

# MOUSEHOLE NEWS

Friday 4th October 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week at Mousehole School.

The Year 6 children had two wonderful taster days at Humphry Davy and Mounts Bay schools and are looking forward to visiting Cape Cornwall on Monday 14th October.

Lugger Class went to the Acorn Theatre and watched the "Grandma On The Moon" production. This was an event put on by Headstart to address loss and help children to understand what happens when there is a death. The staff said "It was a really good production and shared an important conversation. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and completed a follow on activity in school".

Schooner children had a wonderful afternoon of music at Chapel Street Methodist Church with the Cornwall Music Service Trust. They were able to listen to a variety of expert musicians and took part in musical work shops.

The boys football team played Nancledra on Tuesday and lost 4:0. However whilst taking part in the Small Schools Football Tournament on Friday afternoon at Charlestown Youth Football Club they drew 0:0 against the same team. The boys played with great sportsmanship and skill in the tournament, producing some fantastic goals despite having a much younger team than other schools. They came fourth overall and Mr Ansell and myself were very proud of them all. A big thank you to Hayley for coming along also to support the boys.

This **Tuesday 8th October** the children will be singing, taking part in musical recitals and reading their poems as part of our annual Paul Feast Calypso Concert. We really appreciate you coming along to support and bringing your children back so that we can have the full impact of their singing expertise. They need to meet in the Paul Village Hall at 5.45pm and the concert will begin at 6pm.

**Paul Feast Sports are on Wednesday 9th October. Please send your child in their school PE kit.**

Thank you to everyone who has made donations for our Harvest collection in the school foyer. We will continue to collect this week before we send it to the local food bank.

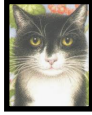
Please look out for our monthly Mentally Healthy Mousehole Newsletter and the Online safety Poster attached below, as they contain lots of information and resources to help.

**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

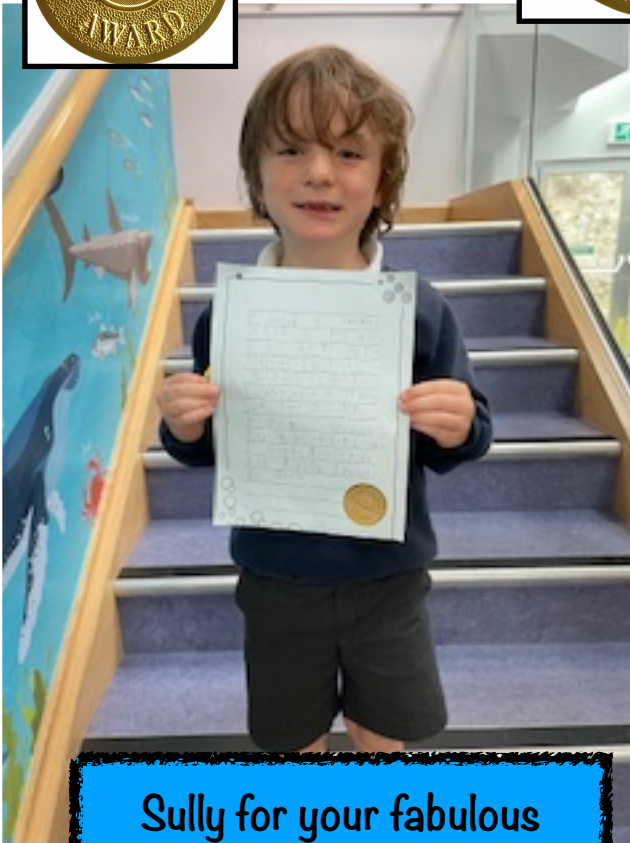


WHOLE SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE:  
95.6%

HOUSE POINTS:



**PORTHCHAPEL: 216**  
**GWYNVER: 325**  
**SENNEN: 137**  
**PRAA SANDS: 261**



Sully for your fabulous  
independent story writing.



Stanley for your excellent  
detailed map of the school  
playground.

Congratulations  
to Sully and Stanley  
for achieving head  
teacher awards  
this week!



*Congratulations to the boys football team who took part in the Small Schools Tournament at Charlestown Youth FC on Friday. They worked hard as a team and scored some fantastic goals. They managed to come fourth overall. Mr Ansell and I were very proud of your sportsmanship and skill. Well done!*





The children in Schooner Class had a wonderful opportunity at the Chapel Street Methodist Church on Friday with the CMST. They listened to expert musicians and then carried out a selection of workshops. Ms Williams and Mrs Bezzi said the children were fabulous in their participation and representing the school.





The Year 6 children had two fantastic taster days at Humphry Davy and Mounts Bay School this week. They were able to take part in a variety of activities with great joy and excitement.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **HALF TERM: Monday 28th October 2024**

W/C Monday 9th September 2024-Clubs start

Lugger Class swimming 13.9.24 - 6.12.24

Lugger and Schooner Rugby Sessions on Wednesday 11th Sept-23rd Oct

Tuesday 8th October 2024 Feast Concert 6pm St Pol Du Leon Church meet in the Paul Village Hall at 5.45pm

Wednesday 9th October 2024- Paul Feast Activities in School-come in PE kits

Sunday 13th October 2024- Paul Feast Service St Pol Du Leon Church

Friday 18th October 2024-Nasal Flu

Wednesday 23rd October 2024-Yr 5 Junior Life skills

Wednesday 23rd October 2024 Parent Consultations: 1pm-6pm

### **INSET DAY: Monday 4th November 2024 school closed**

Tues 5th -8th November 2024 Mousehole Mice parent Meetings

Friday 15th November 2024 - Children in Need

Friday 8th December 2023 Save the Children Christmas Jumper day

TBC Tuesday 17th December 2024 Christmas Concert 6pm

Whole School Christmas Dinner 18th December 2024

Tuesday 20th December 2024-Last day of Autumn Term

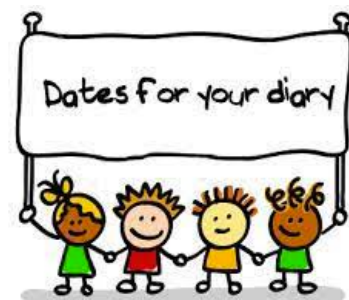
### **2024-2025 INSET Days:**

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025



## iOS 18 Launch

Apple have recently released their latest operating system, iOS 18. iOS 18 offers lots of new features (some are restricted to newer phones) but one feature that you should be aware of is the ability to now lock and hide apps.

When an app is locked, Face ID, Touch ID or your passcode will be required to open it. This also means that notifications will no longer be shown for that app. Additionally, apps can now be hidden so they can only be accessed through a hidden apps folder that is also locked. This new feature illustrates the need to have regular chats with your child about what they are using their phone for.

## Vault (secret) Apps

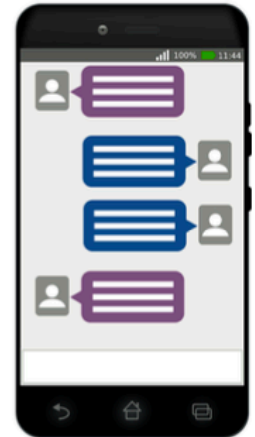
Have you heard of Vault Apps? They are basically secret apps that are concealed by looking like a normal, less conspicuous app. For example, one of these apps looks and works like a working calculator when opened, but when a passcode is entered, it reveals photographs, videos, documents and contacts. One way to prevent your child from using these apps is to ensure parental controls are set up so you can review all app purchases. You can find out more here:

- <https://www.bark.us/blog/find-hidden-apps/>
- <https://www.safes.so/blogs/vault-apps/>

## Mobile phones: do you know the risks?

We know that children having access to a smartphone can expose children to risks including:

- Viewing inappropriate content
- Excessive screen time/use, which in turn can affect their mental health and sleep pattern.
- Contact from inappropriate people/grooming
- Cyberbullying
- Spending money on in-app purchases/scams



### What effects do mobile phones have on children's mental health?

Compass discuss the research around this important topic, outlining the positive and negative effects that mobile phones have:  
<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/compass-changing-lives/what-effects-do-mobile-phones-have-on-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/>

### EE launches Age Guidance

EE has launched age guidance for smartphone usage to improve children's digital wellbeing. In summary, they recommend that children under 11 should use non-smart devices, for children aged 11-13, they advise that if a smartphone is used, then parental controls should be enabled and access to social media restricted. Finally, for 13-16-year-olds they still recommend that parental controls are implemented and appropriate restrictions set up. You can read the full guidance here:  
<https://newsroom.ee.co.uk/ee-launches-age-guidance-for-smartphone-usage-in-drive-to-improve-childrens-digital-wellbeing/>

### Could you delay when your child is given a smartphone with Smartphone Free Childhood?

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age:  
<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

### What device?

When you think it is the right time for your child to have a phone, then Which? provide an overview of some options available:  
<https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/mobile-phones/article/buying-a-first-mobile-phone-best-dumb-phones-and-smartphones-for-kids-aA03C3Y8aTzr>

# Instagram: new Teen account features

## You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account.

Instagram is used to post photos and videos as well as send direct messages, make voice/video calls and send disappearing messages. Users can also upload to 'Stories' (which disappear after 24 hours), broadcast live and upload reels (short videos).



## Teen accounts – NEW feature

Instagram have introduced Teen Accounts to try and create a safer experience for them. With a Teen Account, who they can contact is limited and the content they access will be set to the most restrictive setting to reduce exposure to sensitive content. If a teen would like to override any of these settings, then they will need their parent's permission by setting up parental supervision. These changes will be in place for all new users straightaway so any users that sign up that are under 16 will automatically be given a Teen Account. Existing users will be moved over to Teen Accounts over the next couple of months (in the UK).

## Supervision settings – new features

Instagram already offers a supervision facility, but they have added to the features to include:

- The ability to see who your child has messaged in the past week (you will not be able to see the contents of these messages)
- The option to block your child from accessing Instagram at certain times e.g. during school or at night.
- The ability to see what topics your child has chosen to see.

Read the press release from Instagram, which outlines all the upcoming changes: <https://about.fb.com/news/2024/09/instagram-teen-accounts/>

## You may not be seeing everything!

Did you know that you can hide your stories and live videos from specific people so your child could be uploading content but restricting your account from viewing it?

## Safety Features

Ensure your child knows how to report posts and people, how to unfollow and block people, delete and turn off comments. View here: <https://help.instagram.com/269765046710559>

Make sure your child understands that there is a risk that content they upload can be shared with others without their permission as other users can screenshot it.

## More information

- Visit the family centre to learn more about the features available: <https://familycenter.meta.com/uk/>

## Learn Through Play with Sesame Street

The Sesame Street website has a whole host of resources, activities, and games from supporting with learning ABCs to discussing tough topics such as grief.

<https://sesameworkshop.org/>

## Expert Approved Apps for Learning at Home

On the Google Play Store, you can find a list of expert approved Apps for learning at home suitable for children up to the age of 12.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/category/FAMILY>

## Be aware of what you share

Get Safe Online have produced a set of tips to help you avoid oversharing and outlines what the consequences might be if you do:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/whatdoyoushare/>

## Staying safe online with Google Families

Google have a one stop resource to help you and your family stay safe online. It includes how to set up parental controls and important steps on how to keep your children safe online. You can find out more here:

<https://families.google/>



