



I wanted to thank all those parents and pupils who have wished me well over the last few weeks. It has been very heart warming to hear how much people value the work of the school. You will have all received a letter from the Chair of Governors explaining that I will remain as Executive Head Teacher next term. I am really pleased to be able to stay and continue working alongside the great team we have here. This has happened so quickly that we have not even had the chance to cancel my leaving party! The pupils have given me a fabulous send off today. Overall, it has been a quite surreal few days but we have taken this time as an opportunity to celebrate with pupils and staff.

Also, congratulations to Mrs Rosevear who will be joining the school in the new term as a teaching assistant.

Finally can I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

Duncan Ratcliffe

Weekly Attendance

Whole School	90.13%
Pebbles	95.37%
Shells	95.26%
Starfish	89.20%
Footprints	90.28%
Waves	88.46%
Surfers	86.36%

Well Done Pebbles !

Diary Dates Spring Term

January 4th	Start of Spring Term
January 7th	Year 5 Ukulele lessons begin
January 10th	KS2 gymnastics competition tbc
January 11th	Year 5 swimming begins
January 19th	Year 5 and 6 trip to Eden Project
February 1st	Cross Country KS2 at Mullion School

Everyone was **very** excited today as Santa came to deliver presents to all the children!! Thank you to the PTA for writing to Santa and arranging this special visit!



We are all really pleased that Mr Ratcliffe is staying with us for another term as Executive Headteacher for 2 days a week. Miss Hayhurst will be Head of School and Mrs Read Acting Assistant Headteacher with Miss Johns supporting both Starfish and Footprints Class.

All the activities we had planned for his last day still went ahead as we celebrated the news that he is now staying. He went from class to class to play some of his favourite games including: Catch a Malteser in your Mouth; The Dressing Up Game; The Penguin Song and Get the After Eight off your Forehead. There was even a last minute change to his leaving cake kindly made by one of our parents.

During our virtual assembly he took part in the Year 6 quiz with lots of fun facts about the school. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 4th January.





Open The Book

Thank you very much to Vee Green and The Open the Book team for gifting these lovely books for the children. Each child has been kindly supplied with a book which we're sure they will enjoy reading over the Christmas period. A very happy Christmas to them all from Mullion Primary School.



New Governors

In the new year we are seeking to recruit new Governors to the local governing board.

The successful applicants will contribute to the leadership of the school. Their responsibilities include attendance at meetings, undergoing training, monitoring visits and keeping up to date with all relevant developments in education. Further details will be sent out in the new term, however, if you want to discuss this with either Mr Ratcliffe or the Chair of the Governing Body, Mr Eddy, please contact the school.



Together
for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
15 January
2022

Starting school

September 2022

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191



www.cornwall.gov.uk



Fun activities for everyone varying from circus skills to multi-sports and every session includes a FREE meal for all children.

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays, from December 20th - 23rd.

Find one in your area by visiting our website:
www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme

- Free places for ALL children eligible for Free School Meals
- Activities available for children aged 5-16

For more information contact:

✉ Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk
☎ 01872 323335



Christmas Raffle

Thank you to the PTA for organising this year's Christmas Raffle. They collected some amazing prizes and raised just over £200 for the school. We look forward to more fundraising activities in the New Year.



Thank you to everyone who brought in donations for the Helston and Lizard Foodbank. The Foodbank were overwhelmed with our generosity. Here is just a selection of goods that were collected. These will all help local people over the Christmas period.



CLASS NEWS

Pebbles

The children started December talking about 'Christmas' and asking if it was 'nearly here'. We decided on a countdown to Christmas using a tens frame to count how many sleeps we had left. The children very quickly began to refer to the number of days as 10 and some more. Our advent sweet calendar and the Christmas book given to us as gift from Miss Hayhurst was the highlight of the end of the day. We made most of the class decorations ourselves including



paper chains and snowflakes. We have started reading Stickman and have made our own Stickmen. Next term we will finish exploring the story.

Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day was such a lot of fun. The Nativity is now finished. The children were amazing at learning the words and actions to the songs. They were so enthusiastic in all our rehearsals.

Today we have had lots of fun activities including a Christmas party.

Mrs Higgins, Mrs Gardner, Miss Gearing



Shells

Shells class have now finished their 'Toys of the Past' topic and we created a timeline of toys in our final session. They have also written an information report on their handmade toy. In Shells class we have been very busy preparing and practising for our Christmas performance. The children have put a lot of effort into this. We have been making lots of Christmas craft to bring the Christmassy spirit into the classroom and also enjoyed a Christmas lunch, with crackers and party hats. They are excited for their end of term Christmas Party.



Mrs Warwick and Mrs Griffiths

CLASS NEWS

Starfish



Well it's the end of the children's first term in KS2 and haven't they done well! Since the last Newsletter Starfish have finished their writing unit based on Pompeii and started a new, short unit called, 'My Christmas Star.' The class won two KS2 weekly times table Rockstar battles in a row - well done to them for putting in all of that practice time.

Their Barbara Hepworth inspired art sculptures are now in pride of place in the entrance hall and the library. I think you'll agree what a super job they all did.

You should by now be able to watch the Starfish team Christmas performance. We were very proud of the children, for their enthusiastic approach, with teamwork shining through despite challenges brought on by unavoidable absences. A very big thank you must go to Mrs R. Reid, for filming and editing the performances. We hope you enjoy watching and celebrating their performance with your child. Hopefully we will be able to put on live performance next year!

We wish you all a very happy Christmas from all of the Starfish team.



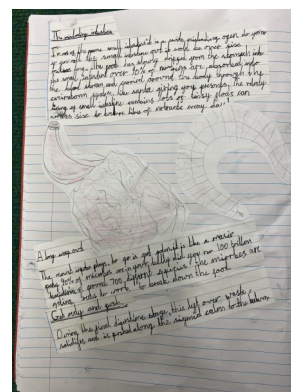
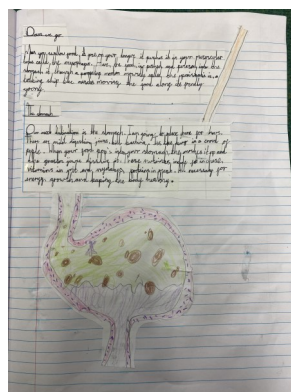
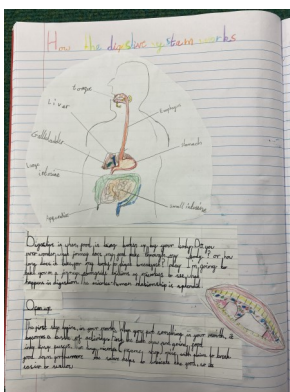
Miss Hayhurst, Miss Johns, Mrs Reid

Footprints



What a term! We have explored Italy, feasted on an Italian banquet and taken a flight to Sicily. We've journeyed through the digestive system from the mouth to the...end! Most recently, we have had a virtual tour of the Roman baths - all giving us aspirations for travel. We have developed our knowledge and understanding of place value, addition and subtraction as well as won several school tournaments on TT Rockstars. It really has been quite a term.

We hope that you all have a well-earned and restful Christmas. Please stay safe and we will see you in 2022!



Mrs Read and Mrs Morris

CLASS NEWS

Waves

Wow! Where did December go? The children in Waves Class have been working so hard this half term and have enjoyed completing their learning on the Ancient Egyptians. They have written interesting biographies on Tutankhamun jam packed with historical facts gathered from their own research.

We have also been having lots of fun in art, experimenting with ink and water, resulting in wonderful unique pieces of art.

After a long Autumn term, the children have earned their Christmas break. Team Waves wish you all a happy and safe holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready to go in the new year.



Mrs Clarke, Miss Francey, Miss Harding and Miss Marsh

Surfers

As Christmas approaches, we have been feeling very festive in Surfers. We enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner, have made some superb tree decorations, and have performed our Christmas collection of songs. Please make sure you log on to Google Classroom to watch the finished performances. As a few children were away, we had to sing extra loud to compensate!

We can look back over our first term in Year 6 with pride. The children have dedicated themselves to their learning, tackling each small step in Maths with determination, as well as planning, writing, editing and publishing riveting biographies about Ancient Egyptian pharaohs. Our science prediction and observation skills have been put to the test whilst investigating micro-organisms and light. Ask the children to show you how to refract light at home using a picture, glass and water.

They certainly have earned a festive Christmas break. Have a very Merry Christmas. We look forward to getting stuck in again in the New Year.



Miss Thomas, Mrs Mulholland and Miss Hodgkinson-Ryan