

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

On Thurs. 19th October class 5LB won the trophy for 'Good Attendance' with 98.3% and on Friday 3rd November, class 6RW won with 98.8%. Well done to class 5LB and 6RW!

Well done to our 229 children who received 100% attendance certificates for the Autumn 1st half-term!

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

Celebrating Success

Y1	Abby Kallum Isaac	Mia Maizie Kerris William	Y2	Caiden Lewis Sienna Maisie	Dominik Oliver Tiffany Harry
Y3	Xavier Lily	Ruby Tiliece	Y4	Kiana-Rose Jasmin Caleb Alfie	Faith Ryan Lily Grace
Y5	Lola Layla Marley	Amber Summer	Y6	Maddy Jasmin	Owain Mahala

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.

School Photographs

Tempest will be in on Wednesday 8th November. They will be set up by 8am if any families want to have photos taken with younger siblings. Photos will take place in the Small Hall and parents should wait outside until they are ready. We have also arranged for them to come back to take a professional photograph of KS1 dressed ready for their Christmas production.



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\newsletter04autumn.docx

Harvest Festival 2017

A Message from St. Austell Foodbank

"A big thank you to Mount Charles School for supporting St. Austell Foodbank. Your donation of 242.8 kg makes a BIG difference to local people in crisis."

A Message from Kernow Health

Reception, Years 1 to 4 Nasal Flu Immunisation

As all healthy children are no longer able to have the vaccine at the GP surgery, the parent or guardian of any child we missed during the school visit can easily contact Kernow Health directly on 01872 221 105/06/07 to book a catch up clinic. The dates and locations of these catch-up clinics can be found by going to the following link and scrolling to the bottom of the page;

<https://www.kernowhealthcic.org.uk/service-delivery/school-immunisation/children-young-people>

School Field Update

Unfortunately, at the Full Council meeting on the 30th October, councillors Sandra Heywood and Tim Jones asked for an ammendment to be added to what had been agreed by the Community Committee in September. The ammendment was that no decision could be made regarding the field for a period of one year from the date of the meeting. Councillors voted in favour of the ammendment. It is really disappointing as we had hoped that things would start moving forward so that we could finalise a sensible solution. We are holding a meeting in school on **Thursday 9th November at 2pm** for governors and parents to plan next steps. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

PTA Updates

We are meeting on **Wednesday 8th November at 2pm** to plan for the Christmas Fayre. Please come along if you would be happy to help out. Cups will be coming home with your children this week to fill with sweets (a chance for you to use up any Halloween treats!). In return for a filled cup, your child can come to school in non-uniform on **Friday 10th November**. As you know, the sweet cup stall is always really popular. Therefore, we are holding a second non-uniform day on **Friday 1st December** in return for cups filled with chocolate treats. Many thanks.

Children in Need

Children in Need is **Friday 17th November**. We will not be having a non-uniform day but your children are welcome to show their support by wearing any of the branded Children in Need merchandise. This year's fluffy ears 'get your ears on and do your thing!' are on sale in Asda, Boots and Greggs Bakery. We will send out more information nearer the time after consultation with our School Council.

Eden Christmas Tree – Year 4

Our Year 4 class have been selected by the Eden Project to take part in Our Tree, Our Community. They will be working alongside Sue Field, an artist from Looe. On Monday 6th November, they will be hosting a tea party for the elders of the community, where they will gather information about Christmas traditions. On Monday 13th November, they will then work with Sue to create Christmas decorations. These will then be used to decorate a Mount Charles Christmas tree in the entrance to the Eden Project. All parents and children will then be invited to the light switch on, on Saturday 25th November, at the Eden Project.

School Christmas Tree

On Thursday 30th November we are planning to start Advent by welcoming our school Christmas Tree! Mr. Orchard from Cedar Croft Nursery has kindly offered to donate a real Christmas Tree for 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!

Torchlight Carnival

Year 5 have been working with an artist to create a *fantastic* lantern for the Torchlight Carnival. Please come and see us on the 18th November. The Carnival starts at 6 p.m. and goes through St. Austell town, finishing at the Council Offices at Penwinnick Road.

Woodwind Demonstration

Colin Friend, a music teacher from The Cornwall Music Trust and parent at Mount Charles, came to show children in KS2 instruments from the woodwind family, including the oboe, flute and saxophone, which was very popular! It was good fun and the children enjoyed seeing and hearing the instruments being played live. We are hoping more children at Mount Charles will be interested in learning an instrument. Teachers in KS2 will be collecting names of any children interested and forwarding the information to Miss Segolo.



DIARY DATES	
November	
Tues. 7 th	Weighing & Measurement Programme – Reception & Year 6
Tues. 7 th	Football & Netball away v. Biscovey
Wed. 8 th	Tempest Photography in school
Wed. 8 th	Cross Country at Par
Wed. 8 th	1.30pm PTA Meeting
Thurs. 9 th	7JC visit to Tesco
Fri. 10 th	PTA Non-Uniform day in return for your plastic cups filled with sweets!
Mon. 13 th	Sue Field – Artist from Eden in to class 4LR
Tues. 14 th	EYFS visit to Asda Bakery
Tues. 14 th	Football & Netball v. St. Stephen (home)
Wed. 15 th	Daya (Hinduism) – visit to Year 3
Wed. 15 th	Year 2 visit to Newquay Zoo
Thurs. 16 th	Daya (Hinduism) – visit to Year 6
Thurs. 16 th	Year 5/6 Swimming Gala @ Truro Main School
Fri. 17 th	Children in Need . Children to wear school uniform that day, but will be allowed to wear any branded Children in Need items.
Sat. 18 th	St. Austell Torchlight Carnival (Year 5 & 6 children)
Mon. 20 th	KS1 Multi-skills Festival
Tues. 21 st	Football & Netball v. Carclaze (away)
Wed. 23 rd	Road Safety Assembly for KS1
Mon. 27 th	Year ¾ Swimming Gala @ Truro Prep School
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
	KS2 Carol Service – date to be confirmed
Fri 15 th	Christmas Dinner – Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or badge with the school uniform.
Tues. 19 th	KS2 Cinema Trip
Weds. 20 th	End of Term – School Closes at 1pm

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

Our matches start this week, so we will hopefully have some successes to report in the next Newsletter!

A message from Fowey Festival Awards for Young Writers and Artists 2018 (something Mount Charles Primary School pupils might be interested in doing outside of school):¹

I would like to give you advance notice about our free competition for your pupils next year. The theme will be **BIRDS**.

Daphne du Maurier wrote a story titled 'The Birds' in 1952 which was made into a film by Alfred Hitchcock and will be a BBC drama in 2018. For our 2018 Festival we will be inviting your pupils to create their own original story, poem or work of art (picture or model) about BIRDS and enter it to become the Fowey Festival Young Writer or Young Artist of the Year.

We do hope your school will take part.

Our proposed timescale is:

Launch date	8th January 2018
Final entry date	16th March 2018
Judging	26th March to 6th April
Results announced	16th April
Invitations to Presentation Event sent out	16th April
Presentation Event	19th May

Winning entries will be displayed in Fowey Parish Church during the Fowey Festival 12th -19th May 2018.

More details will be sent to your school (including entry details) before 8th January and they will be available on www.foweyfestival.com

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