



MOUNT HAWKE ACADEMY

Friday 27th September 2019

Academy News

DIARY DATES:

Fri 11th Oct – Reception 2020 Open Day *For new parents with children starting school in Sept 2020

Thursday 17th Oct – Bag2School Collection

Autumn half term holiday:

Mon 21st Oct – Fri 25th October

Mon 28th Oct - School Inset Day (School will be CLOSED) -

Mon 4th Nov – School Photographs
**Non-MHA sibling photos from 8am, siblings who attend MHA will be taken during the school day*

Mon 11th Nov – Flu Nasal Immunisation
Year R to Year 6 inclusive

Christmas Holidays:

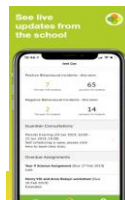
Monday 23rd December – Fri 3rd January

Christmas Plays

Week commencing Monday 9th Dec
**more details will follow*

THE ARBOR APP

Soon we will be launching the 'Arbor App'. Arbor is the information management system we use for all our pupil information, and we will be releasing the Arbor App for parents to download on their smart phones. This will be a very useful way of the **school sending messages** and **newsletters** to you. You will also be able to book **parent consultation appointments (w/c 14th October)**. Over the next two weeks you will be sent an activation e-mail.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to all of you who came to share in our Harvest Festivals this morning, which really was remarkably well attended! Thank you for all the generous donations for Truro Foodbank. We hope that you enjoyed seeing the children in their first performances of the year as they shared their work.

ASPIRE TRUSTEES VISIT

This morning we were visited by one of our Aspire Trustees. The Board of Trustees is responsible for: setting the direction, holding Trust leaders to account and ensuring financial probity. As trustees of a charitable company, they also ensure that the Trust complies with charity and company law requirements. Mel Colton-Dyer enjoyed touring the school and getting to know us better. Mrs Colton-Dyer commented on what a wonderful school we are, with such a happy atmosphere.



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READING ROUND UP!

We are all really getting into our class stories now, and some of the children are even bringing in their own copies so they can follow in class - wonderful! A super website to support with reading at home is <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>. It's well worth having a look at this site to get some ideas. Also, remember that we've got a lot of book suggestions on our website https://mount-hawke.eschools.co.uk/web/recommended_reads/295996

On Wednesday, the Library van came to school for its first visit of the year and we were able to choose nearly 200 new books to enjoy.



We would also like to say a HUGE thank you for your support at the Book Fair. Nearly £800 was spent, and this will let us buy many new books from the commission.

48 HOUR RULE

Please remember that if your child is off with a poorly tummy, we do have a 48-hour policy at MHA. This means that your child needs to be free of any symptoms for a full 48 hours after their last episode. This policy is in place to help prevent the spread of germs at school. Many thanks for your support with this.

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Please could you possibly refrain from bringing any Bag2school donations into school until **week commencing Monday 14th Oct**. Many thanks in advance!



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The **MORE** that you
READ, the **more things**
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the **more places**
you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss Reading Remains

READING AT HOME

Your child's reading experience is much more than the reading book which comes home from school. Reading is happening all the time in a classroom and in the school. It is taught in specific reading and English lessons, but children are practising and using their 'reading' constantly across all subjects too. Parents can support this 'reading journey' through regular reading at home. Reading to and with your child every evening for at least ten minutes makes a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school. A report from Oxford University Press highlighted the importance of parents reading with their children. 'Children who read outside class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age'.

The report also offers six tips for reading with your child at home, including:

1. Make time to read- even ten minutes a day
2. Choose different types of books
3. Take turns to read
4. Talk about the book- asking your child questions
5. Pay attention to the language
6. Enjoy reading

We will be holding our Autumn Term Open Morning on the theme of reading - more details to follow soon.