

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

On Friday 27th January, class 7H won the trophy for 'Good Attendance' with 98.1% and on Friday 3rd February, class 4SG won with 97.0%. Well done to class 7H and 4SG!

Computer Games

It has come to our attention that a significant number of pupils are playing age-inappropriate computer games at home. In the UK, games are now rated on the PEGI system. We would like to draw your attention to the PEGI website: www.pegi.info



Essentially, the PEGI rating on a game confirms that it contains content suitable for a certain age group and above. So, a 7 rated game is suitable for everyone who is seven or older while an 18-rated game is deemed suitable **only** for adults. It is not, however, a measure of who will enjoy the game or how difficult that game is. There are also descriptors to help you decide if the game is suitable for your child to play.



It is important to note that in the UK, PEGI 12, 16 and 18 ratings are legally enforceable meaning that they cannot be supplied to persons below those respective age bars. Through playing a game not suitable for their age group, children will be exposed to language and content they are unable to deal with. Children often like to play games that their friends play and are too shy to say that they find them scary or that they are worried by them. Advice on the PEGI website will support you in talking to



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your child and help you in choosing suitable games that are age/stage appropriate.

Online Safety

Connected with this, we would also like to draw your attention to the fact that many social media websites (such as Skype, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat) require users to be aged **at least 13 years old**. Like the games ratings, these age limits are there for very good reasons to ensure the safety of children online. A much more detailed letter has been sent to all parents which you can also read in the Online Safety page of the school website within the Parents section.

PTA

The PTA held an AGM this week and have elected a new committee. They have also allocated year group representatives.

Chair – Laura Hare
 Vice Chair – Mrs Samantha Evans
 Treasurer – Mrs Helen Gray
 Vice Treasurers – Mrs Bray / Mrs Orchard
 Secretary – Miss Kelsie Sutcliffe
 Reception – Mrs Hare
 Year 1 – Mrs Moore
 Year 2 – Mrs Grigg
 Year 3 – Mrs Evans
 Year 4 – Ms Hearn
 Year 5 – Mrs Teague/Mrs Williams
 Year 6 – Miss Tracey Rayner

The cake sale was a great success. There were cakes left over with a long shelf life that will be on sale this Friday in the playground after school. We will let you know the total raised in the next Newsletter. The Valentine's Disco is taking place this Thursday – KS1 3-4pm, KS2 4.30-5.30pm. Please remember that your child will be dismissed from their classroom door by their class teacher at the end of the disco.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. Children can come in dressed as a character from a book or in their pyjamas ready for a bedtime story. We will send home more details nearer the time.

Local Governing Body

We are looking to recruit new governors to our school board. Ideally, we are looking to recruit non-parent governors in the first instance. Please spread the word in the local community and direct anyone interested to the office.

Cornets

Year 3 have had the fantastic opportunity to be taught to play the Cornet this term. Each child has their own Cornet on loan from the school for the whole term. We will invite parents to an assembly demonstration at the end of the term. We are planning to extend whole class instrument lessons throughout the school.

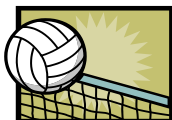
Personal Property

Would parents/carers please note that any personal property (e.g. bicycles, scooters etc.) left in the school shelter overnight or at the weekend is left at the owner's risk.



DIARY DATES	
February	
Tues. 7 th	Clive Pigg, Storyteller – Year 4 (2.30 p.m. Performance to Parents)
Tues. 7 th	Vision Screening – Reception children
Wed. 8 th	Year 1 Visit to Truro Cathedral
Wed. 8 th	Chartwells' Pizza Making Workshop – Reception children
Thurs. 9 th	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby v. Biscovey (home)
Thurs. 9 th	PSA Valentine Disco 3-4pm KS1 4.30-5.30pm KS2
Fri. 10 th	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Mon. 20th	INSET Day – School Closed for Children
Tues. 21 st	Children back to school
Wed. 22 nd	Weighing/Measuring – Reception & Year 6 children
March	
Thurs. 2 nd March	World Book Day
Mon. 6 th March	Year 5 Camp meeting for Parents – 3 p.m.
Fri. 31 st	Break up for Spring Holiday
April	
Tues. 18 th	Children back to school

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 FROM MR. W., MR. B., MR. GRIGG, MR. REES & MRS BOYNTON

Basketball Tournament at Poltair 19.01.17

Team: Lilyah, George, Rodrigo, Jasmine, Tineasha, Zakk, Finlay and Kieran

On Thursday, we went to Poltair for the Cornwall Games Basketball Tournament. The team got off to a fantastic start with some amazing team work and technique. There were some tricky teams to play against, but they kept their heads up, cheered each other on and scored some fantastic goals.

The scores were as follows:

Sandy Hill 6 – 16 Mount Charles

Pondhu 2 – 14 Mount Charles

St. Mewan 2 - 12 Mount Charles

Bishop Bronescombe 10 – 8 Mount Charles

Charlestown 2 – 10 Mount Charles

We won four matches and only lost one, meaning that we have qualified for the next round of the Cornwall Games! We were the top scoring team and George even managed to get a trophy for the top shooter out of all six schools!

Swimming Gala Report

On Friday 20th January Mount Charles swam against Roselyon School at Polkyth. All of the speed swimmers were involved so we entered up to three teams in each race. Out of the thirteen races on the day Mount Charles won eleven, with our B team managing to win the last race of the day, a six person Cannon by a fingertip touch from our A team! Many thanks to Mrs.Gray who managed the C team, Mrs.Meens who ran the B team, Colin Williams acting as starter with Helen Welland and Peta Ashbrook helping on poolside.

Teams:-

A – (Yr 4) Jayden, Toby, Tobi, Isabelle, Abi, Grace (Yr 5) George, Kieran, Finlay, Mea, Kelsey, Holly

(Yr 6) Stanley, Jude, George, Eva, Lizzy, Leonne, Jess

B - (Yr 3/4) Ethan, Henry, Max, Lola, Daisy, Kira (Yr 5) Owain, Treeve, Freddie, Naomi, Mahalla, Milly,

Tilly (Yr 6) Zak, Jake, Adrian, Joe, Libby, Caitlin, Ruby

C – (Yr 3/4) Sam, Jai, Luke, Olivia, Ellie, Lily, Chelsea, (Yr 6) Angel, Amy, Lilyah

Next gala: Friday 3rd February - Yr 5 and 6 at Newquay Waterworld in the Mid Cornwall qualifying round for the Cornwall Games Final Gala (two teams to qualify)

Mr.B A team manager & PE Co-ordinator

Mount Charles Football/Rugby Socks

We now have a supply of Mount Charles Football/Rugby socks with the school's name and logo on. They are black with cushioned soles and are available in sizes small and medium. We are selling them at cost price of £5 a pair. All the Junior children should have received a separate letter and order form this week. The school will make nothing from the sale of these socks. They are not just for the children who represent the football and rugby teams, as they need black socks, but for any pupil who wants them. By wearing them for rugby and football lessons it will make keeping shin pads in place much easier and look a smart part of PE uniform. Please see Mr. B if you wish to buy a pair.

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Newquay Gala Report

On Friday 3rd February our year 5 and 6 girls and boys swimming teams, who had previously qualified from the St.Austell area, travelled to Newquay to compete against seven other area winners in the Mid Cornwall area. Despite turning up late due to the weather and transport issues our children did us proud with the Year 5 girls, Year 6 girls and Year 6 boys all qualifying by finishing in the top two places on the day. Many thanks to Mrs.Meens for her help on poolside and to the parents/grandparents who gave up their time to come along and support the teams, we really do appreciate it. Thanks also to Helen Welland, Colin Williams, Mrs.Gray and Peta Ashbrook for helping to train the teams at Speed Swimming every Friday, it's a real team effort. We now look forward to the County School Games Finals at **Bude on Friday 30th June.**

Teams:

Yr 5 - Mea, Tilly, Mahalla, Holly

Yr 5 - George, Owain, Finlay, Kieron

Yr 6 - Leonne, Eva, Lizzy, Jess

Yr 6 - George, Jude, Stanley, Adrian

Mr.B PE Co-ordinator and swim team manager