. Alfie, Victoria, Lily-Rose, Layla, Imogen, Oliver and Dylan G. Well done to you all.





We welcome back Andy Ayre this term for PE and Rob Menear who will be teaching dance to both classes. It is important that your child is always dressed appropriately for PE and I would be grateful if they could have the correct kit in school at all times.



## Term time holidays



We are still receiving a large amount of requests to take children out of school during term time. Your child should not be taken on holiday during term time unless it is exceptional circumstances. Cheaper holidays is not an exceptional circumstance. This not only affects their own education but it is also disruptive for their peers as the teacher needs to spend additional time ensuring the child has 'caught up' on what has been missed.

Primary education is just as important as secondary education so please work with us to ensure every child has access to the best start in life.