



MOUNT HAWKE ACADEMY

Friday 10th January

Academy News

DIARY DATES:

Wednesday 22nd January – KS1 Eden Project Trip

Friday 14th February – Inset Day
School Closed

Monday 17th Feb – Friday 21st Feb –
February Half term

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS START

The spring term after school clubs will start on Monday. Please remember that you must sign up your child/ren for any given club via the Arbor App. *Please note there are limited places in most clubs. Please amend the bus list if appropriate.

MOUSEHOLE CLASS

Thank you so much for your support at the parent meeting yesterday after school where we explained the new arrangements for teaching phonics. The new books will be coming home with your child tonight, along with the extra information. The PowerPoint is on our school website, under Statutory Information, Curriculum, What is Phonics? at the bottom of the web page. Here is another link to pronunciation of sounds too, on a useful website:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading/phonics-made-easy/>

And do remember to talk to us at any point with any queries or comments.

CELEBRATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Fri 10 th Jan	Celebration	Achievement
Mousehole	Charlie	Ella
Godrevy	George	Zara
Longships	Fraser	Ruby
Pendeen	Ariel	Felix
Carne	Henry	Maya
Gwithian	Jack	Finley
Lamorna	Mylo	Kai
Class 5	Neeve	Callum
Class 6	Max	George

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We would like to wish you all the very best for 2020, and thank you so much for all the good wishes, cards and gifts – we are very appreciative and very fortunate. We are so pleased to be back, hopefully with some brighter weather to come, and have planned a lot for the rest of the school year. We are delighted that we will soon be having some visits from Daya again, leading workshops with the children on Hinduism, Sikhism or Islam. We are very grateful to FOMHS (our PTA) for paying for this wonderful experience. You will be able to read more about this on later newsletters.

We are delighted that the re-vamp of our library continues. Yesterday, Cornwall Education Library Service came in, audited our books and generally organised everything. The next area has been modernised, taking on an outdoors theme. To involve our children in this, we would love you to take photos of them 'wild reading'...reading up a tree, in a tent, by a campfire, on a surfboard...and send them to library@mounthawke.org. We will then print them and add them to a display.

We will be holding a Reading Open Morning later in the term, where we would love to see you come in and spend some time finding out about reading in our school. We will let you know the date as soon as possible.

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ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS

Thank you for your support in ensuring that our children are in school regularly and on time. Aspire's Educational Welfare Officer came into school before the holiday to look at individual attendance, and we will continue to talk to you when we have concerns over attendance. Our school target is at least 96% attendance for each child, which over a school year equals only missing a maximum of just under 2 weeks of school. We are currently at 96.6% overall. The bell rings at 8.45 am and lessons starts while the registers are being done – every moment counts, so please be on time!

TRAFFIC

You may have noticed that our new banner is outside school, reminding everyone to park considerately. We have already had complaints about anti-social parking and driving; people parking on double yellow lines, blocking paths and drives, driving without consideration for others. Please, if you can, park away from school and walk or cycle the last bit to school. Rodda's Road is such a great walking space – let's try and keep it car free and safe. Using the Drop Off Zone is a great help to prevent congestion too. To make this as efficient as possible, have coats and bags at the ready so the children can get straight out of the car and make their way into school. Please do not park in this area as the whole village soon jams up. The police and civil enforcement officers will continue to pay random visits too.

ASPIRE CATERING REMINDER

Just to confirm that when the menu states salmon fish cakes, the kitchen are offering fish fingers. This is due to the fact that the salmon fish cakes proved to be extremely unpopular!

PEANUTS

Because of allergies in our school, we need to become a peanut free site. Please could we remind you to check that any snacks or food that you are sending children in with do not contain peanuts in any form.



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CENSUS DAY

Next Thursday, 16th January 2020, is a National School Census Day. This is when the Department for Education (DfE) collects information about each school to help them plan for the future and, most importantly, the data is used to set future school budgets. One of the figures we have to report is the number of Reception and Years 1 & 2 children who are having a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on this day.

The census data is then used to decide how much funding for the year we get for our hot meals. This means that if your child does not have a meal on Thursday, we will not receive any further funding for the rest of the year. If your child chooses to have a meal on another day, we will have to fund this from our school budget

We do not receive funding for the amount of hot meals we supply, only the number of meals eaten on the two census days in October and January each year.

Our solution to this problem is to ask every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to try the hot meal on Census Day. Then your child will be fully funded to have hot meals during the year thus saving the school any additional costs.

Thank you for your support.



The menu next Thursday will be:

Build Your Own Beef Burger
Vegetable Burger
Jacket wedges
Seasonal vegetables
Chocolate cake & chocolate custard
Or Ice-cream