

Mount Hawke Academy News

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Dear Families

I cannot believe that the next newsletter that comes out will be in December. The tree has been ordered and will be going up soon, and we're making sure that our school will have a very festive feel! To make the Christmas season as Christmassy as we can, we have planned a very special last week in school, so do read the information below for some highlights.

Many parents and children have also been asking if they can bring in Christmas cards this year. Unfortunately, we do need to limit these, so if you would like to be involved, we would like you to send in one card from your child to their whole class, which will be displayed in their classroom.

Starting next week, for a couple of weeks, the children will all be taking part in Christmas Sports Days during their regular PE lessons! Mr Brandreth and Mrs Martin have planned a range of fun and exciting PE games with a wintery theme to make up for the Sports Days that the children missed in the Summer Term.

Christmas Arrangements

PE will continue as normal during this week, so please do continue to send children in their PE kits on their usual days.

Monday 14th December – Pantomime – the children will have all the fun of the pantomime in their classrooms!



Tuesday 15th December – Christmas crafts and activities*

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas hat making & Christmas Dinner – wear your Christmas party clothes to school for a donation to Penhaligon's Friends

Thursday 17th December - Christmas crafts and activities*

Friday 18th December – Superstar Assembly and Christmas movie – popcorn provided!

* including Christmas card / calendar making / a Christmas Treasure Hunt



Mousehole Class and Key Stage One are also lucky enough to be watching The Mousehole Cat on screen before the end of term to finish off their topic. Thank you to FOMHS for making this possible.

Drop Off Zone / Parking

Thank you to everyone who is using this zone properly. We need to keep traffic moving freely and safely around the school and village. Please make sure that your child is ready to get out of the car and that goodbyes have already been said. Please do not park in the zone or even stop for several minutes to get organised – it really is a drop off zone.

Your support in keeping Rodda's Road as traffic free as possible during drop off and pick up times has turned this into a much safer and more pleasant way of getting to and from school – thank you!

Celebrations – Superstar Assembly

Today saw a lovely end to the month – our second Superstar Assembly. The parents of the children named below have already had a letter, telling them that their child has been noticed for going above and beyond in all that they do and are now able to choose a book with their parents, which we will buy for them. This is to say a huge

THANK YOU and WELL DONE for all that our Superstars do, from everyone at school.

Class	Superstar
Mousehole	Iris
Godrevy	Bella
Longships	Finley
Pendeen	Stanley
Carne	Artie
Gwithian	Ottilie
Lamorna	Trixie
Class 5MB	Jago
Class 5LW	Kai
Class 6	Daisy

Pupil Premium Funding

As you are probably aware, schools can benefit from additional funding from the Government, known as Pupil Premium Funding. This can make a considerable difference to a school's budget and can benefit all the children in the school by helping us to provide extra support and extra resources.

We are able to check whether each child is eligible for this funding by submitting your National Insurance Number and date of birth to Cornwall Council. The data is held securely and is deleted when your child leaves our school.

We would be extremely grateful if you would complete our online questionnaire.

What to do if a COVID test comes back positive?

If the test comes back positive during school hours, please phone us straight away. If the test comes back positive out of school hours, please access the form below <u>http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus</u>

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	first instance, please contact your school office by If the school is closed, complete the form at the link below to report a positive test.
	www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus

If a member of your household has had a test, please remember to let us know the result and please remember that if anyone in your household has symptoms, the whole household has to isolate and the household member has to get a test.

Communications

Remember to use the email <u>hello@mounthawke.org</u> or phone 01209 890230 if you need to speak to one of us or let us know about something. Even though we can't have a conversation at the classroom door or in the playground, we are still available, and class teachers will get back to you. Miss Biddick is usually on the gate every morning and afternoon too.

All of us here at school would like to wish you a lovely weekend.



The Raspberry Pi Foundation have launched a free Learn at Home initiative to support parents and young people with coding resources at home. You don't need any coding experience to join in, and all of their resources and activities are free forever.

• Get involved with their space challenge, <u>Astro Pi Mission Zero</u> in partnership with the European Space Agency, **where young people can send a message to the International Space Station!**

• Every Wednesday their team of educators host a digital making live stream to inspire and teach young people about getting creative with technology.

• They provide **over 200 coding projects** you can follow on any computer, with themes from looking after yourself to protecting the planet. All with step-by-step instructions, accessible online at any time, for free!

Simply visit their website to get started right away!



Friends of Mount Hawke Academy School PTA (FOMHS) News

Christmas Elf Trail

FOMHS with the help of Mount Hawke Village residents present an everso Christmassy Christmas Lights and Elf trail around Mount Hawke throughout December, from 1st December - 1st January. Elves are getting ready all over Mount Hawke to send messages to and from the North Pole for Christmas. The elves have organised themselves into villages and posted special letters on their doors. Can you walk around and spot all their tiny doors and work out the festive words in each elf village?

The Head Elf, Miss Blizzard is looking after all the elves in the village. Can you find her special hidden door and find the symbol on it?

Donate via Parentpay **'FOMHS Elf Trail'** to receive a trail map and entry form emailed to you from school. Please give school a few days to get the email to you. Remember, school closes on December 18th so please try and make your donation by Friday 11th December if you can. You can also pick up a form from Mount Hawke Village Stores, or from the <u>Facebook</u> page for a donation to FOMHS PTA.

Post the form to the <u>Facebook</u> page and you could win one of the 12 prizes of Christmas! Closing date 5th January 2021.

Make the elves feel at home by maybe dressing up as an Elf or in Christmassy outfits for the walk and...have an elful lot of fun!

Christmas Cards and Mugs

These have now all been sent home and they look fantastic. We raised £500 for FOMHS... THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Panto News - Oh yes it is !

The Pantomine Jack and the Beanstalk by Peter Duncan from Blue Peter and cast will be shown in school and to any children off school at home. We are asking for a donation of $\pounds 2$ per child to cover the cost of it, please donate via Parentpay. Thank you.

Funding Requests

School have asked FOMHS to fund a virtual performance of the Mousehole cat for KS1, which was approved.

FOMHS is open to new members, if you can contribute in any way, find our group "FOMHS" on Facebook and request to join. We also have a public Facebook page for information on our events, please like our page: <u>Friends of Mount Hawke Academy School (FOMHS) PTA</u>

Alison Jobbins

Chair of FOMHS

