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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to hear about how well the children performed at the Harvest Festival service on Wednesday afternoon. The children sang with enthusiasm and demonstrated our school values throughout the performance, just as I knew that they would.

This morning, each class has enjoyed visit from Anne Parsons, a children's author. She read some extracts of her story, talked to us about what it is like to be an author, and even did some creative writing with some children. It was really exciting to meet an author in person, and to have the opportunity to ask questions! Books are still available to buy on MCAS until Friday 23rd October.

Next Thursday, blue house will be having a mufti day to celebrate earning the most house points this half term. Well done, blue house!

On Friday, we will be having a mufti day and sweet sale organised by our PTFA. Please find a poster with relevant information at the end of the newsletter.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Penhallurick



From Mr Jolliffe



This week we have had our second Ofsted inspection under the new framework, this time at Cornwood Primary. Two inspectors visited the school on Tuesday and Wednesday and spoke to leaders, governors and staff at length about the school. They also spent a lot of time talking to children, who were the stars of the show! Many thanks to the staff, governors, leaders, parents and children for all that they did to help the inspectors understand more about the school and for making them feel welcome. The report will be completed around the middle of November and we will share it with parents as soon as it is published.

Parent evening bookings

Don't forget
parents
evening!

Parent meetings are taking place week beginning 19th October and are an opportunity for parents to talk to teachers about their child's progress so far this year. Parents are welcome to bring other adult family members or adults who play a significant part in their child's life to the meeting. If you have any concerns about the meeting taking place, please talk to your child's Head of School.

Parent meetings are now available to book on MCAS. The deadline for booking is this Sunday 18th October at midnight.



School Parliament

At our first School Parliament meeting of this half term, we discussed the success of the Macmillan Coffee Morning held in September. The members were pleased to hear the glowing feedback from parents, particularly about how well the children helped to serve cakes and support the event. Gracie raised a concern about the fairness of the house point system and suggested that only teachers should add house points to the jars. This suggestion will be shared with staff to gather their opinions. Archie and Neve also expressed concerns about the new playground equipment and felt it was important to create a set of rules to ensure it is used safely and fairly. As our Playtime and Lunchtime Minister, Henry has agreed to design posters for the playground to remind children of these rules and expectations.

School Parliament Roles

Our School Parliament is designed to mirror the British Government and give pupils the opportunity to develop leadership skills while representing the views of their classmates. Wiley serves as our Prime Minister, leading meetings, guiding discussions and helping the Parliament achieve its goals. Martha, our Deputy Prime Minister, supports the Prime Minister and helps to ensure that all members have a chance to share their ideas and opinions.

To reflect the structure of the British Government, teachers appoint a team of ministers with specific responsibilities. These include the Learning Minister, Wellbeing Minister, Playtime and Lunchtime Minister, Charity and Fundraising Minister, and Environment Minister. Each minister leads discussions and projects within their area of responsibility, helping to improve school life for all pupils.

The remaining Parliament members are elected by their classmates and have the important role of representing the views, ideas and concerns of their classes. They gather feedback from their peers, bring suggestions to meetings, and report back on decisions and actions taken by the School Parliament. Together, all members work to ensure that every pupil has a voice and can contribute to making our school an even better place to learn and grow.

Clubs Autumn 2

w/b 2nd November - Friday 11th December (running for 6 weeks)

Please note that clubs for the second half of the Autumn term will be live on MCAS and available to book from Monday 19th October, 3:30pm.

Day	Club and description	Year group	Teacher	Time
Monday	Multi Sports - Miss Robinson will decide with the children what sport they would like to play based on their interests.	Y1 - 6	Miss Robinson - Premier Sports	3.30 - 4.30pm
Monday	Civic Award – This is a Year 6 programme that encourages children to contribute to school and the wider community. Pupils' complete various exciting activities across the year to meet the specific criteria of the award.	Y6	Miss Docking	12.15 - 12.45pm
Monday	Mini medics – This club gives children the opportunity to learn vital first aid skills in a fun, engaging, and hands-on environment. Children will build confidence as they learn important techniques such as CPR, applying bandages, treating minor injuries, and other simple first aid skills. The club helps young people develop life-saving knowledge, teamwork, and the confidence to respond calmly in an emergency.	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Miss. Gilberthorpe	3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday	Reading Club - Bring your favourite book from home or discover a new author from our library. Cozy up on our sofas and unwind with a good book. All reading levels are welcome.	All years	Mrs.Readey	3.30 - 4.30 pm
Thursday	Papier-mâché - Build your very own papier mâché animal sculpture.	All years	Mrs.Readey	3.30 - 4.30pm



Xmas 4 Schools

Please note that all orders must be handed in to school by end of day Monday 19th December. No orders will be able to be accepted after this date.

Meadowsfoot – Miss Gilberthorpe



This week the children have been busy becoming authors of their own non-fiction book all about People Who Help Us. They planned, wrote and illustrated their pages with real purpose, and we were all genuinely impressed by the progress in their writing, from confident sentence building to thoughtful vocabulary choices. We also loved celebrating Harvest at the church on Wednesday with our families, and the children sang some of their favourite songs with such joy and confidence. In maths, the class has been exploring fact families, using number bonds to spot patterns and make links between addition and subtraction. It's been a week full of proud moments and brilliant learning.



Learners of the week

Meadowsfoot - Samuel for his wonderful fact file about paramedics.

Mothecombe - Alice for her excellent attitude towards all aspects of learning.

Riverside - Aurora for always putting in 100%.

Oldaport - Archie for his fantastic vocabulary.

Mothecombe – Miss Docking



Mothecombe children have become brilliant story writers this week. They have started to write their own versions of *Grendel: The Cautionary Tale* by carefully following their story plans and using wonderfully imaginative ideas to bring each part to life. They have also been working hard on their sentence construction. Plus, editing thoughtfully to check for missing punctuation and to make sure their writing is clear and accurate.

In MFL, the children have been busy learning how to count from 0 to 20. Songs, pictures and lots of repetition have helped them practise and we have been so impressed with how quickly they are picking up new vocabulary. Their enthusiasm for learning another language has been fantastic.

Last Friday, the class filled their marble jar - a brilliant achievement. To celebrate, we held our reward party on Tuesday. The children chose to come in comfortable clothes and enjoyed popcorn, marshmallows and hot chocolate while transforming the classroom into a cosy "lazy cinema". They certainly deserved this treat for being such a fantastic team: following rules, persevering with their learning, showing kindness and demonstrating truthfulness. A wonderful example of our school values - well done, Mothecombe!



Values of the week

Meadowsfoot - Toby kept on trying in phonics.

Mothecombe - Freyja for persevering brilliantly with finding one more and one less.

Riverside - Paige for perseverance in maths.

Oldaport - Trust is awarded to Hugo for always ensuring the first aid kit in on the playground.

Reader of the Week Certificates:

Meadowsfoot	William
Mothecombe	James
Riverside	Julia
Oldaport	Roxy

Reading with your child at home is one of the simplest and most powerful ways to support their learning. Just a few minutes each day helps build language skills, confidence, and a love of books, while also creating special time together. Talking about the story, pictures, or characters makes reading even more meaningful and fun for

children. We appreciate your support with reading at home and ask that you please log any reading that you do in your child's reading log. Thank you.



Riverside – Mrs Pasmore



This week, Riverside proudly completed our Art unit by finishing our beautiful monotype books. The children carefully added text and stencilled details to enhance their artwork, creating vibrant pages inspired by our Harvest theme. They showed great creativity and perseverance throughout the project and were delighted to share their finished books during our Harvest Assembly. The children spoke confidently about their work and took great pride in showcasing their

achievements to the rest of the school.

Our Harvest Assembly was a wonderful celebration. Riverside thoroughly enjoyed performing alongside the rest of the school, singing our Harvest songs with enthusiasm and confidence. We also had the opportunity to model our Harvest poem, using clear expression and excellent presentation skills. It was fantastic to see how confidently the children performed in front of an audience and celebrated the importance of being thankful for the food and resources we have.

In Maths, we have been developing our addition and subtraction skills by finding missing numbers in calculations and using our reasoning to explain how we know the answers are correct. The children have also been investigating different methods for solving calculations and discussing which strategies are the most efficient. We have compared methods such as partitioning, number lines and column calculations, helping the children to improve both the accuracy and speed of their mental and written calculations.

In English, our focus has been on dialogue. The children have explored how speech can bring characters to life and move a story forward. We have practised punctuating direct speech accurately, including the use of speech marks, commas and other punctuation. The children have worked hard to identify how different characters might speak and are now preparing to use these skills when planning and writing their own class story.

In French, the children enjoyed working collaboratively to hold simple conversations with their friends. They practised greetings, questions and responses, becoming increasingly confident when speaking aloud. We also learnt a new French song, which helped us develop our pronunciation while having lots of fun along the way.

Parent engagement sessions:

Mothecombe (Y2/3) STEM workshop – Friday 20th November 2026 – 3pm

Join us to complete a STEM activity with your child.

Meadowsfoot (YF/1) Christmas Props workshop – Monday 23rd November 2026

Come along to help us make our props for our Nativity play!

Oldaport – Mrs Benson



This week, Oldaport Class have been exploring prime, square and cube numbers. We used cubes to help us understand and represent these numbers before applying our learning to a range of mathematical questions and challenges. In English, we have begun our shared write, using Sir David Attenborough's journey as inspiration for our writing. We are looking forward to developing our ideas and using his incredible experiences to inspire our own

work. This week in computing, we have been learning about the importance of communication when working collaboratively. The children took on the challenge of pretending to work from different locations, communicating with their team solely through online chat to complete a project together. This led to a thoughtful discussion about how many people work remotely and collaborate with colleagues in different locations around the world. We explored why clear, effective communication is so important when working as part of a team.



Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
Tuesdays	Year 4, 5 and 6 swimming – last session is 20.10.26	pm
w/b Monday 19 th October	Parents evening week – now live on MCAS to book	various
Monday 19 th October	Junior Life Skills event – Year 6 at Ivybridge Leisure Centre	am
Monday 19 th October	Autumn term 2 – Clubs go live on MCAS	3:30pm
Friday 23rd October	Last day before half term	
Monday 2nd November	Children return to school	
Monday 2 nd November	Flu vaccinations, all years with consent	am
Tuesday 3 rd November	Swimming begins for Mothecombe and selected Yr6 pupils	pm
Friday 6 th November	Trip to Paignton Zoo – Meadowsfoot and Mothecombe	
Monday 9 th November	Multicultural Celebration Day - more details to follow	
Saturday 14 th November	Orchestra Event at Exeter Cathedral with Mrs Penhallurick and Mrs Pasmore – information sent via MCAS	Afternoon
Friday 20 th November	Mothecombe STEM parent workshop	3pm
Monday 23 rd November	Meadowsfoot Christmas Props workshop	2:15pm
Friday 27th November	Non pupil day	
Friday 18th December	Last day of Autumn Term	
Tuesday 5th January	Children return to school	

PTFA - Mufti Day and Sweet Sale

To raise money for the school, we are going to have an end of term mufti day next Friday, 23rd October. The children are invited to attend school wearing whatever they wish on this day in exchange for a £1 donation, via MCAS (Products). The PTFA will also be hosting a sweet sale in the playground at the end of the school day, so please bring along some change if you wish to make a purchase. Thank you for your continued support!

