

BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back and welcome to all of our new families! We hope you have all had a lovely summer break—we have enjoyed hearing stories of the children's adventures. It was great to see so many happy faces and smart uniforms coming through the gates on Thursday. We have kick started our learning in class with the introduction of curriculum topics, see page two for lots more information. See page four for details of upcoming events and also advance notice for future term dates.

As you know we made use of the summer holiday period to tackle further improvements to the school building. We have expanded and refurbished our Area Resource Base, improving the quality of the learning environment for the children significantly. We have also completed phase one of the playground redevelopment. The groundworks required were significant and we are delighted to have a larger, safe area as a result. We will keep you updated as the works continue.



Miss Blizzard
Yr6 Teacher



Mrs Pollitt
Yr5 Teacher



Miss Hodgson
Yr1 Teacher



Miss Hildyard
EYFS Phase Leader



Mr Bartlett
Creative Arts



Mr Cooper
PE HLTA



Miss Maloney
SEN HLTA



Miss Inch
Apprentice TA

As well as new families, we would like to give a warm welcome to our new members of staff.

We have begun our new Imaginative Learning Projects (ILP) for the new school year and already there has been much excitement enjoyed as various ‘engage’ activities get underway... Year 4 enjoyed a fabulous day at the National Marine Aquarium, Plymouth on Friday, Year 2 will be going to Newquay Aquarium on Tuesday and Year 5 prepare for some immersive learning at The Lost Gardens of Heligan on Thursday. Many other exciting activities to ignite curiosity and a thirst for learning will continue to unfold across all year groups throughout the term. Follow your child’s class dojo for regular updates from class teachers and discuss the ILP Home Learning opportunities sent home with your child. – We love to celebrate extended learning from home!



RECEPTION Do you want to be friends?	Do you want to be friends? Would you like to play with me? Explore these questions and more in this project about friendship, being kind and working together. Possible lines of enquiry include: friendship, being kind, being helpful, cooperation, similarities and differences and people who help us.
YEAR 1 Dinosaur Planet!	Stomp, crash, RRRAGH! Watch out everyone – the dinosaurs are on the prowl! They’re rampaging across the dusty earth, swishing their enormous tails and baring their fearsome teeth. Let’s explore the Dinosaur Planet! Imagine you’re a palaeontologist (that’s a scientist who studies bones and fossils). Dig deep and discover dazzling dinosaur facts. Create a dinosaur museum and invite visitors to see your awesome dinosaur artefacts. You could even do a dinosaur dance or produce some prehistoric percussion! Which is your favourite dinosaur? The <i>Tyrannosaurus</i> , the <i>Brachiosaurus</i> or the <i>Micropachycephalosaurus</i> ? Doyouthinkhesawus? Yes he did... RUN!
YEAR 2 Beachcombers	Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside! Do you? That’s good, because you’re about to become an expert beachcomber! Head to your nearest beach to look for interesting and unusual objects, using your senses to spot, sniff and seek them out. Have you seen the rock pools yet? We can take a peek into the cool water to learn about the weird and wonderful animals and plants in their microhabitats. Maybe we can kick back in a deckchair and do a little reading. What’s your favourite book about the seashore? Then invent an amazing rock pool resident! What features will it need to survive happily in its watery habitat? Make a 3-D model of your plant or creature! Got your shorts and sunglasses on? Bucket and spade at the ready? Splish, splash! Let’s get beachcombing.
YEAR 3 Predator!	It’s time to take a walk on the wild side! Find out who’s coming to visit. Is it a bug-munching lizard or an eagle-eyed bird of prey? Whatever it is, do you think you can handle it? Learn about creepy crocs and amazing alligators, the deadly assassin bug and the voracious Venus flytrap. Be inspired to write an informative leaflet all about your favourite predator and compose a poem about a predator or its prey. Then use what you know about the best of the beasts to create the ultimate predator; the apex of the food chain. Cross your dad with a peregrine falcon or your nan with a great white shark! What incredible species can you imagine? Feeling peckish? Let’s jump aboard the food chain!
YEAR 4 Blue Abyss	Grab your wetsuit! We’re going deep into an underwater world of incredible coral and mysterious sea creatures. Head to your local aquarium and learn about life in the ocean. Can you pick a favourite fish, plant or animal? What do real divers get up to below the surface? Create a fishy story about exploring an amazing underwater world. Time to go a little deeper into our seas. Make a model deep-sea submarine that can withstand great pressure and travel to the deepest, darkest places on Earth. Make sure you test it first! What are those bright lights in the distance? It’s a group of bioluminescent sea creatures! Look closely and create a colourful, 3-D art exhibition when you rise to the surface. Flippers on? Snorkel ready? Let’s head into the Blue Abyss.
YEAR 5 Allotment	Let’s grow! A crispy carrot, a luscious lettuce or a tasty tomato. Dig deep and put your back into it, making your own tubs and planters and nurturing your greens. Harvest your crops and make soups and dishes of seasonal foods that taste delicious. Learn about farms and where food comes from, writing reports on worldwide produce. Discover which allotments are closest to your school, and open the door to the secret garden. Then establish a farmers’ market, harvesting your crops and selling local produce. Include garden crafts and work out your prices, be sure to make a profit not a loss! After all that hard work, have your fingers gone green?
YEAR 6 Hola Mexico!	Welcome to Mexico! Get ready to explore this unique country, from its towering temples and stunning geography to its pulsing rhythms and fun-packed festivals. Tummy rumbling? Concoct a traditional fruit cocktail or delicious Mexican meal. What’s on your shopping list? Go steady with the spices! Discover the mysterious world of the ancient Maya civilisation. Make their chocolate, learn their poetry, play their ball game and follow all their curious rituals. Just try to keep your head! Feel like celebrating? Design a flute, grab a drum, join a tribe and make some noise! Have you got what it takes to be chief? Let’s find out...

MEET THE TEACHER!

Parents are invited to meet their child's teacher and find out about the year ahead at the Meet The Teacher sessions held at 2.30pm on the following dates:

Monday 16th September - Year 1
 Tuesday 17th September - Year 4
 Wednesday 18th September - Year 6
 Thursday 19th September - Year 3
 Friday 20th September - Year 2
 Thursday 26th September - Year 5

Please sign in at the main reception.

The summer menu will continue to run until October half term, menus are available from the school website. A school meal is £2.41, and our catering provider is able to accommodate any dietary needs. We would like to remind you that all children in Key Stage 1 (Years R, 1 & 2) are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Key Stage 2 children may be eligible for means-tested free school meals if their families are in receipt of certain benefits. Please speak to our office team with any queries.

School Dinners



The PTA is an important part of our school and helps to enrich your child's school experience. As well as essential fundraising, the PTA organises fantastic events, including the Christmas and Summer Fayres, sponsored walk and seasonal discos. These events create a real sense of community and greatly benefit the children. Being part of the PTA is a fun and rewarding experience and many friendships form from being part of the team. Everyone is welcome to our meetings. We understand that all parents are busy so even if you can volunteer just a few hours at one of our events, your time would be greatly appreciated. We would also be keen to hear of any ideas you may have for future events and fundraising. To get involved or find out more about what the PTA do pop along to the Annual General Meeting on the 25th September at 1.30pm.

Please name all uniform and remember to bring a coat to school every day..

The equipment in the playground should not be used by children, including younger siblings, before or after school.

Clubs will start in the week beginning 16th September. Look out for online sign up next week.

If you have a concern, please contact a member of the Safeguarding team on 01726 73911. However, if you have a concern out of school hours please use the phone number for the Multi-Agency Referral Unit, which is 0300 1231 116.

More information is available on our Child Protection & Safeguarding page at www.mount-charlessch.org.



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Advance notice!

We are pleased to be able to share our term dates for the next two academic years, along with a reminder of this year's term dates. We have again grouped our INSET days together to give a two week October half term. This was done, with the support of parents, to enable our families to book an affordable holiday without the need for an absence from school.

Term Dates 2019/20

We will finish this academic year on Friday 24th July, 2020.

Inset Days:

Monday 28th October, 2019
Tuesday 29th October, 2019
Wednesday 30th October, 2019
Thursday 31st October, 2019
Friday 1st November, 2019

Term Dates 2020/21

We will start this academic year on Thursday 3rd September 2020 and finish on Friday 23rd July 2021.

Inset Days:

Monday 19th October, 2020
Tuesday 20th October, 2020
Wednesday 21st October, 2020
Thursday 22nd October, 2020
Friday 23rd October, 2020

Term Dates 2021/22

We will start this academic year on Thursday 2nd September 2021 and finish on Friday 22nd July 2022.

Inset Days:

Monday 18th October, 2021
Tuesday 19th October, 2021
Wednesday 20th October, 2021
Thursday 21st October, 2021
Friday 22nd October, 2021

