

# MOUSEHOLE NEWS

Friday 8th November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new half term.

The children have been enjoying getting back into the routine of school and immersing themselves in their learning. They have been accessing our school field through woodland skills and Mousehole Mice have been up in the woods.

Mousehole Mice have been out and about in the village making up magical stories on their adventures as well as working hard on their letter formation and counting to 10.

A huge thank you to Charlie Patrick from Safesmart Limited who delivered our new sports kit this week, as we were winners of this year's Sports Kit Sponsorship Grant. This is fantastic as we shall be able to use it for many sporting events including High 5's, Hockey and Football.

Thank you to FROMS and Solomon Browne for hosting our coffee and community garden afternoon on Wednesday and to all those who managed to attend. We had some helpful feedback in regards to moving forward with funding to continue the community garden in the future. If you were unable to attend please pop in and have a word with Mr Ansell regarding any ideas you may have. We managed to raise over £100 which helps towards all the extra resources and events we are able to provide for the children. FROMS have a Christmas Fair planning meeting on Monday 11th November at 2.30pm in the hall. If you could give some time we would love to welcome you along as this is a good fundraiser for the school.

Schooner Class went down this morning to place the crosses of remembrance at the War Memorial for all the people who died in the wars in Mousehole over the years. This is a very poignant time and the children were respectful and interested as they have been learning about World War II this term. We will be representing the school on Sunday at the Mousehole Remembrance Service. Please come along at 10.20am to the Legion and then down to the War Memorial on the front.

It is Children in Need Day next Friday 15th November. The children can wear home clothes with as many spotty garments as possible. We ask if you could bring in a £1 donation for this fantastic cause.

We now have a new Facebook Page if you could view and share that would be really appreciated. I will attach the link to the Seesaw message for you to access.

Attendance- please can you ensure that your child is in school each day and to let the office know if they are unwell. Please see the attached information regarding unauthorised absences.

Please remember to send your child in with a named coat as the weather is getting colder.

**Reminder please use the footpath when walking up to school and not the road as cars are coming and going at this time.**

I hope you have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday for a prompt 8.45am start.

Best wishes

Sarah Trow

# Stars of the week

Skiff Class	-Ivy	- For being a super role model to all and having a fantastic attitude to her learning.
	-Meadow	-For her marvellous maths and recognising the patterns in place value.
Lugger Class	-Charlie S	- For his fantastic focus especially in maths and learning those tricky words.
	-Delilah	-For being a superstar and excellent example to others and always trying to do the right thing.
Schooner Class	- Iona	- For striving to do her best at all times and in all areas of school life.
	- Arlo CP	- For some lovely poetry writing about the trenches in the war.
	- Arlo T	-For his fantastic enthusiasm in our topic work about World War II.
	- Logan	-For trying really hard with his maths.



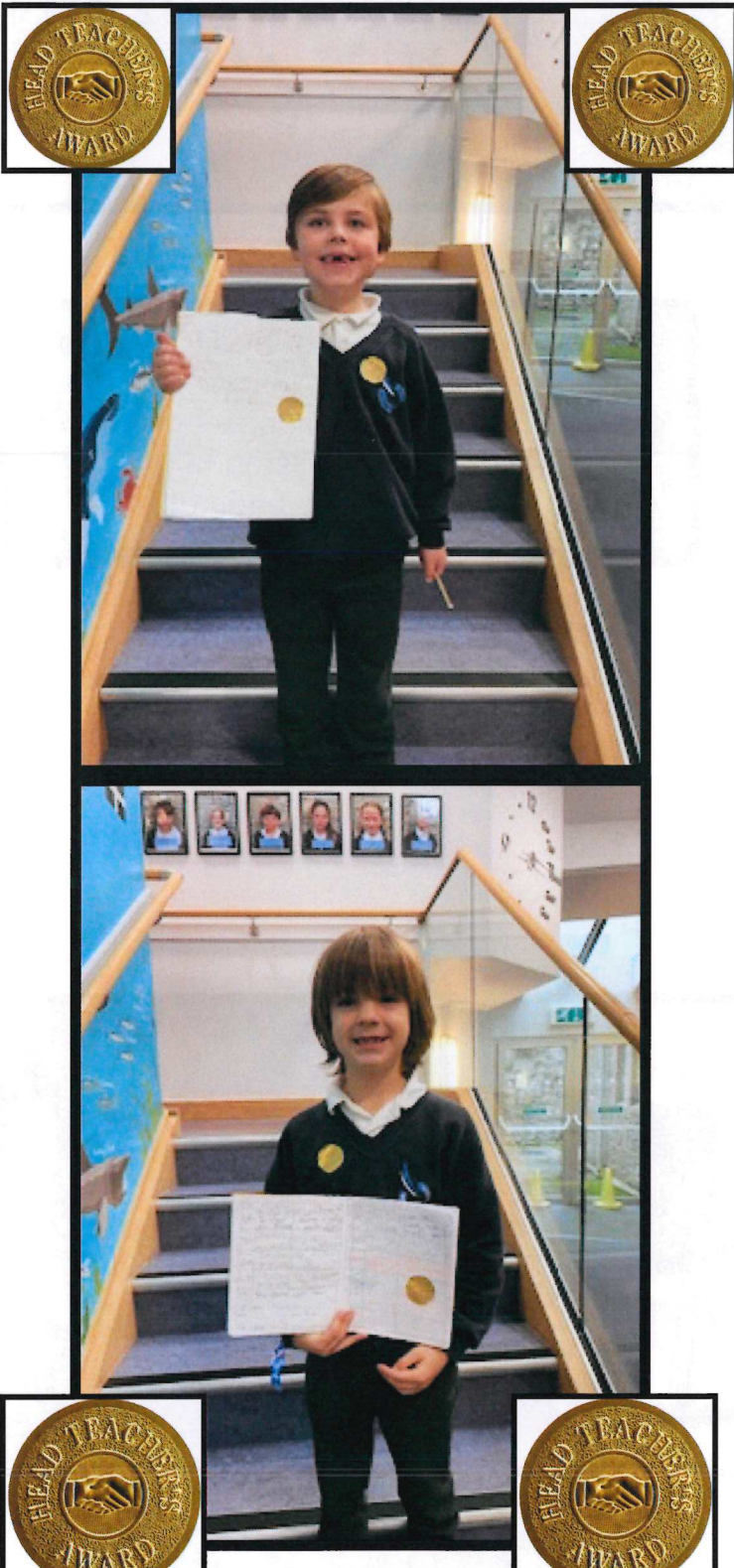


WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:  
 93.27%  
 SKIFF-90%  
 LUGGER-96.15 %  
 SCHOONER-91.3-%

HOUSE POINTS:



**PORTHCHAPEL:179**  
**GWYNVER:154**  
**SENNEN:207**  
**PRAA SANDS:178**



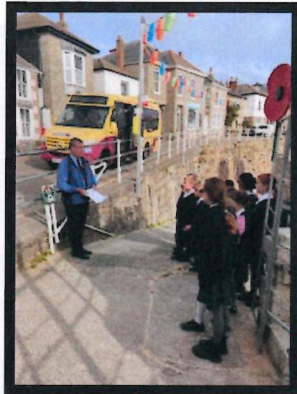
Hugo received a headteachers award this week for his fantastic firework poem-using adjectives and exclamation marks for expression. Great work Hugo!

Cornish word of the week!  
**“myll”**  
 -poppy



Otis received a headteachers award this week for his amazing efforts in reading. He read everyday through the holiday and everyday this week. He loves to read comics! Keep up the good work Otis!

Schooner laid the remembrance crosses at the memorial in Mousehole with Graham Davies to remember each person who lost their lives in each of the wars.



Congratulations to Arlo Bee, Ivy, Kerra, Allora and Bunny for completing the Summer Reading Challenge-great work girls and lovely to listen to your enthusiasm of reading!



Thank you to Safesmart for sponsoring our new sports kit- we look forward to wearing it in our matches.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sunday 10th November Remembrance Service at the War Memorial. Meeting at 10.20am in the Legion.

Monday 11th November-FROMS meeting for Christmas Fair 2.30pm in school hall.

Wednesday 13th November-Mousehole Mice Nursery Open Afternoon- 1.30pm-2.30pm.

Friday 15th November 2024 - Children in Need

Saturday 23rd November School Choir singing at the Tate Gallery in St Ives at 10.30am

Monday 9th December School Christmas Fair- 2.30-4.30pm

Thursday 12th December 2024 Save the Children Christmas Jumper day

Tuesday 17th December 2024 Christmas Concert 6pm

Wed 18th December 2024 Whole School Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December 2024- Penzance Cinema Trip 12-3pm

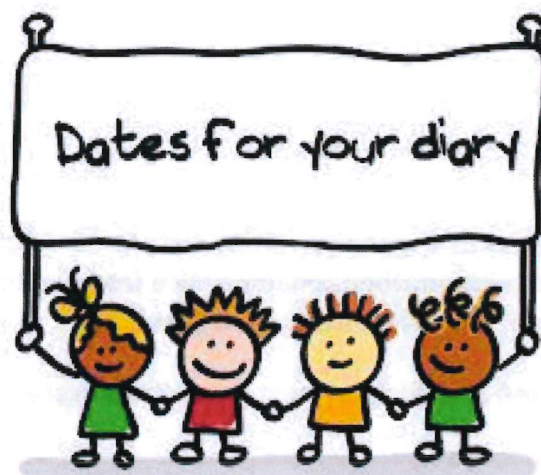
Friday 20th December 2024- Last day of Autumn Term

### **2024-2025 INSET Days:**

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025



## **IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new Government regulations will come into effect from 19 August 2024 and will affect when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall.

### **What are the changes?**

1. There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.
2. The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without the consideration of a penalty notice being issued.
3. There will be an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.
4. If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.
5. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them. This could include prosecution.

Please see FAQs below with more information about how the new rules may affect you.

### **FAQs**

**If I have been issued with a penalty notice before 19 August 2024, will this be counted if I am issued with another penalty notice from September onwards?**

No, the new limits come into effect from 19 August 2024.

**If I have already booked a holiday for next year, could I receive a penalty fine at the new higher rate?**

Yes, absence from school can only be agreed when the explanation of the leave of absence is considered as exceptional circumstance by the Head Teacher.

**Who can be issued with a penalty notice?**

- Each parent can receive a fine for each child who has had unauthorised absence from school.
- In education law, anyone who lives with a child and who has day-to-day care of the child is also considered to be a parent whether they are the biological parent or not. This will include step-parents and partners.

**Do the new rules only apply to holidays during term time?**

No, it applies to all unauthorised absence from school including holidays. Unauthorised absence includes other absence that has not been agreed such as truancy, arriving late after the register has closed and failing to provide acceptable reasons for absence.

**How do I request for my child to have leave granted during term time?**

You must submit a Leave of Absence Request form to the Head Teacher before the proposed absence (a minimum of 15 days before the Leave of absence is due to commence). Each request will be considered on its own merit, but where the leave of absence could be taken outside of the school term the absence will not be authorised. Do not assume that the absence will be granted until you have received confirmation from the school.

**Do the 10 sessions of unauthorised absence have to be taken all at the same time before a penalty fine is issued?**

No, a penalty fine can be issued for any combination of absences over a 10-week rolling period. They can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms (including between academic years).

**What happens if I am issued with a penalty fine and I don't pay it?**

Unauthorised absence from school is an offence under S444 of the Education Act 1996. A penalty fine is an opportunity for you to settle out of court. If you don't take this opportunity, you can be prosecuted for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.

**What should I do if I am worried about my child's attendance?**

Please contact us to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can support you to improve the situation.



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