

Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

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Dear Families

Thank you for your understanding and support, working with us to help keep our community as safe and healthy as possible while there are increased Covid cases. This can lead to staff absences or changes as we arrange cover, and again, thank you for your patience in this. We continue to work closely with our Trust Health & Safety team and with Public Health and follow their advice and guidance. In school, we continue to keep windows open, wash hands and wipe down surfaces frequently. As the weather turns more autumnal, it may be worth children wearing an extra layer under their school uniform too. We would ask you to continue to wear masks if you can for drop off and pick up, and to continue with social distancing.

The atmosphere in school remains excellent – the progress that the children are making in their learning is a joy to see, and the pride that they feel and show as they see their success from their hard work is wonderful.

Celebrations

We held our Friday Virtual Assembly today and it was lovely to share the news from each class with everyone, and enjoy that wonderful family feeling. Even though we still can't see each other in real life altogether in the hall, getting the whole school together in Teams helps us feel so connected.

Class	Celebration	Achievement
Mousehole	Rowan	Elizabeth
Godrevy	Archie	Lainey
Longships	Arthur	Áine
Pendeen	Louis	Karolina
Carne	Dulcie	Finley H
Gwithian	Oscar	Izzy
Lamorna	Flynn	Rosie
Allen	Elizabeth	Brodie
Kenwyn	Sean	Jake
Truro	Libby	Honey-May

Social Media

Please remember that our school social media pages (and FOMHS Facebook page) are platforms for celebrating our children's achievements. If you have a comment or a concern, please do contact the school directly – social media is not the place for this. Do follow and like us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram to see what we get up to everyday!

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Census Day – Book a School Meal!

Thursday is National School Census Day, 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 must 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 receive 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 number 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 school meal (or part of it) on Census Day which is the popular 'Build a Burger' served with wedges and beans followed by jelly and ice cream. Your child will then be fully funded to have hot meals during the year thus saving the school any additional costs. You are welcome to send in a packed lunch as a back up.

Please book in the normal way via Parentpay – this won't show the 'special menu' but please book the meat or veg option as normal.

Keywear

Keywear will be closed on Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th October. Opening again as normal on Monday 11th.

Communications

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

All of us here at school would like to wish you a very happy and safe weekend.



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Friends of Mount Hawke Academy School PTA (FOMHS) News

FOMHS is open to new members. Look for our closed group on Facebook - FOMHS and request to become a member.

AGM

We will be holding a virtual AGM on Tuesday 12th October at 1.30pm for 1 hour. Anyone who wishes to join can contact us via the Facebook FOMHS group or ask to become a member, or email the school office (hello@mounthawke.org) and you will be provided with a link to the online meeting. Attached is a poster.

Christmas Cards!

This year we are running the Christmas card packs again. The children will draw their designs in class and they will be sent home with an order form by today. Each form has a unique code, so if you would like to place an order, please go to https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk, using the unique code on the order form to place your order and make payment. Please SEND THE DRAWINGS BACK TO SCHOOL, so they can be sent to the printers. You must return the artwork by FRIDAY 8th OCTOBER, for us to quarantine and then send them to the printers. You can order Christmas cards, labels, personalised wrapping paper and even mugs from your children's drawing. The PTA receive commission from every item you order, so we really appreciate you buying your personalised Christmas cards and other items this way.

Alison Jobbins Chair of FOMHS (PTA)

