

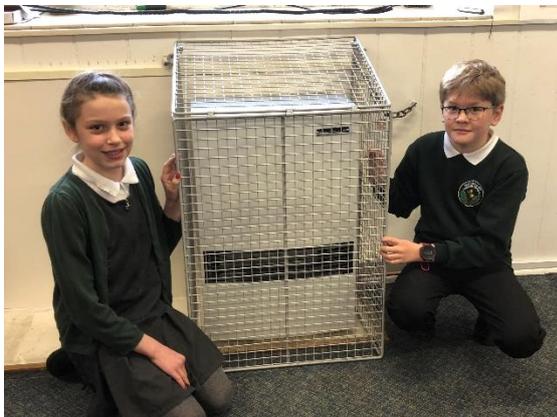
# Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 5th February 2021

## Heaters

We are delighted to say that the heaters in Juniper classroom are completed and working well. The room is very toasty, plus the heaters are about 60% more energy efficient than the old ones.



## Mental Health Week

It has been so wonderful to take part in Children's Mental Health Week and to see photos of the children taking part in the SCARF activities. The mindful moments proved very popular and we are going to continue with these on a weekly basis, so keep an eye on the school Class Dojo page for these. One of our remote learners sent Miss Tarling a lovely message;

"My mum has let me use her account so I can write you a message to say how much I am enjoying your mindfulness moments. I really am. I look forward to them every day and love seeing all the teachers and what you're doing with them".

The mental health page on our school website has been updated today with new resources to

support your wellbeing at home, including a special wellbeing booklet full of lovely activities, challenges and games to play! There is also a calendar from Action for Happiness, called 'Friendly February' which you can print out, or download as an app for daily activities to get daily actions and inspirations





book for a little while. What a fantastic day!  
We hope to take part in something similar next month.



## WE'RE PROUD TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

[CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK](http://CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK)  
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### Half Term

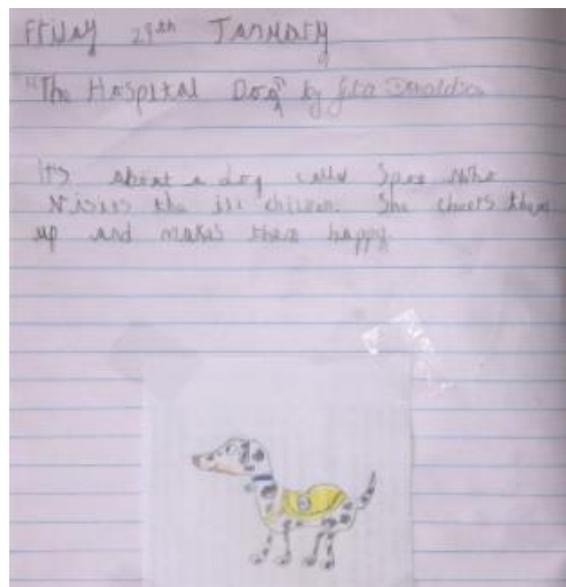
Just a reminder that we break up for half term on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. School will reopen on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> is a school INSET day.

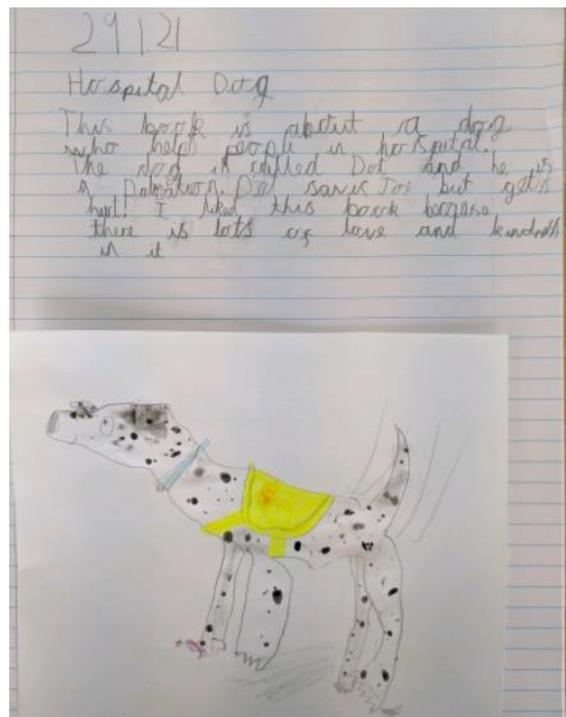
### READ Gloucestershire

Last Friday the whole school took part in the very first reading event for READ Gloucestershire. KS2 enjoyed a live webinar with Sam Copeland where he shared his new book 'Uma and the Answer to Absolutely Everything'. Cameron said, "that was great, I really enjoyed the event!" Elliot said, "we watched the webinar and it was really good, I especially liked the quiz."

EYFS/KS1 sat down to watch Julia Donaldson read her new book 'The Hospital Dog'. They then drew along with Hospital Dog's Illustrator Sara Ogilvie and produced some amazing sketches of Dot the Dalmatian!

At 2pm we took part in DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) and enjoyed some quiet time so that we could lose ourselves in a





### **Lock down Lunches**

If you are struggling for lunch ideas during lockdown then there is a great resource that the NHS has produced that gives some great ideas and inspiration for lunches and all priced at £15 a week

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>

### **Half Term Free School Meals**

As part of the County Council's commitment to ensure *No Child Goes Hungry* the scheme will run again through the February Half Term.

During February Half Term the online portal will be available for Parents to apply for vouchers themselves. The portal will be live on the Gloucestershire County Council website from **25<sup>th</sup> January – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021** (closing at 5pm). Please be aware that any Parent or Carer who received a voucher during October or December holidays will receive this automatically and does not need to apply again through the portal for February.

Once the portal has closed the County Council aim for all vouchers to be sent between the 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

### **Church Service in Alderton**

As you are aware Church services are presently suspended and a Morning Prayer takes place via Zoom. We will be publishing the link each week.

Topic: Morning Prayer

Time: 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting for Morning Prayer on Sunday

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79812573605?pwd=V0w2MEhPcDZYQTJpajR1bm90dmUzUT09>

Meeting ID: 798 1257 3605

Passcode: EJ8WjH

**Oak Hill Parishes Lenten Journey of Reflection & Prayer** Weekly [4/5 weeks] – commencing 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 at 7.00pm – please note change of time, not 2pm as originally advertised.

I look forward to seeing those of you who are able to come together over Zoom for a time of Reading, Reflection and prayer. Approx. 25mins – all are welcome.

**Join Zoom Meeting link for Lenten Journey**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71065091971?pwd=ZFRPc041TIUzWIZ6RE92WVFNZ0padz09>

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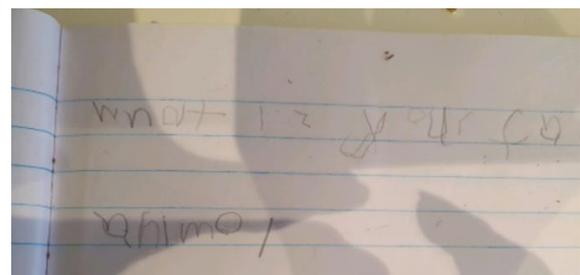
### **Oak Academy Virtual Library**

Oak Academy are starting their own virtual Library with a different book every week which can be read virtually, as well as interviews with the author. This week's book is Mr Tiger, Betsy and the Blue Moon by Sally Gardner

Link: <https://library.thenational.academy/>

### **Maple Class**

This week in Reception, our theme has been 'Vets' and we have been completing some vet training! As part of our training, we learnt about animals and their young. We had a special presentation, kindly made by Mrs Simpson, who works at DeMonfort Vets in Evesham. Snowy the hamster made several appearances in our lessons this week, so we learnt all about how to take care of her! We have also been enjoying finding 2D and 3D shapes all around us.







### **Juniper Class**

In Juniper Class this week we have continued with our topic by focusing on plastic pollution. We have researched facts and statistics and written persuasive letters to encourage the local government to invest in our schemes and inventions that we created last week. I have been really impressed with our writing and it is great to see that so many children want to make a difference. In DT we have been making our own bird feeders from plastic milk bottles and this is an activity the children really enjoyed. Next week, we will be learning about palm oil and how it is a major contributor to deforestation and we will be creating our own persuasive speeches to make everyone aware of its impacts on wildlife around the world. In Maths we have been recapping operations with fractions and next week we will be looking at line graphs and problem solving. The children also took part in the Severn Trent Live lesson which they really enjoyed.

A few months ago the children applied for a green Blue Peter badge as they were passionate about saving the environment. I am pleased to announce that these have started to arrive in the post and fit in perfectly with our topic!



All children in Year 5 and 6 are continuing to do a brilliant job. Well done everyone.

