



Welcome back! We hope that you had a great summer holiday. We would like to particularly welcome all of our new families and our new reception children. We have been delighted with how quickly they have settled into Mount Charles, even after the dramatic start they had on Monday with the fire alarm going off (accidentally)!

We would also like to welcome our new staff:



Miss Turner
Ass. Head Teacher



Miss Kelly
Year 5 Teacher



Miss Hillary
Year 2 Teacher



Miss Cocks
Year 1 Teacher



Mr Clapham
Sports TA

We have been busy over the summer break continuing with school improvements. This summer we:

- Undertook extensive roof works.
- Updated the ARB outdoor area and outside the Year 4 and Year 6 classrooms.
- Updated the playground line markings, the playground wall has been re-painted and the play house restored.
- Cleaned the main hall ceiling acoustic baffle.
- Installed superfast broadband which is due to be connected in the next few weeks.
- Installed a new fire alarm system over the Easter and May half term breaks. We have now also updated all of our fire doors to current regulation standard.
- Improved the front entrance by removing the rotten sleeper feature and replacing it with our great new fencing. The bank has been laid with wild flower turf so we are looking forward to watching them appear throughout the year!

We are holding Meet the Teacher sessions which is an opportunity for you to visit your child's new classroom and ask any questions you may have. No need to sign up, just pop in! We fully appreciate that some parents may not be able to attend during the school day, and so we will send a summary out to all parents via email. Sessions will take place in the classrooms at 2:30pm:



Year 1 - 20th Sept

Year 2 - 21st Sept

Year 3 - 24th Sept

Year 4 - 19th Sept

Year 5 - 18th Sept

Year 6 - 17th Sept

As you know we have been working hard to improve our whole school attendance figures. The National Expectation is 96%. Regular and punctual school attendance is vital to ensuring children get the best out of the school day. Please help us by bringing the children into school every day and on time. Please speak to Mrs Mercer if you feel you might benefit from a little extra support—we are here to help.

Please refer to our attendance policy on the website: www.mount-charlessch.org/website/policies/242920. The Peninsula Trust have adopted the same policy to ensure consistency across the Trust. Holidays will not be authorised in term time. Any unauthorised holidays taken will be considered for a Penalty Notice referral.

In line with Penrice Academy, and with the support of parents, we have decided to merge all of our INSET days for the year to give a two week October half term. This decision was made to enable families to take an affordable holiday without the need for an absence from school.



October Half Term 2018:
Monday 22nd October – Friday 2nd November.

Girls Uniform

White polo shirts

Infants—all year, Juniors—summer term only

White shirt or blouse and school tie

Juniors—autumn & spring, polo shirt option for summer

Mount Charles V-neck jumper or Cardigan

Grey Trousers

Traditional school style: flares & leggings are unacceptable

Grey Skirt or Pinafore Dress

Blue & white gingham dress during summer term

Grey or White Socks

Black school shoes - no trainers

Boys Uniform

White polo shirt

Infants—all year, Juniors—summer term only

White shirt and school tie

Juniors—autumn & spring, polo shirt option for summer

Mount Charles V-neck jumper

Grey trousers or Grey shorts

Grey Socks

Black school shoes - no trainers

School tracksuits are no longer available to buy. Children who already have a school branded tracksuit, are welcome to continue to wear these on their class's swimming day for this academic year. Please note, only *school branded* tracksuits are permitted to be worn—otherwise normal school uniform must be worn.

Please ensure that your children do not wear jewellery to school. Children can wear stud earrings if they are able to remove them themselves for PE. Please remember to ensure your child's hair is tied back for school; coloured hair or extreme haircuts are not suitable.

School Uniform

Clubs start on Tuesday 18th September and end on Friday 14th December. The autumn term club timetable has gone home and lots of you have already booked online. If you are not receiving school emails then please check your contact details at the office. We are really proud of the diverse range of activities we are able to offer at Mount Charles. We have tried to offer a range of activities at lunchtime and after school to interest everyone. We would like to thank all staff who have given their time so generously once again to lead clubs. If you have any ideas for future clubs then please speak to Mr Grigg.



Please note, most of our clubs will be run as planned regardless of the weather as the main hall will be available for use.

However, on days of inclement weather, children attending our Tag Rugby and Tennis Clubs, will be kept at school until 4:00pm and occupied with an alternative indoor activity. You would of course be welcome to collect your child at usual pick up time if preferred.

We have kicked started our learning this term with lots of trips and visitors to help bring our topics to life.

Check out the adventures we have already enjoyed this term!

As part of their Creepy Crawlies topic, Year 3 and Year 5 had a visit from Animal Encounters! They saw and held lots of interesting creatures!

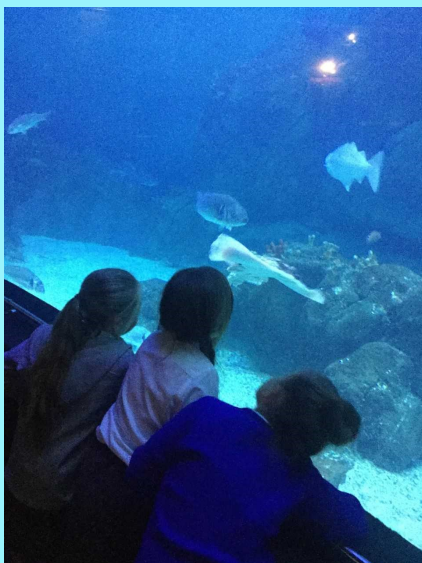


On Tuesday, Year 2 went to Porthpean Beach for the day as part of their topic, 'Beachcombers'.

The weather was not the best but it meant we had the beach to ourselves for most of the time!

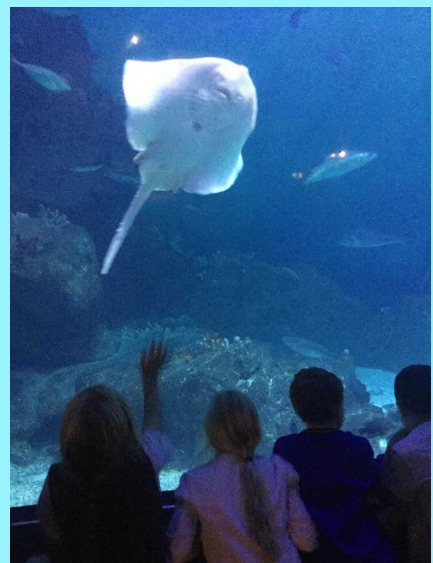
The children had great fun learning about the things they collected on the beach and from the rock pools as well as looking at the features of the seaside.

Thank you to the parent helpers who came along and made the trip possible.



Year 4 ventured all the way to Plymouth Aquarium this week!

The children had an amazing trip seeing plenty of different sea animals including: sharks, jelly fish and sting rays. They also learnt about plastic pollution and were taught how they can improve the current issue. The children were brilliantly behaved and had an unforgettable learning experience!





School Crossing Patrol

We have contacted Cornwall Council for an update on the Victoria Road Crossing Patrol. They are currently advertising the position and hope to have a new Crossing Patrol Officer in place very soon. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in the role, please go to the Cornwall Council website for more information.



**Charlie's Wrap-Around
Care is available
7:45am until 6:00pm.**

**Full details are
available on our
website.**

**To book a place at
Charlie's breakfast club
or afterschool club,
please email Mrs Gray:**

**hgray@mount-
charlessch.org**

**Please remember to
name all pieces of
uniform. This makes
items easier to reunite
with owners!**

Celebrating

Yr1—Diego, Holly, Matilda & Ronhi,

Yr2—Aurelia & Brad

Yr3— Autumn, Felicity, Keeley & Riley,

Yr4— Kimberley, Molly & Scott,

Yr5— Chloe, Jacob, Kiana & Lukas,

Yr6— Amelia, Jasmine & William,

Success

MATHS CHAMPS



Last week's champs

Tyler — 1GB

Tyler — 3LR

Ruby — 5AK

Diary

September

17th Meet the Teacher, Yr6, 2:30pm

18th Autumn Term Clubs Start

Meet the Teacher, Yr5, 2:30pm

19th Yr6 Poltair Taster Day

Meet the Teacher, Yr4, 2:30pm

20th Meet the Teacher, Yr1, 2:30pm

21st Meet the Teacher, Yr2, 2:30pm

24th Meet the Teacher, Yr3, 2:30pm

27th Yr6 Penrice Taster Day

Penrice Open Evening, Yrs4, 5 & 6

Dates

October

15th Yr1 Hearing Screening

22nd October Half Term, (two weeks)

November

3rd School resumes after half term break

14th School Photographs
- individual and sibling

15th Flu immunisations, YrR—Yr5

Swimming Gala v. Truro

21st PSA Pantomime Treat Day

26th Swimming Gala v. Truro