



Newsletter

23rd November 2018

Forthcoming Events

26th - 30th November St Austell Music Festival

27th November - Year 6 Performing at St Austell Christmas lights switch on (4pm-4:30pm). Please consent via Parent Pay

30th November - Year 4 & 5 Trip to Royal Cornwall Museum & Truro Cathedral. Please sign up via ParentPay

3rd December - Year 3 Trip to Royal Cornwall Museum. Please sign up via ParentPay

6th December - Last extra -curricular clubs and last swim club

19th December - End of term, 2pm finish for school & nursery

20th December - Inset Day. School closed

7th January 2019 - Return to school, first day of spring term.

23rd July - End of summer term, 2pm finish

24th & 25th July - Inset Days. School closed

What a performance!

What a wonderful week we've had. We started the week with a wonderful performance of the classic Cornish tale, The Mouse-hole Cat, for our reception and infant classes. It was lovely to see the children so engaged in the show.



Years 3,4,5 & 6 enjoyed a trip to the White River Cinema, where they enjoyed various films during the week as part of the Into Films Festival.

All of our children have begun practising for their forthcoming Christmas performances. We're all very excited and looking forward to seeing them all in December.

It hasn't all been all about stage performance this week, we've had some great sporting performance as well.

On Tuesday, our Year 3 & 4 pupils enjoyed activities led by Plymouth Argyle.

We also hosted football and netball matches at home on

Tuesday, against Mount Charles School. Please see the articles on the following page for further information.

Finally we wanted to say a massive "Thank you" to all that supported our fund-raising efforts for Children in Need. We raised a total figure of £385 on the day, which is amazing.



Christmas Events - Dates for your diary

6th December - Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance (6-9pm), St John's Chapel

11th December - Reception Class Nativity (9:15am-10:30am)

11th December - St Austell Christmas Sing-a-long (7:30pm-9pm) at St John's Chapel, St Austell (Year 3,4,5 & 6) Please note this is not Sandy Hill's Christmas performance. It is an event open to the general public.

12th December - Reception Class Nativity (1:30pm-2:30pm)

13th December Nursery Christmas Singalong (1:30pm)

17th December - Key Stage 1 Nativity (1:30pm-3pm)

18th December - Key Stage 1 Nativity (9:15am-10:30am)

19th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch. End of term, 2pm finish.

Please note tickets for our Christmas productions (EYFS, KS1 & KS2) will be £2.50 each and will be available to purchase via ParentPay from Monday 26th November. Tickets will be limited to 2 tickets per family initially.



Parent Helpers

We are still currently looking for parent helpers to assist with reading in both of our receptions classes. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the school office.

Stars of the Week



Logan	Nursery
Isabella	Reception
Betheny	Reception
Jake	Yr 1
Robinson & Croyde	Yr 1/2
Harris	Yr 2
Demi	Yr 3
Sophie	Yr 4
Scarlett	Yr 5
Isabel	Yr 6

Football News

Well done to Team Sandy this week in their matches against Mount Charles.

The A Team played marvellously well in a tight game against a strong Mount Charles Team. Riley scored a rocket to put us into the lead but a powerful strike levelled it for Mount Charles.

The B Team competed well against another strong Mount Charles Team. We went close on a few occasions but Mount Charles took their chances to win 2-0.

The Year 3/4 Team who are managed by Mr Allen, made their coach very proud with their first victory of the season. Ollie, Austin and Joshua netted the goals.

All our football teams battled really well with all players performing with great passion.



Netball News

Special thanks goes to Millie in Year 6, who wrote this report on the netball match which also took place on Tuesday:

There was an excellent netball match on Tuesday 20th November 2018 where all children played exceptionally well against Mount Charles.

The first team to play drew 5:5. Chloe scored an amazing 2 goals and Jack scored 3.

After that the second team worked fantastically well to score 2 goals in a competitive game. Although they did not win overall (the final score was 5:2 to Mount Charles) the team did really well with the challenge of last minute changes to the team due to injury and sickness. Well done to all!

We all enjoyed playing against Mount Charles.



Attendance expectations and notification update

I am writing to let you know that we will be using new attendance letters in relation to pupil attendance and absence. If you require an absence form, please contact the school office.

The information is worded very strongly and complies with current legislation. Please do not take the information included in the letters personally, they are a set format.

You will see that it is clear that under new legislation Head Teachers do not have the power to grant leave unless very exceptional circumstances. Unfortunately holidays are not deemed as exceptional, this also applies for families who are unable to gain leave during the school holidays.

Attendance expectations are 96%, this being the minimum expectation (exceptional circumstance notwithstanding). This is the current national average attendance.

If you require support with your child's attendance then please contact the school either through the office or in discussion with the class teacher. Additionally we have the services of our Parent Support Advisor, Sarah Chown, who can be contacted through the school office also.

Awards

Well Done to the following children who have received awards this week.

Times Table Stars:

Amelia -	Year 1/2
Ethan -	Year 2
Nevaeh -	Year 3
Lucy -	Year 4
Demi -	Year 5
Thomas M -	Year 6

Spelling Awards:

Jax -	Year 1
Joshua -	Year 1/2
Ryan -	Year 2
Madison -	Year 3
Ethan & Finley -	Year 4
Charlie -	Year 5
Keira -	Year 6

Phonics word of the week

This week's word of the week is 'feel' and the pseudo word is 'meep'.

School Admissions - Applying for reception class

Please be aware if your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class by the deadline of 15 January 2019.



Do you have a child born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015?

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2019 for that child by the deadline of 15 January 2019.

Please note that attending a school's nursery does not guarantee your child a place at that school - you still need to apply. The criteria in the school's admission arrangements will be used to allocate places.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system.

Need help with your application?
Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8391
www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

The deadline for applications is 15 January 2019.



www.cornwall.gov.uk

Nursery Children - Clothing

Please can we remind all nursery parents to make sure their child brings a coat, hat and scarf to every session.

The children will go outside to play, regardless of the weather.

Thank you.



Attendance

Whole School : 96.68%

Government satisfactory attendance for a pupil is **96%**.

Class attendance to W/E 23rd November 2018

Miss Seeley –	94.66%
Mrs Evans –	95.17%
Mrs Matthews -	96.83%
Mrs Prior -	97.07%
Mrs Osborne -	97.15%
Mrs O'Brien -	97.33%
Mr Lockett -	97.55%
Miss Heather -	97.14%
Mrs Rundle -	97.28%

New Menu

**Week beginning Monday
26th November 2018**

Menu Choice - Week 2

Price £2.30*

**For children not entitled to free school meals*

Please make your menu selection on ParentPay

Special Menu

We are pleased to advise that we will be enjoying a Special Menu on 29th November.

This menu has been designed by our school council and is now available to book via ParentPay.

Makaton

Here are our Makaton signs for this week.



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**Sandy Hill
Academy**

**We aim to be
STARS**

- Self motivated
- Thinkers
- Aspirational
- Resilient
- Supportive

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