

Mevagissey Primary School

Spring Term – Week 15



Attendance

This week at School Headteacher's message

	This week	
Starfish	94.1%	
Dolphin	93.1%	
Lobster	99.4%	
Jellyfish	92.1%	
Seals	89%	
Seaturtles	97.6%	

I wanted to start the newsletter this week by sharing some excellent news. A few weeks ago, I attended a Mevagissey Parish Council meeting to seek financial support to help ease the burden of the ever-increasing cost of coach fares. I was fortunate enough to be joined by many of our PTFA volunteers, who spoke brilliantly on behalf of the school – describing how an increasing percentage of the money they have raised is being invested in coach travel, so that our children can participate in sporting fixtures and have access to all the exciting and memorable school trips that are such an important part of their primary school education. I thought it would be nice to share just a small sample of the experiences that we have been able to offer the children, often due to the hard work of the PTFA: Minack Theatre, Newquay Aquarium, Truro Museum, Camel Creek, Newquay Zoo, Eden Project, Penrice to watch a show, Football, Netball and Cross Country events, Farm and Country Show at the Royal Cornwall Showground, a recent trip for Year 1 and 2 to Beacon Vetcare in Summercourt. Last year, we spent just under £9,000 on coach travel. This is a staggering figure, but not such a surprise when we are being quoted £290.00 for an 11-minute, 5-mile journey to Pondhu School for sports fixtures. We were so pleased that the Parish Council recognised the challenges we are facing and agreed to support us. This will ensure that we can still offer a curriculum that not only focuses on the importance of quality teaching and learning, but also on providing wider experiences that are fun and enriching. Furthermore, now the money being raised by the PTFA can be redirected – new sporting kits are being designed, trips and visits are being planned – but, above all, we are desperate to re-stock the library with new books. In November 2024, the Annual Literacy Survey found that 1 in 3 children between 8-18 enjoy reading. This is the lowest since the survey started in 2005. Just 34.6% of children in the survey said they enjoyed reading. I find this so scary. In my opinion, there is nothing better than the joy of a great book. We live in a world where books, for many children, are sadly being replaced by the temptations of screens and gaming. As adults who work with and care for children, I believe we have a huge responsibility to keep the magic of reading alive. I would need umpteen pages to list the benefits and importance of reading for children. Please keep reading with your children, talking to them about how special books are – and we will continue to do our very best to share with the children how important stories are, how they can make you feel, how they can transport you to another world, place and time. Have a great weekend – let's hope the sun sticks around. Mr Ringrose

99.4%
attendance for
Lobster Class
Well done!!



Event and Dates calendar

- 10th - 14th Yr1 & Yr4 swimming
- 11th Feb - Football/Netball match at home against Tywardreath
- 17th - 21st Feb - Half Term
- 3rd - 7th March - Yr2 & Yr3 swimming
- 6th March - World Book Day - come dressed as your favourite book character
- 7th March - Yr1 Hearing Tests
- 12th March - YrR & Yr6 Height and Weight Measurements
- 19th March - Yr3 & Yr4 Farm and Country Visit
- 7th - 21st April - Easter Half Term
- 5th May - Bank Holiday
- 26th - 30th May - Half Term
- 20th June - Inset Day
- 23rd June - Inset Day
- 30th June - 4th July - Yr5 & Yr6 swimming
- 25th July - Break for Summer Term

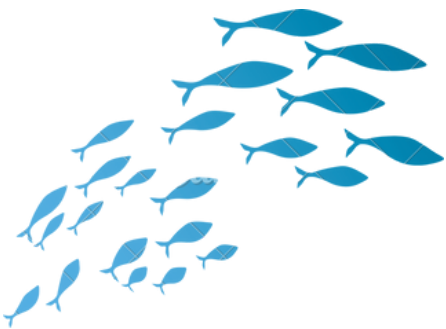
Please note if your child is not playing in the Football/Netball Fixtures please collect them at normal time as both clubs are cancelled. Thank you.

Stars and Citizens of the week



Kindness Cup

Claudia in Seals Class has been nominated by her friends for being a lovely friend to those who were playing alone



Science Star of the week - Jemima in Jellyfish Class



Writer of the week - Patrick in Jellyfish Class





Congratulations to Maya on her Children's University achievements

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