

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

On Friday 10th November class 3AW won the trophy for 'Good Attendance' with 99.1% and on Friday 17th November, class 2AB won with 100%. Well done to class 3AW and 2AB!

The national expectation for attendance is 96%. Holidays taken during term time will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances.

Celebrating Success

Y1	Leo Lily Kiara	Denzil Charlie Millie	Y2	Harry Isobel Henry	Alexis Jowan Taya Oliver
Y3	Lexi Lisa	Casey Scott	Y4	Jacob Alexa Emelia	Jake Arianna Ethan
Y5	Amber Cody	Ethan Kerris	Y6	Jasmine	Kacey

Term Dates 2018/2019 Academic Year

We received positive feedback about the extended October half term break this year. As a result, we will follow Penrice Academy, and block our 5 days INSET training the week after the October half term next year.

Autumn Term:

5 September - 20 December
(Half-term 22 October - 2 November)

Spring Term:

7 January - 5 April
(Half-term 18 - 22 February)

Summer Term:

23 April - 26 July
(Half-term 27 - 31 May)

Please note this differs from the Cornwall Council dates – our children start the term on **Wednesday 5th**

September 2018 and finish on **Friday 26th July 2019**.

New Reception 2018 - Do you have a child born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014? If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2018 for that child by the deadline of 15 January 2018. Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system.

Miss Clark

As you are aware, Miss Clark has been unwell for a period of time. Miss Clark has suffered with a medical condition for the last 5 years and has unfortunately suffered a relapse. She has made the difficult decision to resign from her position at Mount Charles to focus on her health. Miss Clark was popular with a number of children and parents throughout the school and will be missed by many. Miss Clark has been a dedicated and hard-working member of staff and we wish her well.

Torchlight Carnival

On Saturday night Mount Charles took part in the Torchlight Carnival. The atmosphere was fantastic and it was lovely to see so many of you supporting in the crowds. Mount Charles School came third place! A big thank you to Miss Nile and Mrs Boynton for leading the school and thank you to all the parents/carers that came along to support us

The School Day

Can we please remind parents/carers that children should not be on the school site unsupervised until **8.30 a.m.** Staff are preparing for the school day and the site is not supervised until then. Mrs. Gray runs a Breakfast Club in Charlies from 7.50 a.m. until 8.30 a.m. at a cost of £3 if anyone is interested – there are spaces.

Woodland Park/School Field

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the meeting last week. If you were unable to make it and would like an update please contact Mrs. Fugler in our school office.



PTA Update

The PTA would like to thank all parents who have donated raffle prizes so far, either through their businesses or workplaces – it's greatly appreciated. Any other donations are very welcome. We will be sending some raffle tickets home this week. If you would like any extras please go to the school office.

We are holding another non-uniform day on Friday 1st December in return for a donation of cups filled with chocolate treats. Thank you!

Please remember to get your tea towel orders in as soon as possible. You can view samples in our main reception.

St. Austell Music Festival – Wed. 29 November St. Johns Church, St. Austell

Good luck to our choir who will be representing Mount Charles at the St. Austell Music Festival. Parents and carers are welcome to attend the church to watch. The children are scheduled to perform at 9.30 am.

Children in Need

The children had a great time raising money for 'Children in Need'. We will let you know the total amount raised in the next Newsletter.

Children in Need Concert

Another afternoon of rehearsals? No! Not when Pudsey from Children in Need is there to listen! The Restormal strings, led by Karen Frost, played a wonderful selection of pieces for parents and friends. It was a wonderful end to rehearsals.



Principal Karen Frost (centre)
Children in Need concert at Mount Charles School with the Restormal Junior Strings orchestra November 2017
Photo: Paul Williams

Wanted – School Uniform

We often need to provide children with clean uniform and would welcome quality items that you no longer need for your own children. We have particular need of

pants and socks (especially larger sizes), girls' shirts and trousers (especially aged 10 and above). Please drop clean items to Mrs Leggatt. Thank you for your generosity.

KS2 Accelerated Reader

The children in KS2 have been busy reading and passing lots of quizzes in Accelerated Reader. Well done to them! Please read as often as you can at home with your child and discuss what they have read - it really does make a difference. More to follow soon on reading millionaires...

Times Tables Rock Stars

At Mount Charles we are working hard to improve children's fluency in maths. Therefore, we have purchased a school subscription to Times Tables Rock Stars. Each child in KS2 will have their own log in and can create their own rock alter ego. The aim is to improve children's speed and recall of times tables. The games can be played on a laptop or a tablet. Each week we will award 3 children our 'Maths Champion' of the week trophies. They will get a certificate and will take home the brand new trophies for a week to be displayed at home. Their photo will also go up in our school 'Hall of Fame.'

Congratulations to this weeks winners:

UKS2 Champion - Millie Hudd - 6RW

LKS2 Champion - Ethan Skyba - 4BR

KS1 Champion - Olivia Walters - 2GB

Welcoming the School Christmas Tree

On Thursday 30th November we are starting Advent by welcoming our school Christmas Tree! Mr. Orchard from Cedar Croft Nursery has kindly offered to donate a real Christmas Tree to the school. It will be put up just outside our main reception for the festive period. If your child would like to make a decoration to hang on our school tree they would be very welcome. Please remember that it will be outside but under cover! After school on Thursday 30th November Mrs Segolo has arranged for our choir to sing and hot chocolate and mince pies will be on sale. That afternoon the children can decorate the tree with the decoration they have made. We are sure that it will get us all in the festive spirit!

DIARY DATES	
November	
Tues. 21 st	Football & Netball v. Carclaze (away)
Wed. 23 rd	Road Safety Assembly for KS1
Wed. 23 rd	Tag Rugby v Biscovey (home)
Thurs. 24 th	Girls' 7-a-side football tournament @ Penryn College
Mon. 27 th	Year 3&4 Swimming Gala @ Truro Prep School
Tues. 28 th	Stay Safe Workshop – Year 6
Tues. 28 th	Football & Netball v. St. Mewan (home)
Wed. 29 th	St. Austell Music Festival @ St. John's Methodist Church
Thurs. 30 th	Welcoming the school Christmas Tree event – 3pm outside the main reception
December	
Fri 1 st	PTA Non-Uniform day in return for your plastic cups filled with chocolate!
Fri. 1 st	Infants' Decorations Day
Tues. 5 th	Infants' Christmas Performance – 2 p.m.
Wed. 6 th	Infants' Christmas Performance – 2 p.m.
Wed. 6 th	Cross Country @ Par
Thurs. 7 th	Infants' Christmas Performance – 9.30 a.m.
Fri. 8 th	Christmas Fayre
Tues. 12 th	KS2 Carol Service @ St. Augustine's Church
Thurs. 14 th	7JC cinema trip and nativity for parents
Fri. 15 th	Year 3 & 5 swimming – a.m.!!
Fri 15 th	Christmas Dinner – Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or badge with the school uniform.
Tues. 19 th	KS1 Christingle
Tues. 19 th	KS2 Cinema Trip
Weds. 20 th	End of Term – School Closes at 1.30 p.m.

Please visit the new calendar page on www.mount-charlessch.org to see these, and other dates, as they go into the Diary.



SPORTS NEWS

Netball away against Biscovey 7.11.17

A team – Katie, Denis, George(C), Tilly, Millie, Ella and Kieran.

The A team started well with two goals from Denis, however Biscovey matched this and also scored two goals. In no time, the A team pulled ahead and Millie managed to score three goals. Biscovey started well in the second quarter by scoring a goal, however again the A team fought back and George scored two goals. Despite their efforts, the third quarter remained goalless. In the final quarter, Denis scored five goals allowing the A team to secure their lead. Biscovey also scored a goal in the final quarter and the game ended as 12 – 4 to us. The A team worked so hard and have maintained their winning streak – keep up the great team work! Player of the match goes to Denis.

B team – Grace, Bobby, Owain(C), Holly, Harry, Abbie, Amelia and Kelsey.

Biscovey's B team started well by scoring a goal, however the B team didn't let this worry them and soon took the lead with goals from Grace and Owain. The second quarter remained goalless. In the third quarter, the rain came in quite heavily. The B team carried on, determined to win and Holly and Harry scored three goals between them. After a short, sheltered break from the rain, Biscovey scored another goal. However, the B team managed to secure their lead with goals from Abbie and Owain. The game ended as 9 – 2 to us. Player of the match goes to Grace.

Rugby Report

Friendly matches V St.Mewan away on Thursday 9th November

Our A, B and C teams played two matches per team of touch and tag rugby at St.Mewan School. The A team won both of their matches with captain Finlay leading from the front and he deservedly earned the player of the match for our school. The A's passed really well and managed to create space to score, however it was their outstanding tackling in defence that really stood out on the day. The B team drew one and lost one match, whilst the C team lost both of their matches.

Reminder: Latest school info., School Prospectus etc. are available via our website (www.mount-charlessch.org). Paper copies available, if required, from the school office. o:\newsletters\2017-2018\newsletter05autumn.docx

All of our children tried their best for the school and were very enthusiastic throughout. It was great to see over forty children from both schools playing competitive rugby. Many thanks to those parents/adults for supporting the children and collecting them at the end of the day. Thanks also to Mr.Rees, who gave up his time to come along to help and referee.

A team :- Finlay (capt), William, Owain, Kieran, Milly, Tilly, Treeve

B team:- Freddie, James, Kelsey, Mahala, Ethan, Harry, George

C team:- Abbie, Ellie, Finn, Ethan, Bobby, Harry, Stanley

Next fixture: Thursday 23rd Nov against Biscovey at home (A, B and Year 3/4 teams) - 3 – 4 pm approx

Mount Charles School Football/Rugby/Hockey Socks

Mr. B. has some school socks, with our school logo (and cushioned soles!) available if anyone is interested. Please send in a note to Mr. B. if you are interested in purchasing a pair so that we can set something up on Parent Pay. Sizes small or medium – cost £5 - the school makes absolutely no profit on these socks we are providing a service as they look really smart for matches or just in PE when doing hockey/rugby/football (especially good when wearing shin pads in football and hockey)

Reminder - A reminder please for parents – Tag rugby for 3/4 and Yr 5/6 teams (A & B only) against Biscovey on 23rd Nov here at Mount Charles 3:10 - 4:10 pm approx .

Netball home against St. Stephen 14.11.17

A team – George, Millie (C), Denis, Tilly, Grace, Katie and Kieran

The A team took an instant lead with three goals from Grace and Denis. The A team were using fantastic teamwork and were working well to get the ball into our shooting third. St. Stephen soon fought back and also scored three goals. However, the A team didn't let this stop them and in the second quarter they soon were in the lead again with two goals from Katie. In the third quarter, St Stephen managed to score a couple of goals, but the A team soon matched this with Tilly and George scoring three goals between them. In the final quarter, Grace and Millie managed to score three more goals and St Stephen managed to score two. Overall it was a very close match, but another well-deserved win for the A team! The game ended as 11-7 to us. Player of the match goes to Katie.

B team – Holly C (C), Bobby, Harry, Owain, Mahala, Amelia and Olivia.

The B team played next and again St. Stephen started really well by scoring 2 goals. The B team were playing extremely well as a team, but couldn't quite get the ball in the net. In the second and third quarters, both B teams were marking their opponents brilliantly meaning that the quarters remainder goalless. Our B team was much stronger in the final quarter, where Holly and Amelia were trying really hard to score a goal, and right before the last whistle Holly just managed to get the ball in the net. This meant that the score ended as 2 -1 to St. Stephen. Everyone kept their spirits up and there was a smile on their faces throughout the match. Player of the match goes to Amelia.

Friendly Swimming Gala

On Thursday 16th November our Year 5/6 swimming team travelled to Truro to compete against Truro Prep (A & B) and Devoran schools, both of whom have a very good reputation for producing quality teams. We had a clash with a Cornwall Games hockey qualifier on the same afternoon which meant several year 6's were missing, however this gave others a chance to get valuable gala experience and they stepped up and performed well. There were 32 individual races followed by 4 team relay races on the day and once all the points were added up we finished fourth overall. These friendlies are really important as a part of our preparations, as we look to defend the St.Austell Schools gala in June which we have won for the last 18 years. Well done to all of our swimmers who took part. Many thanks to Mrs.Gray and Colin Williams who accompanied the team and helped on poolside and to those parents who came along and supported their children – it is much appreciated.

Mr.B

Team: Yr 5 – Max (yr 4), Toby, Jayden, Ethan, Isabelle, Kira, Daisy, Abbie, Grace

Yr 6 – Tobi (yr 5), George, Kieran, Harry, Mea, Holly, Kelsey, Mahala

Next gala: Yr 3/4 at Truro Prep on Monday 27th November 4 pm start