

# MOUSEHOLE NEWS

Friday 25th April 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

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Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term. We have lots of exciting events coming up over the next few weeks so please make a note of any dates or messages sent to you via Seesaw.

The children have all settled back into the school routines smoothly and are excited about their new topics this term. We are following the "The Reflective Perspective" as our assembly theme this term, looking at confidence and a range of perspectives and resilience.

Next week is mock SAT's week for Year 6. This helps build their confidence and the routine for when they have the real tests in the week beginning 12th May.

Isaac and Owen are going to be running an ice lolly stall on Friday afternoons after school in the wooden outdoor learning hut as the weather hopefully now gets better. It would be lovely if you could support this, as they are raising money for FROMS to support the school with resourcing, trips etc. Please see the poster below.

On the 8th May we are going to be celebrating the 80th Celebration of VE Day by dressing in red, white and blue, having a tea party hopefully outside and singing some songs! Please could your child bring some cakes in for this event.

As the sun begins to shine, please can you ensure that your child has named suncream, a hat and a large drinking bottle of water. A quick reminder that the children should be having a healthy snack at break-not crisps or anything with chocolate in them.

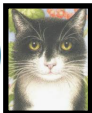
The children all looked smart in the school uniform when they returned this week. Just a reminder that we have lots of spare uniforms in school on the rail in the entrance hall. Please come and help yourselves and we are always grateful for recycled and in good condition uniforms if your child has grown out of them.

A quick reminder about absences, if you need to take your child out of school please let the office know and collect the correct forms. Please take time to look at the impact absences have on your child's learning in the table below.

Hope you have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning at 8.30am.

Best wishes

Sarah Trow



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:  
95.9%  
SKIFF-95.7%  
LUGGER-99.5 %  
SCHOONER- 91.07%

HOUSE POINTS:



**PORTHCHAPEL:191**

**GWYNVER:55**

**SENNEN:256**

**PRAA SANDS:259**

**Cornish  
words of the  
week!  
“treth”-  
beach**



Levan achieved a Head teachers award this week for his fantastic Book of Beasts that he has been writing at home. The description of each beast was amazing and really captured your imagination. Keep up the this new found passion Levan!

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Summer Term Begins:**

Jumping Mice weekly on Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am

W/b 28.4.25 Clubs start

Yr 6 mock SAT's w/b 28.4.25

From Friday 2nd May selling ice creams after school

Monday 5th May Bank Holiday

Thursday 8th May VE Day 80th Celebration-Dress in red, white and blue-tea party

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

13th/14th and 15th May Yr 5 Bikeability

Half Term- 26th May 30th May

Schooner Camp 1st June - 4th June

Sports Day 12th June (Back up 13th June)

School Production 10th July

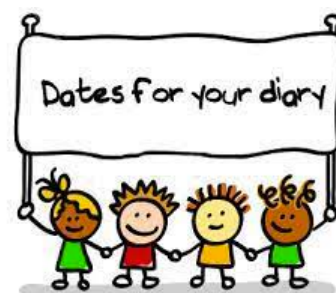
Minack Theatre -The Cornish Avengers 15th July

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

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025





# Online Safety Newsletter

April 2025

## Screentime

Screentime is classed as any time spent in front of a screen, so it includes everything from watching tv to completing homework on a laptop. Whilst there is no recommended screentime (except for under two, which is zero), it is important that we find a balance.

Screentime can obviously be beneficial, both for educational and entertainment purposes, however it is important to be aware of the risks, such as:

- Eye strain.
- Disrupted sleep.
- Less time for other activities and being outdoors.
- Affects our attention span.

### Further information

Childnet discuss what is screentime and how much screen time is enough in this useful article:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/screen-time-boundaries-parents/>



## Social Media Concerns

**Most social media apps have a minimum age rating of 13+.** Whilst there are benefits, this article discusses some of the potential risks of using social media.



### Risks of Social Media

- **Inappropriate content** – social media may expose children to content that is not appropriate for their age, including sexually explicit content or content that promotes harmful behaviours such as self-harm.
- **Cyberbullying** – this can take many forms, including sending nasty or hurtful messages, leaving unkind comments, sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission or impersonating somebody with a fake account.
- **Excessive Screentime/Addiction** – too much time online can affect mental health and disrupt sleep patterns.
- **Contact from strangers** – there is a risk of stranger contact, which can lead to an increased risk of grooming.
- **Challenges** - children may not have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse what they see online. Whilst some challenges are fun and provide no risk, there will be challenges online that are risky/dangerous.
- **Sharing too much information** – children may share personal information e.g. their phone number, school name or inappropriate photos of themselves.
- **Algorithms** – algorithms influence what we see on social media platforms to keep us engaged on the platform. This can lead to 'echo chambers' where users are only seeing content that relates to their opinion rather than seeing a balanced viewpoint. It can also lead to a user being exposed to large amounts of content about one topic/theme, which may not be helpful if it is negative.

### How can I help make it a safer environment?

- Check the age rating of each app and restrict access until they reach that age.
- Set up age-appropriate parental controls, for example set content restrictions and screen time limits.
- Chat to your child about what they are doing online, including who they are following and interacting with online.
- Restrict devices in their bedrooms.
- Show your child how to use any reporting and blocking tools.

### Further information

You can find out more from the following:

- <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/social-media-smarts.html>
- <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/social-media/#Talkingaboutcyberbullying>

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# Group Chats

Is your child part of any group chats? This could be on social media, for example on WhatsApp or within games such as Fortnite. If so, it is important that you are aware of the potential risks, which include:

- **Inappropriate content** – there is often a lack of moderation within chat facilities so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.
- **Bullying** – there are many instances where inappropriate/hurtful comments are shared within groups, this could take the form of name calling or body shaming. Bullying can also be in the form of excluding others from the group. These issues often overspill into 'real life'.
- **Strangers** – your child could be added to groups with people they do not know or even with someone that they have previously blocked.
- **Conversations can be shared/screen shot** – make sure your child is aware that anything they share within a group can be shared with others outside the group.
- **Sharing personal information** – remind your child to be aware of the information they share with others including images and location.



## How can I help make group chats safer?

- Check the recommended age rating and adhere to them. If we all did this, peer pressure would be reduced.
- Set up age-appropriate parental controls and set screen time limits.
- Show your child how to use any reporting and blocking tools.

## What else can I do?

- It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be perceived by others. Talk about positivity and not saying anything hurtful. Ask them to think about whether they would say what they are messaging, face to face.
- Devices should be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing and who they are interacting with.
- Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

## Further information

Childnet have created a Group Chat Guide for parents following consultation with the Childnet Youth Advisory Board and Digital Champions: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/cheat-sheet-group-chats/>

## Did you know some Emojis have a double meaning?

For those that have watched Adolescence, you will know children and young people may be using emojis to mean something completely different. For example, the kidney bean emoji may be used to identify as an incel. It is important that you are aware of how emojis can be used and keep up to date with the way in which they can be used as their meanings are changeable. You can find out further information here:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/emoji-slang-guide/>

## Vodafone: The Rise of the Aggro-rithm

Vodafone released a short video last year, titled 'The Rise of the Aggro-rithm'. It highlights the harmful algorithms targeting young boys. It's certainly worth a watch as well as learning about the terrifying statistics accompanying it:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/press-release/ai-aggro-rithms/>

## 3 things to consider before giving your child a smartphone

Wayne Denner has published a blog discussing the three things that parents wished they had considered before giving their child a phone. You can read the article here:

<https://www.waynedenner.com/3-things-parents-wish-they-had-considered-before-giving-their-teen-a-smartphone/>



WALK  
**30** KM  
IN MAY

TO SUPPORT PENHALIGON'S FRIENDS



Could you and your four-legged friend walk at least 30k in May to raise funds for Penhaligon's Friends and help make a difference to the lives of bereaved children, young people and families throughout Cornwall?

Simply sign up and donate £10 to receive your pooch postal pack, which contains a fabulous Penhaligon's Friends dog bandana, treats for dogs and their humans, and lots of great resources.

SIGN UP HERE!



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CELEBRATING  
**30** YEARS  
OF PENHALIGON'S FRIENDS!

ICE LOLLIES  
FOR SALE

FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL  
IN THE OUTSIDE CLASSROOM

ROCKETS 50p

FAB 50p

WATERMELON £1

FRUIT PASTILLES  
£1



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## How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?

