



Friday 12th January

Dear Families,

Welcome back - I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. After such a busy end of the Autumn term, the school feels lovely and calm this week!

We are now really benefiting from the building work that took place in KS2 - the area looks so lovely now the carpet is down and 'The Cove' has become a really useful learning space. Today, the tarmac was laid around the basketball posts in the junior playground, so we are looking forward to using them from next week! Our lunch times are now much improved with more activities for the children to be doing, ranging from construction, to ball skills, balance and coordination activities and skipping! Our next steps are to make more use of the wildlife areas and give opportunity for outdoor reading.

In our Monday assembly this week, our focus was on 'Respect'. We are particularly focusing on good manners whilst walking through the school such as: walking calmly and quietly, opening and holding the door open for others, and saying 'please' and 'thank you' to each other.

Well done to Freddie in Year 4 who won a trophy for the Magic Moment whilst at the Plymouth Argyle Roadshow over the Christmas Holidays.

On the next page, you will see some information about our new Attendance Strategy - please take a look.

Although this will feel like a very short term, we have lots to cover and we're all really looking forward to it.



Rob Chirgwin

Stars of the Week

Reception	Coco
Year 1	Isla
Year 2	Bea
Year 3	Lincoln
Year 4	Ava
Year 5	Zach
Year 6	Navia

Virtues Award

EYFS/KSI	Kiara
KS2	Eliza

Attendance

Target for 2023/24: 96%

W/b 8th Jan	Weekly Attendance
Pebbles	98.6%
Shells	97.9%
Starfish	94.1%
Waves	95.1%
Surfers	88.2%

Attendance

We have adopted a new attendance strategy in order to work collaboratively with families to ensure your children get the best possible education whilst at Mullion Primary School. In particular, we are looking at children who have attendance of less than 90% (persistent attendance), those who are regularly late, and finally those with multiple broken weeks. In order for children to have the best chances to succeed in their learning, they need to be in school as much as possible else it is inevitable that they will fall behind. The school's current attendance levels are 94.1% for the academic year; this is lower than the national average.

Miss Hayhurst and I review the attendance figures regularly. Our new policy has a very clear tiered approach, including stages that formal letters are sent home to parents. However, in the first instance, we would love to invite parents in to chat as a starting point to best understand the challenges you may be facing. It is through positive collaboration between home and school that we will get the best outcome for your children.

Please also see this table as a clear indicator to how an accumulation of school absence will impact due to missed learning.

If your child misses...	That equals at least...	Which is the same as....	And over 13 years of education that's...	Or at least...
1 day a fortnight	80 lessons per year	4 whole school weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 whole years	1040 lessons
1 day a week	160 lessons per year	8 whole school weeks per year	Over 2.5 whole years	2080 lessons
2 days a week	320 lessons per year	16 whole school weeks per year	Over 5 whole years	4160 lessons
3 days a week	480 lessons per year	24 whole school weeks per year	Nearly 8 whole years	6240 lessons

Take pride in my work and view challenge as an opportunity to learn

Respect others, showing kindness and empathy

Mullion 3

Care for our school and everything in it



Thursday 18th January is School Census Day and Chartwells have produced a special menu. It is really important that all children who receive Universal Free School Meals (all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) have a school lunch on Census Day as it determines our school funding.

Diary Dates

Monday 15th January	Year 2 Swimming starts at Culdrose
Monday 15th January	Yr 5 and 6 Girls 7 A-Side Football at Porthleven 1pm to 3pm
Monday 15th January	Year 3 and 4 Mixed Football at Helston 4.15pm to 5.15pm
Tuesday 16th January	Year 4, 5 and 6 Badminton at Helston 4.15pm to 5.15pm
Thursday 18th January	School Census Day—menu change
Monday 22nd January	Year 2 Swimming
Monday 22nd January	Year 1 Hearing Tests
Tuesday 23rd January	Year 4, 5 and 6 Badminton at Helston 4.15pm to 5.15pm tbc
Monday 29th January	Year 2 Swimming
Tuesday 30th January	Year 4, 5 and 6 Badminton at Helston 4.15pm to 5.15pm tbc
Week of 5th Feb	Parent/Teacher Consultations—days to be confirmed
Monday 5th February	Year 2 Swimming
Monday 5th February	KSI Gymnastics competition at Penryn tbc
Tuesday 6th February	Year 4, 5 and 6 Badminton at Helston 4.15pm to 5.15pm tbc
Friday 9 th February	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 19 th February	Return to School
Thursday 28 th March	Last Day of Term
Monday 15 th April	Return to School
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	Return to School
Wednesday 24 th July	Inset Day—Last Day of Term