

# MOUSEHOLE NEWS

Friday 20th September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have enjoyed a wonderful week of learning and this has been aided by the wonderful weather enabling them to take their learning outside. They have experienced sessions from Pirates Rugby Club, Woodland Skills and science in the field and children out and about in the village. The children are so lucky to have these opportunities. All the children are enjoying learning the songs in preparation for our Paul Feast Concert on Tuesday 8th October at St Pol Du Leon church at 6pm.

It has been lovely to walk around the school and look and listen to the buzz of the children's learning. Children have been sent to me for head teachers awards for their fantastic place value in maths this week. Keep up the hard work!

The boys football team played against Gulval on Tuesday and lost 1:0. Mr Ansell said it was a good close game and the boys did us proud. Well done and keep up this team spirit!

In our assembly this week Miss Munday reminded the children about the worry box system we have in school and talked to the children about volunteering for being Mental Health Ambassadors. We talked about how we can care for each other and be kind in our words and actions.

A polite reminder that if you would like to discuss any concerns or worries regarding your child please come to the office or send a Seesaw message to make an appointment to meet with their class teacher or myself. We have been made aware of some unkind comments being made about staff on social media platforms and this is not acceptable. Thank you for being mindful.

Please take time to read the new changes to the law regarding penalty notices for unauthorised absence from school attached below. **This applies to all unauthorised absences including holidays, truancy, arriving late after the register is shut and failing to provide an acceptable reason for absence.**

Please remember to have a water bottle, coat and healthy snack. Please can you ensure that your children wear school black shoes and only have trainers on a PE day. They also need to have their hair tied back if it is on their shoulders.

**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

<b>Skiff Class</b>	- Jude - Evelyn	- Well done Jude for a super start to Skiff Class. You have settled so well, we love having you in our class. - Evelyn you are a wonderful role model in class and have been showing your amazing maths skills too!
<b>Lugger Class</b>	-Luna -Jordan -Milo	-Well done for an absolutely fantastic start to Mousehole School. We are so delighted you have joined. Superstar! -For a fabulous start to the school year!! You have demonstrated a really mature attitude and are really applying yourself in all areas! -What a fabulous start to the school year Milo. You are working so hard in all your learning and setting a great example!
<b>Schooner Class</b>	- Lilah - Alina -Freddie	- Well done Lilah. What a great start to year 5. You have risen to the challenges of being in Schooner Class. We like how you carefully and thoughtfully get on with your work. - Well done Alina. I can tell Year 6 is going to be a great year for you. You have already settled into the groove of being in the top year. - Well done for starting Year 6 with a bang! You've already produced some fabulous writing. We loved seeing you deliver your Hustings speech too.

## Marvellous Mouse Of The Week



**Tyson**  
 For settling so quickly and becoming familiar with our daily routines!  
 Well done Tyson!



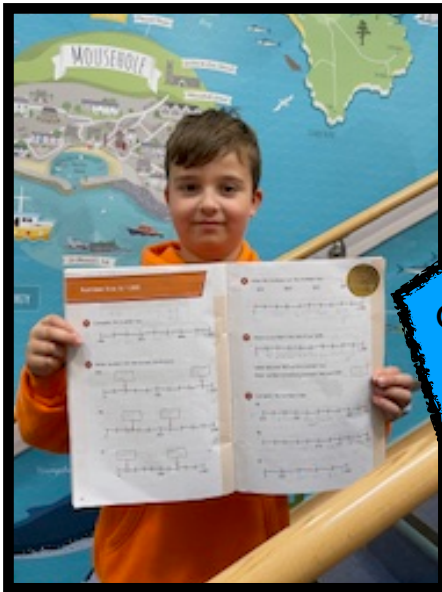


WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:  
 95.07%  
 SKIFF -95%  
 LUGGER- 90.7 %  
 SCHOONER-97 %

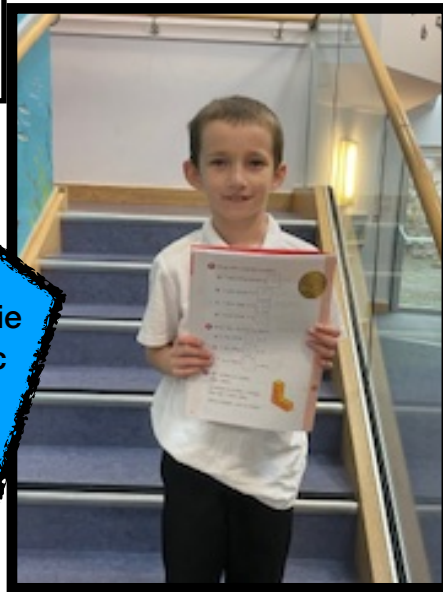
HOUSE POINTS:



**PORTHCHAPEL: 199**  
**GWYNVER: 198**  
**SENNEN: 210**  
**PRAA SANDS: 249**



Well done  
 Charlie and Charlie  
 for your fantastic  
 place value this  
 week!



The boys played football well against  
 Gulval on Tuesday-well done on your  
 great sportsmanship.



Cornish word of  
 the week:

**Kador - chair**



## **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

Wednesday 25th September 2024- Individual Pupil Photographs

Tuesday 8th October 2024 Feast Concert 6pm St Pol Du Leon Church

Wednesday 11th October 2024- Paul Feast Activities in School-come in PE kits

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

Thursday 18th October 2024-Nasal Flu

Wednesday 23rd October 2024-Yr 5 Junior Life skills

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

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

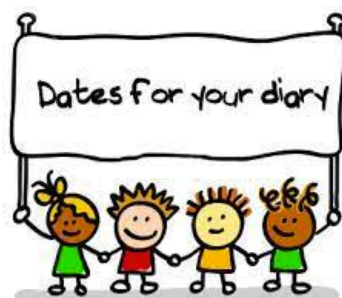
### **2024-2025 INSET Days:**

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025



## **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.

