

# MOUSEHOLE NEWS

Friday 31st January 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

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It was lovely to see glimmer of sunshine at the end of the week and for the children to get out and enjoy the fresh air after a very blustery start to the week!

The Mousehole Mice had a lovely afternoon with Jade Townsend understanding the celebration of The Chinese New Year through story, dance, singing, dressing up as a dragon and using the dragon puppets. This was a wonderful experience for all the children and tied in perfectly with their project on Festivals.

Congratulations to Arthur for achieving a highly recommended in the BBC 500 Word writing competition with his story "Mr Rosenbaum". He managed to get into the last 100 out of tens of thousands entries. They will be celebrating his success on the 500 Word website when they have finally ranked the last 100. This is an amazing achievement and a real inspiration to us all. Well done to all the children who took part this year and don't give up. Arthur has informed me that he is going to apply again next year!

Congratulations also to the boys football team who played in a tournament on Thursday against Alverton and Newlyn. This was organised by the Sports Ambassadors at Penwith College. The boys played four games winning three and losing one. They were the overall winners with a score of 24 points. An excellent result boys and we are very proud of your achievement. A big thank you to Mr Ansell and Brayden's mum for taking them along.

Please take time to look at the E-Safety poster attached as we have had several incidents where children have mentioned they are playing games or watching videos that aren't appropriate for their age range. There is a parent controls leaflet on our website to support if required.

Lugger Class are singing in the St Piran's Concert at St Johns Hall on the 4th March at 7pm. Please can you let the office know if they will be taking part by next Wednesday so we can organise transport to the practices.

Next week is Mental Health Week and we are asking the children to wear odd socks to support this.

Finally next Friday 7th February is Luggers cake stall- we look forward to welcoming you along to this FROMS fundraiser.

Hope you have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the rugby!

Best wishes

Sarah Trow

# Stars of the week



Skiff Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hugo</li> <li>- Jude</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Well done for working so well in your maths this week-keep it up!</li> <li>- Well done Jude you are wow-ing us everyday with your brilliant ideas, questions and kind manners!</li> </ul>
Lugger Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Caleb C</li> <li>- Alfie S</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For your use of fantastic similes and expanded noun phrases to describe the setting in our English to great effect. Well done!</li> <li>- You are a Maths Star with your division and working conscientiously to develop written methods. Well done!</li> </ul>
Schooner Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arthur</li> <li>- Evangeline</li> <li>- Henry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Well done Arthur for continually working on expanding your vocabulary and experimenting with increasing aspirational language. Congratulations on reaching the last 100 in the Five Hundred Words writing competition.</li> <li>- Well done Evangeline for having the confidence to choreograph and perform a wonderful partnered dance in front of the whole class.</li> <li>- Well done for choreographing and performing a confident dance in front of the whole class. Great partner work Henry.</li> </ul>



## Marvellous Mouse Of The Week



### Leo

For his amazing number knowledge-counting numbers up to 10 out of sequence, well done Leo!

## HOUSE POINTS:



PORTHCHAPEL:100

GWYNVER:69

SENNEN:116

PRAA SANDS:170



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

91.9%%

SKIFF-86.34%

LUGGER- 92.74%

SCHOONER-97.2%

## Cornish words of the week! “Mis hwevrer”- February



Congratulations to Arthur for his fantastic achievement coming in the top 100 for the BBC 500 Words writing competition! Also to Kerra and Luna who have written beautiful adverbial phrases in their Egyptian writing. All great role models for writing and very deserving of headteacher awards-keep it up!



Congratulations to the boys football team for winning the tournament against Alverton and Newlyn-Great work!



Mousehole Mice had a fantastic time with Jade Townsend learning all about The Chinese New Year through, story, dance, puppets and music!



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Spring Term:

Fridays-Schooners swimming

Jumping Mice weekly on Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am

W/b 3.2.25 Mental Health Week

Friday 7th Feb Luggers Cake Stall 3.15pm

Friday 14th Feb Valentine Disco-5.30-7pm

Half Term 17th-21st February

Tue 4th March St Piran Concert 7pm St Johns Hall

Wed 5th March St Piran Parade 10am

Thurs 6th March World Book Day

Wed 12th March Parent Consultations

Fri 21st March Red Nose Day

Wed 26th March Tempest whole school photos

Thurs 27th March Songfest 3.30-8.45pm St Johns Hall

W/B 31st March No Clubs

Friday 4th April Easter egg Raffle

Friday 4th April- Last Day of Term

Yr 6 SAT's w/b 12th May 15th May

**Summer Term Begins 22.4.25**

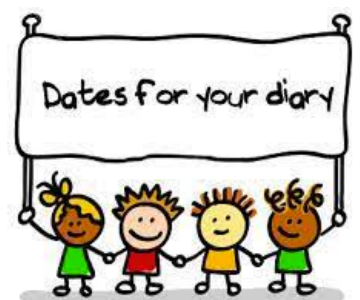
**2024-2025 INSET Days:**

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

**Autumn Term Begins 2.9.25**





## Messaging others

There are many ways in which our children can communicate online, for example via messaging apps, social media apps and online games such as FIFA and Fortnite. We need to understand how and who our children our communicating with to keep them safe online.

Ensure your child knows to talk to a trusted adult should they need to. However, remind them that it is not appropriate to contact teachers online, they should only use official school communication methods.

### What are the risks?

- Bullying and inappropriate chat.
- Contact from strangers.
- Sharing personal information including images.
- Sextortion - this is a form of extortion where somebody threatens to share a nude/sexual image of you.

### How can I mitigate the risks?

- Ensure your child is accessing age-appropriate apps/games and that appropriate parental controls are set up.
- Chat to your child about the risks so they are aware of what can happen online.
- Depending on the age of your child, it may be more appropriate for devices to be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing.

### Further information

- <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/>
- <https://www.brightcanary.io/what-to-do-when-your-child-sends-inappropriate-texts/>

## Squid Game – rated 15+

Season 2 of Netflix's Squid Game is now available and has been **rated 15** by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC). You can find out why Squid Game has been rated 15 by visiting the BBFC: <https://www.bbfc.co.uk/release/squid-game-q29sbgvjdgvlbjpwwc01mzm3ndg>.

Due to its popularity, Squid Game related content can be found on numerous other platforms such as YouTube, TikTok and Roblox, so your child may come across this show without even viewing it on Netflix. Content may range from trailers of the show or content that other people create such as memes and games.

### What can I do?

- **Parental Controls** - Set up appropriate parental controls on your broadband, devices and on individual apps to reduce access to content that is not appropriate for their age.
- **Talk** - Chat to your child about age ratings and why this means certain programmes are not suitable for them to watch.
- **Individual Profiles** - Set up child profiles on any streaming services to ensure your child is only viewing content appropriate to them.
- **Reporting** - Make sure your child knows how to report and block on all platforms that they use.
- **Explore** - Watch and explore things online together so you can see what your child is doing and how to support them.

### More information:

It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are watching and ensure that they know they should always tell you or another trusted adult if they do see anything upsetting. You can find out more about the type of inappropriate content your child might come across online here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/learn-about-it/>

## Should children have mobile phones?

The Children's Society explore this important question in their recent blog titled "Should children have mobile phones?" The article discusses concerns such as excessive screentime being linked with mental health issues as well as the benefits of a child friendly phone rather than a smart phone. You can read the full article here:

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/should-children-have-mobile-phones>

# Snapchat

## What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time e.g., 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.



## Key Concerns

There are potential risks to using Snapchat, including:

- the risk of your child viewing content that is not appropriate for their age.
- location sharing (via Snap Map) (this can be switched off).
- cyberbullying.
- contact from strangers.
- excessive screen time.

## Family Centre features

Snapchat's Family Centre is a set of parental controls and includes tools such as allowing you to:

- see who your child is friends with.
- see who your child has sent messages (not the contents of conversations though), photos or videos to in the last week.
- view a list of group members for groups that your child has been active in.
- restrict content to limit access.
- report any accounts that you are concerned about.

You can learn more about Family Centre here:

<https://parents.snapchat.com/parental-controls?lang=en-GB>

## Safety tips

Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up on Snapchat, including who can see their location and also ensure your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary:

- <https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/7012343074580-How-do-I-change-my-privacy-settings-on-Snapchat>

## More information

For more detailed advice and information:

- <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/the-risks-snapchat-poses-to-children>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/snapchat/>

## Do you need help managing your child's device?

You can use Google Family Link or Apple Family Sharing to help you depending on your child's device.

### Google Family Link

This is a free parental control app from Google that lets you:

- View activity reports showing how long they spend on each app.
- Approve or block new app downloads.
- Set screen time limits.
- Find their location.

You will need to download an app and then decide appropriate settings.

<https://families.google/familylink/>

### Apple Family Sharing

You can set up Family Sharing in the settings of your device. Family Sharing allows you to:

- Share Apple subscriptions and purchases from the App Store.
- Approve what children purchase/download.
- Limit screen time.
- Share locations and find devices.

<https://www.apple.com/uk/family-sharing/>

### Monitoring Apps (paid for)

In addition, there are apps that you can pay for that you may find provides a better solution for you. Whilst we cannot recommend/endorse a specific product, these are some examples that you could review and test using a free trial:

- Norton Family: <https://uk.norton.com/products/norton-family>
- Qustodio: <https://www.qustodio.com/en/>
- Family Time: <https://familytime.io/>

# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -  
please join us at our  
1hr online  
Sleep Workshop

Monday 3rd February - 11am & 4pm  
Tuesday 4th February - 9.30am & 2pm  
Wednesday 5th February - 9.30am &  
1.30pm  
Thursday 6th February - 11am &  
1.30pm



This workshop aims to provide  
psychoeducation on sleep hygiene  
and sleep routines. Also includes  
practical strategies for helping  
children

To book a place please complete  
the online form [HERE](#)

<https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of  
primary aged children enrolled in Reception  
to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall



