



This week I want to take the opportunity to thank the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) and share with you all the brilliant work they do to help support the school.

First, I should explain what a PTA is...

The PTA is an organisation formed with the sole purpose of making school a better place for our pupils to learn. At Mevagissey, the PTA has worked tirelessly, for many years, to help support the school in a variety of different ways. For instance, you will have seen our PTA parked up outside the library – come rain or shine – selling ice creams or hot chocolates. But this is only a small snippet of the incredible work they do.

The PTA, through various fundraising events, raise crucial funds for the school. All the money raised goes directly towards improving the experiences that our pupils have at school. The lack of funding and financial investment in schools has been widely reported in the media. Schools have been described as facing a 'looming financial crisis'. You would presume that schools are able to fill the library with new, exciting, and enriching books for the children and free to invest money into educational trips and residentials. Sadly, this is not always the case, and we often must rely on fundraising events, driven forward by the PTA, to ensure that we can invest in new books and afford the cost of travel so that children can enjoy a range of rich experiences.

To give a further example, in the current financial climate, the prices of hiring a coach has soared – even for short trips to Heligan, or a sporting event in St Austell. Every year, the PTA provide the school with a lump sum that covers the price of coach travel. Without this financial backing, we would not be able to attend events like cross county, Year 6 celebration days out, class trips and sporting fixtures. For context, KS1 + KS2 coach journeys to Newquay Zoo for a day out last year cost a total of £1,140.00. This is a staggering amount, and the main reason why (with the support of the PTA) we are desperately exploring avenues to secure the use of a minibus.

The PTA also donated money for the school picnic benches, which has had a positive impact on the outdoor environment, allowing children to enjoy their lunch outside in the sun with their friends.

Alongside their fundraising events, the PTA have always volunteered hours of their time to help the school with trips, days out to the village, beach school and various other events. They also come into school almost daily to help as volunteer readers, which I know the class teachers massively appreciate.

Members of the PTA give up their time on a voluntary basis. When you consider the sheer number of hours they give to the school, you realise just how lucky we are to have them on our team! Our PTA is at the heart of our school community. Their contribution to the school is difficult to put into words. Thank you to the PTA for all of your hard work.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Ringrose

Unfortunately, we are missing many items from our school football and netball team kit (socks, shorts, team football shirts). With a season of fixtures approaching, we would really appreciate it if these could be returned ASAP.

Harvest Festival

We will be supporting St Austell Foodbank with food donations and would be very grateful if you could send your child in with a donation. Please see poster below with items that they require.

We will be collecting donations in our Harvest Assembly.

Thank you!



foodbank staustell.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 112886

Stars and Citizens of the week





Class Attendance this week		
Starfish	98.5%	
Dolphins	97.6%	
Lobsters	95.5%	
Jellyfish	98.9%	
Seals	98.8%	
Sea Turtles	99.4%	

Attendance Cup Winners this week were: Sea Turtles Class with 99.4% attendance! Well Done!

Kindness Cup

Merryn was nominated by some Yr 5 pupils for being such a kind girl.





A huge thank you and a sad goodbye to Jaz!

	Autumn Diary Dates
Thursday 5th October	Early Help Drop In Session 2pm—3.30pm
Tuesday 10th October	Football and Netball fixture—Home against Fowey
Friday 13th October	Harvest Festival assembly—9.15 am Yr1—Yr6 parents welcome
	Donations welcomed for St. Austell Foodbank
Monday 16th - 20th October	Inset Week
Monday 23rd - 27th October	Half Term
Monday 30th October	Start of Term
Monday 30th October	PTFA Halloween Disco
Tuesday 7th November	Football and Netball fixture—Away against Lostwithiel
Thursday 9th November	Early Help Drop In Session 2—3.30pm
Wednesday 22nd November	Yr1 Hearing Screening
Tuesday 28th November	Football and Netball fixture—Home against Gorran
Monday 4th December	Last week of Clubs
Friday 15th December	Last day of term 1.30pm finish
Monday 18th Dec—Friday 5th Jan	Christmas Holidays
Monday 8th January	Start of term
Monday 15th January	Start of clubs
Tuesday 16th January	Football and Netball fixture—Away against Bishop Bronescombe
Tuesday 30th January	Football and Netball fixture—Home against Pondhu
Tuesday 6th February	Football and Netball fixture—Away against Tywardreath
Monday 12th —Friday 16th February	Half Term
Monday 19th February	Start of Term
Monday 19th—23rd February	Yr3 swimming
Monday 4th—8th March	Yr1 and Yr2 swimming
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day—come dressed as your favourite book character
Monday 18th—Friday 22nd March	Yr4 and Yr5 swimming
Monday 18th March	Last week of clubs
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term 1.30pm finish
Thurs 28th Mar—Fri 12th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April	Start of Term
Monday 22nd April	Start of Clubs

<u>Term Dates</u> 2023—2024 Term Dates

Autumn Term 1 2023: Tuesday 5th September— Friday 13th October Autumn Term 2 2023: Monday 30th October —Friday15th December Spring Term 1 2024: Monday 8th January—Friday 9th February Spring Term 2 2024: Monday 19th February—Thursday 28th March Summer Term 1 2024: Monday 15th April—Friday 24th May Summer Term 2 2024: Monday 3rd June—Friday 26th July **INSET DAYS** Friday 1st and Monday 4th September 2023 Monday 16th Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th October 2023

Term Dates

2024- 2025 Term Dates

Autumn Term 1 2024: Wednesday 4th September— Thursday 17th October

Autumn Term 2 2024: Monday 4th November — Friday 20th December

Spring Term 1 2025: Monday 6th January—Friday 7th February

Spring Term 2 2025: Monday 17th February—Friday 4th April

Summer Term 1 2025: Tuesday 22nd April -Friday 23rd May

Summer Term 2 2025: Monday 2nd June—Friday 25th July

INSET DAYS

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 18th October 2024

Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th, Thursday 31st October and Friday 1st November 2024

Please note this Harvest Assembly is parents of our Yr1 through to our Yr6 children. Reception children will be holding their very own Harvest Festival Assembly.



FIND OUT WHAT WE DO AND

HOW YOU CAN HELP !!!!

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Join Mevagissey PTFA's 50/50 Lottery Club YOU BOULD BEAMINNERL

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- Simply fill in an application form and pay by cash/cheque/BACS transfer Each lottery number is £1 per month, so it only costs £12 for the whole year You can buy as many numbers as you like! 50% of the money generated goes into funds for Mevagissey Primary School

And 50% makes up the monthly cash prizes Draws take place on the last Sunday of the month from October 2023-September 2024 inclusive

THE MORE NUMBERS SOLD. THE MORE MONEY RAISED FOR OUR SCHOOL AND THE GREATER THE CASH PRIZES

For more details, please contact us on: Facebook @mevagisseyschoolPTFA or email: mevagisseyschoolptfa@yahoo.co





Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Invitation to Mevagissey PTFA's 50/50 Lottery Club 2023/24

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for our fundraising efforts. All the money raised goes directly to helping our children with new equipment, exciting resources and enriching experiences. Your support is vital, thank you!

With lots of important projects to support, for example; the Coach Fund for school transport, class trips and Christmas activities to name just a few, we are keen to get fundraising with renewed energy and enthusiasm!

We are very excited to continue our 50/50 Lottery Club and would like to invite you to join in for the opportunity to win a cash prize every month! 50% of the money raised goes to our funds for school and the other 50% makes up the prize money. The more numbers sold, the more money raised and the greater the prize money every month!

This year's 50/50 Lottery Club will run from October 2023 to September 2024 with a draw on the last Sunday of each month. Each number is £1 per month, so it will only cost you £12 for the whole year! Multiple numbers are allowed. In order for us to process the paperwork in good time, we politely request that all forms and payments are returned by Friday 30th September 2022.

Please find attached further information, but if you have any questions at all or would like to join in, please do not hesitate to contact us via our Facebook page/Messenger or you can email us at mevagisseyschoolptfa@yahoo.com

Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards

Lucy Wright PTFA Chair

50/50 Club Frequently Asked Questions

What is the "50 / 50 club"? - The 50/50 club is a monthly prize draw run by the PTFA where 50% of cash generated makes up the monthly prizes and 50% goes to the PTFA funds towards essential resources for our school children.

How does it work? - Each member pays £12 for a 50/50 club number for the year, equivalent to £1.00 per month, giving you the chance to win cash in our monthly prize draw. There is no limit to the amount of numbers you can buy and no maximum or minimum number of participants; it is just £12 a year for each membership number.

Who can join? - Membership is open to all parents, carers, staff and supporters of the organisation. Anyone age 16 or over can join.

What do I have to do to enter? - Please complete the attached 50/50 club entry form together with your payment of £12.00, for 12 months. Payment can be made by BACS transfer, annual standing order, cash or cheque. Please return the completed entry form (and payment where appropriate) to a member of the PTFA or the school office by Friday 13th October 2023.

How do I get my number(s)? - Numbers will be allocated once full payment and correctly completed entry forms are received. Your number will be notified by email or text.

When will the prize be drawn? - The prize will be drawn on the last Sunday of each month from October 2023 through to September 2024 at a monthly Facebook live post via the PTFA Facebook page @mevagisseyschoolPTFA. The lucky winner whose number is picked out in the monthly prize draw will win 1/12th of the 50/50 Club prize draw fund. The amount that you will win depends on how many numbers are sold - the more who enter the greater the monthly prize!

We really hope that we can reach a target of 100 members this year. If we did, then that would mean a total income of £1,200.00, so £600.00 would go to the prize fund meaning a monthly prize of £50.00! And equally importantly, £600.00 would go to the PTFA funds, which would go towards essential resources and equipment for our school and children.

Telephone no.	(daytime)	(evening)	
Email address			
Postal address	(to which winnings will be sent)		

Payment details - please complete and tick as appropriate.

I enclose payment of (£12.00 per number) £

@Cash (please make sure cash is securely enclosed and labelled with name and amount)

Cheque (made payable to Mevagissey School PTFA)

BACS Transfer

I/we agree that if we wish to cancel this order I/we will also inform Mevagissey PTFA of this decision. I/we have read and understood the rules of the 50/50 Club.

Signature_____

Date

Please return this form to a member of Mevagissey PTFA or the school office together with your cheque/cash so we can update our records.

Thank you for your support and good luck!

PTFA USE ONLY - MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (S):

50/50 Club Rules

Purpose

The purpose of the 50/50 club is to raise funds for Mevagissey Community Primary School. The money will be paid into the PTFA bank account and used to meet funding requests from the school, providing

To join in simply ...

- Complete and sign the attached membership form and pay by BACS transfer, cash or cheque.
- This buys you one membership number (that we will allocate), which enters you into the
 monthly draw. All participants must be over 16. There is no limit on how many numbers
 you can buy.
- The draw will take place on the last Sunday of each month via Facebook Live.
- If you win, a cheque will be posted to your home address and the number of the winner published on the PTFA Facebook page and in the school newsletter.
- The prize money will be 50% of the membership fee taken that month. The remaining 50% goes to the PTFA funds to help fund equipment, resources and opportunities for pupils.
- · Any queries, please contact Lucy Wright or email: mevagisseyschoolptfa@yahoo.com

Join our 50/50 club today and you could be our next winner!

50/50 Club Membership Form

equipment, resources and opportunities for pupils.

Rules

- 1. The 50/50 Club is open to anyone over the age of 16 years who has filled in an application form.
- The 50/50 club will be run by the PTFA. The decision of the PTFA committee shall be final and binding in any dispute between a member and the organiser.
- 3. Application for membership shall be deemed as acceptance of the 50/50 Club rules.
- 4. For a cost of £1 per month (i.e. per draw) you will be allocated one number.
- 5. A draw will be made every month.
- 6. The prizes will total 50% of the annual income.
- 7. Membership is for a minimum of 12 months starting October 2023 to September 2024 inclusive.
- 8. Member's number(s) will only be entered if their subscription is up-to-date.
- 9. There will be 12 monthly draws.
- The numbers for each month's winner will be posted on the PTFA Facebook page and in the school newsletter.
- Payments must be made by cash, bank transfer, or annual cheque. One month's notice is required for cancellation.
- 12. The winner will have their prize money paid to them via BACS transfer
- 13. A member will be deemed to have left the club and will not be entered into any draw if their annual subscription has not been received. The organiser reserves the right to reallocate any number where payment has not been received. Unless otherwise advised, a member will be deemed to have left the 50/50 club if his/her subscription renewal remains unpaid for a period of one month.
- 14. If a winner cannot be contacted, the winnings will be placed into PTFA funds after six months.
- The PTFA committee may amend the rules of the 50/50 Club at any time. Members will be informed of changes by Facebook. Messenger. letter or email.



Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY Telephone: 0300 1234 101

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Applying for a reception class place for September 2024

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: **01872 324242** Email: **statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk**



You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school**. When making your decision you should...

...think about **how you will get your child to school**. Go to **www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport** for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

Submit your application by 15 January 2024

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3) Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 16 April 2024. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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Applying for a secondary school place for September 2024

Special Educational Needs

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Decide on your preferred schools

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Submit your application by 31 October 2023

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Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 1 March 2024. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools. Photo © Adobe stock jn53362 05/23



https://www.edenproject.com/visit/whats-on/community-days-free-entry-offer?utm_source=main-sep-2023&utm_medium=email&utm_content=all&utm_campaign=mainnews&g4id=17



Community Days: Free entry offer

To say thank you for the invaluable support of our local friends and business colleagues in Cornwall and Devon, we invite a range of groups to come and enjoy the Eden Project for free each winter on certain dates.

www.edenproject.com



Plymouth University are offering a FREE interactive showcase to Primary school children. Please follow the link to book your FREE tickets and embark on a Voyage of Discovery through Science, Technology and Art.

Voyage of Discovery Showcase Event

Join us for this free event and immerse yourself in an array of hands-on activities and demonstrations, from a talking robotic cat, VR journeys through the ocean depths to uncovering the secrets of plant growth.

Location: Plymouth Guildhall Date: Saturday 30 September 2023 Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

See our full programme, reserve your space and get ready to embark on a journey of discovery!

https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/whats-on/futures2023-voyage-of-discovery



RECRUITING NOW FOR THE COMING SEASON



Haven't picked up a stick in a while? Fancy a change of clubs? Want a new hobby? Come & join our team!

Womens & Mens Training Penair School in Truro Every Monday 7-8.30pm

Juniors Training Charlestown School Every Friday Primary School ages 6-7pm Secondary School ages 7-8pm

GET IN TOUCH WITH US NOW!

🚯 St Austell Hockey Club 🌐 staustellhc.clubbuzz.co.uk



GO ACTIVE October Half Term @ Mevagissey Primary School



Go Active Cornwall run holiday clubs with a difference for children aged 5 - 12 years old. We have the biggest range of sports and activities in the UK – activities may include Nerf Guns, Bubble Football, Archery & Laser Tag + many more! As parents/Guardians you are entitled to <u>an EXCLUSIVE</u> access to this affordable childcare provision.

Location & Timings	Mexagissey, Primary School 9.00am – 3.00pm
Dates & Prices	<u>Friday 27th October</u> <u>£20 per person</u>
What to Bring	 Suitable clothing for sports, trainers, spare clothes. Packed Lunch, Morning Snack, Plenty of water.







To book please follow the below link:

https://www.goactivecornwall.co.uk/holiday-clubs/



Contact Details; Email – <u>neil@goactivecornwall.co.uk</u> <u>Phone – 01726 212708</u>





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