



Mawnan CE VA School Newsletter

Using our God-given talents to let our light shine



Our core Christian Values: *Compassion, Hope, Peace, Perseverance, Respect, Trust*

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Mawnan Families,

We have enjoyed an amazing first few days back of the new academic year and children have returned to school brilliantly. We are all so impressed with how well the children have settled back in after their summer break, how brilliantly they have approached their learning and how exceptionally well behaved they have been.

One of the most exciting aspects of this new term is the arrival of our reception children and their families. Welcoming these young learners into our school is always a highlight, and I am pleased to report that they have adapted remarkably well to their new environment. Their seamless integration is a testament to both their resilience and the nurturing atmosphere we strive to create at Mawnan.

The staff team are extremely excited about the new academic year and continuing to educate and nurture your wonderful children. We would like to officially welcome Miss Ockwell and Mrs Jones to the school, we are delighted to have them both as part of our staff team.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude for your overwhelming positivity and support regarding the introduction of our new school dog, Bertie. His first week at Mawnan has been incredibly successful, largely due to the respectful and calm demeanour our pupils have displayed in his presence. Your cooperation in completing the consent forms has been invaluable, and I kindly request that any outstanding forms be submitted by the end of next week.

The start of this academic year has reinforced my belief in the strength and vibrancy of our school community. The collaborative spirit between pupils, parents, and staff is truly remarkable and sets a solid foundation for the year ahead. As we continue this journey together, I look forward to witnessing the growth, achievements, and memorable moments that I am certain this new academic year will bring.

I hope that you all manage to have a good rest and a peaceful and relaxing weekend – I know that the children will probably be quite exhausted!

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Miss Pridmore

The Mawnan Curriculum – Voyage, Journey and Expedition

VOYAGE



Voyage= our child's 7 years at Mawnan.

JOURNEY



Journey = each school year.

EXPEDITION























Expedition = each half term.





















Mawnan's Curriculum Voyage can be seen as linear in design – moving the pupils along a mapped-out timeline of well linked, carefully chosen events that can each be viewed separately but are better understood as a whole.





















A Journey through a year group will interleave knowledge from other parts of the Voyage across their years at Mawnan. There will be threads that allow pupils to connect their learning by building on prior knowledge and experiences. This interweaving strengthens connectivity between prior Expeditions.

An Expedition will contain the new learning and opportunities to create connections. The Expeditions will carefully *interweave* knowledge between the Expeditions they take during the year. Opportunities to return to previous Expeditions will be offered at various points in the year to ensure that knowledge is reviewed and strengthened.

Please find below our expedition map for this academic year. Each term you will receive information about what the children will be learning in class and each week we will send a message on clasdojo about the learning that is taking place in each class. If you have any questions about your child's learning please speak to your child's class teacher.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 1	Summer 1	Summer 2
						
Oppie & Topper	 All about me and my village 	 Machines and Inventions 	 Healthy and Happy 	 Old to New 	 The Great Fire of London 	 The Great Fire of London 

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 1	Summer 1	Summer 2
						
Pico & Fusion	 Natural Disasters 	 The Anglo-Saxons 	 Electrical Inventions 	 Space 	 The Romans 	 Mythical Plants 

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 1	Summer 1	Summer 2
						
Dart	 Voyage of Discovery 	 The Victorians 	 WW2 	 Migration 	 The Maya 	 Our Changing World 

Communication

We try our best to keep you informed with school news, events, learning and successes.

Please find below a summary of our communication methods.

Communication	Method
Information about class routines e.g PE days, home learning etc	Class newsletter at the beginning of the academic year – this is published on ClassDojo. There is also information on the class pages of our website
Updates about what is happening in each class	ClassDojo – we will aim to add posts to the class story and publish a summary of learning each Friday
Sharing your child's learning journey	We will hold parent teacher meetings in November and March and you will receive a school report which has details about your child's attainment and targets in July. Booking are made on google forms.
Whole School Newsletter	We publish our school newsletter on a Friday afternoon, and it will be shared via email, ClassDojo and posted on the school website.
Notification about educational trips / sporting events	Google forms via email
Notifying you of an emergency closure e.g in the event of snow	Email and ClassDojo

If your phone number or email has changed please ensure that you notify us.

We request that you communicate with the school in the following ways:

Communication	Method
Reporting Absences	Please phone or email the school office by 9am on the day that your child will not be attending. You need to inform the school of the specific reason why your child is unable to attend.
Notifying the school that someone different is picking your child up	<u>Tell</u> the class teacher at the beginning of the day or <u>phone</u> the office so a message can be passed onto the class teacher.
Questions for the teachers about your child's learning and wellbeing	<u>Face to face</u> at the beginning or end of the day or by appointment It is possible to send brief messages via ClassDojo but please note that these will not be checked during teaching hours.
Booking breakfast club	Email the office and make <u>your payments via ParentPay</u>
If you have safeguarding concerns about a child	Please speak to Miss Pridmore our Designated Safeguarding Lead

Arriving at School

Our school gates will be open from **8:35am** in the morning and a member of staff will be on the gate to welcome you and your child.

Our classrooms open at **8:40am**. If you arrive at school **before 8:40am**, please do not send your children into the classrooms as there may not be an adult there to supervise them.

The gates will be closed at **8:45am** and registration will take place at this time. If your child arrives after this time, please enter the school via the school office to ensure that your child is registered.

Safety at the School Gates

We kindly request that the area directly outside the school gates is kept as a safe traffic-free area so the children and their families can enter and exit the school safely.

To ensure that our children remain safe we request that you do not block the entrance to the school, park on pavements or obstruct the junction.

Shute Hill residents have justifiably complained in the past about obstructions caused by parents' cars so please park responsibly or walk if you can.

School Uniform

Thank you for supporting our Mawnan uniform, your children into school looking smart. Please could we remind you to name label school tops so that they can be easily returned to the children.

Breakfast Club

Our popular breakfast club runs Monday to Friday from 8am and provides the children with a happy and healthy start to their school day. To book a place please email secretary@mawnanschool.com or speak to Mrs Cattle. It is £3 a session (payable via parentpay) and will provide your children with an amazing start to the day.

Morning Snack Time

We are a Healthy School and like to encourage the children to eat a balanced and healthy diet. The children in Oppie and Topper receive a piece of fruit or veg as part of the government's scheme. We would also like the children in Pico, Fusion and Dart to just have fresh fruit and vegetables for a snack if possible. This also helps us to reduce the amount of single use plastic that comes into school.



Please also make sure that the children have a name labelled water bottle in school and if your child brings a snack in a box please name label this so we can return it.

We have a child in school with serious nut allergy which requires an adrenaline auto-injector. For this child's safety we kindly request that you do not send any nuts into school.

Annual Consent Form

Each year, the school arranges educational visits for the children – they are part of our curriculum delivery and are designed to enhance your child's learning experience as well as teach essential skills and knowledge. We are writing to seek your permission for your child to partake in our planned educational visits for this academic year.

Parents are only be required to complete one permission and medical consent form per academic year. This is inline guidance from the Department for Education and Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel which both state that one off consent forms can cover all types of visits and activities where parental consent is required.

By completing this Google form, you are consenting to your child participating in:

- All educational visits that take place during term time.
- Adventure activities during term time.
- Off-site sporting fixtures during and outside the school day.

We will not seek secondary consent; however, we will continue to write to you to inform you about the exact details of all educational trips. If a trip is outside of our immediate locality (e.g. not in the village) we will notify you via email through google forms about educational visits and sporting events that require further permission or support with transport. This will ensure that we know that you have received the essential information about the

educational visit e.g. timings of the trip, transport arrangements, clothing requirements, parental support etc.

It is essential that you keep the school informed about any changes to your child's medical condition or individual needs, agreement to medical treatment and any changes to emergency contact numbers.

Our annual consent form will be sent out next week.

After School Curriculum Enrichment Clubs

Next week is club sign up week. Google forms will be sent via email and we kindly request that you sign up by Friday 13th September by 2:00pm (we need a cut-off date to enable us to arrange the correct adult ratios for the number of children who want to attend). All clubs will start the week beginning Monday 16th September. We would like to thank all of our volunteers and staff who give up their time to offer these opportunities for our children.

Day of the week	Club	Who it's for	End time	Cost
Monday	Dance - Embrace	Y1 and Y2	4:15pm	None
Monday	Golf with Mr Fox	Y3 and Y4	4:15pm	None
Monday	Netball with Jill, Julie and Mrs Watson	Y5 and Y6	4:15pm	None
Tuesday	Dance - Embrace	Y3 and Y4	4:15pm	None
Tuesday	Football with Christian	Y5 and Y6	4:15pm	None
Wednesday	Games Club with Mrs Davies	Y1 and Y2	4:15pm	None
Wednesday	Gardening with Zinnia	Y3	4:15pm	None
Wednesday	Skateboarding Club with Mrs Watson and Frank	Y5	4:15pm	None
Thursday	Construction Club with Mrs Timmins and Miss Law	Y3 and Y4	4:15pm	None
Thursday	Sketch Club with Miss Moon	Y5 and Y6	4:15pm	None
Friday	Sailing with HRCST	Y5 and Y6	6pm	Generous contribution to the HRCST

Music Lessons

Our incredible music teacher Mt Hatherly has informed us that there are available spaces for piano and guitar lessons.

If your child is interested and you'd like to sign up follow this link: <https://cmst.co.uk/signup>

Lesson Type	Tariff
GROUP TYPE 1: Based on a Group of 4 or 5 - 30 minutes	£6.00
GROUP TYPE 2: Based on a Group of 2 for 20 minutes/3 for 30 minutes	£8.00
Group of 2 – 30 Minutes	£12.00
Individual 15 Minutes	£12.00
Individual 20 Minutes	£16.00
Individual 30 Minutes	£24.00
Award individual 30 Minutes (places allocated annually - teacher initiated)	£12.00
Curriculum support – 39 Weeks	£48.00 per hour
Ensemble & First access – 34 to 39 Weeks	£48.00 per hour
Exam Accompaniment	Ranging from £24.00 (initial) to £45.00 (grade 8)

Attendance

Attendance Update including Requesting Leave within Term Time

The Department for Education (DfE) have shared with schools and Local Authorities changes to attendance guidance that will become statutory and must be implemented from August 19th 2024. These changes must be made by all schools and Local Authorities across the country, with the aim of ensuring consistent approaches. Please click onto the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-regulations-for-schools-in-next-stage-of-attendance-drive>

These changes have been broken down into 4 categories.

1) A new National Framework for Attendance Penalty Notices Any attendance penalty notices issued after the 19th of August 2024 will be issued in line with the new regulations.

The new Penalty Notice regulations are:

- Each parent will be issued a separate penalty notice, for each child who is absent. For example, 2 parents and 3 children, each parent will receive 3 penalty notices for £160 each, with a family total of £960 in fines.
- The fine amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days, reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.
- This will be considered your first offence.
- The next time an offence occurs, within 3 years of the date the first penalty notice is issued, the fine will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days, with no reduction
- The third time an offence occurs this will be presented to Magistrate's court with no penalty notice issued.

This will include Term Time Leave fines, and Irregular Attendance. Term time leave does not just include holidays. Where a child is absent and it is believed they are absent due to term time leave, schools will be expected to carry out a home visit and see the child on or before the 3rd school day of absence.

For irregular attendance – where a child has unauthorised absences of 10 sessions (5 school days) or more in any 10-week period, the school must consider escalation to prosecution. Sessions refer to each half a school day, we have 2 sessions a day, morning and afternoon. The school must consider the reasons for the absence, the support already offered, and the engagement of

the parents/carers and young person. These 10 sessions could be made up of term time leave, unauthorised late marks, or unauthorised absence.

It is therefore important to notify school every day that your child is absent, providing an honest reason, and where appropriate evidence of medical appointments or prescribed medication.

We will consider NHS guidance Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - [GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) and [is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) when making their decision whether to authorise absence due to illness.

2) Updates to the Working Together to Improve Attendance Guidance

From August 2024, the DfE's guidance on attendance will become statutory. The current guidance and statutory guidance can be found at the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

This clarifies the expectations for parents, schools and the Local Authority to promote the importance of regular attendance at school, and to provide ideas for support and interventions when a young person is not attending school on a regular basis.

3) Regulation changes to modernise school attendance and admission registers

The predominant change is around the use of attendance coding for schools to use on their attendance register. This may mean that you will see different marks on your child's attendance certificate. The H code for authorised term time leave (holiday) has been removed, therefore Headteachers can no longer authorise term time leave, unless there are exceptional circumstances covered by the C code and must request an attendance penalty notice if there are 5 or more days of unauthorised absence.

4) Regulations will come into force on the 19th of August 2024 to mandate attendance data sharing by all state funded schools.

This means that your child's attendance will be shared with the Department for Education and the Local Authority every day. This will be live data. This will allow the DfE to provide schools with the tools to monitor and see improvements in attendance, and will allow the Local Authority to provide advice, support and Early Help services. It will also allow tracking of attendance trends for example a child reported as ill in the same week each year, or a certain year group or cohort with patterns of absence.

With all the changes, the priority is supporting children to be in school every day. Every school day matters.