



# MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY

## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

As we now approach half-term, we are beginning to prepare for darker nights (the clocks go back at the end of half-term) and colder days. Please ensure that your child has a suitable outdoor coat for wet and winter weather and that your child(ren) have a full PE kit in school that is again suitable for outdoor PE.

### Working In Partnership

We are continuing to work closely with some of our neighbouring schools, namely Quarry Bank, Withymoor, Brierley Hill, Thorns Primary, Peter's Hill and St Mary's RC. This term we have been working together to improve the teaching of spelling and maths and are currently working on developing joint policies on behaviour and the quality of teaching and learning. We already have a jointly agreed Attendance Policy.

### Parent Questionnaires

Attached is the response to the parent questionnaires. Thank you again to everyone who took the time to respond. If you do have any further comments or views then please let us know. Reception and Nursery families will receive a questionnaire in the Spring Term.

### Home Time

Could parents please be aware that we have had some near misses with regards to potential accidents at the end of the school day. Reception and Nursery exit the building via their classroom doors. We ask children to leave the school site in an orderly and calm manner, that is, not running. Could parents please ensure that your child is not running ahead and potentially causing an accident.

### After-School Clubs

Information about our after-school clubs is clearly communicated on the information noticeboards and on the school website. Please check this information BEFORE ringing school please.

### Harvest

Thank you to Year 2 who performed a wonderful Harvest assembly and to everyone who donated food for the local Foodbank. We were able to provide three days of food for twelve families of four.

### Children In Need—Fundraising

This term we will be supporting the Children In Need fundraising event on Friday 18th November. During the day the children can wear spotty clothes or wear something yellow and for this we ask for a minimum donation of £1.00. During the day Pudsey ears will also be on sale at a cost of £2.00.

### Roald Dahl Day

By dressing up as their favourite Roald Dahl character, the children managed to raise £312.93 for the Roald Dahl Marvellous Childrens' Charity. Can I say a big 'thank you' to parents for providing the costumes and making it such an enjoyable day.

### 'Restart a Heart Day'

On Tuesday 18th October, the children in Year 5 and 6 took part in a record breaking attempt to train as many children and young people as possible in the UK, to learn to save a life and make every child a Lifesaver. Thank you to the West Midlands Ambulance Service for providing the training.

Following on from this successful event, we are now planning to work with local businesses to help fund an Automated External Defibrillator for the use of the Mount Pleasant community.

### School Gardening

At present, Mrs Perry is working to develop a new Gardening club which will hopefully lead to all classes being involved in caring for the school environment. We have joined the Royal Horticultural Society and as part of this we are now seeking potential volunteers who would like to work with our children on a range of gardening activities. This is open to parents, grandparents, family members and members of the local community; in fact anyone who has a real passion for gardening! If you are interested and would like further information could you please contact Mrs Derbyshire or Mrs Perry, or simply collect a 'volunteer' form from the school office.

Mrs J Hartill,  
Headteacher

### Attendance

Our school target is set as 97%

Our attendance for this first half-term is 97.7%

The attendance for each year group is currently:

Reception	97.16
Year 1	97.86
Year 2	97.50
Year 3	96.14
Year 4	98.84
Year 5	98.04
Year 6	98.37

Thank you to the many families who help us keep any absences down to a minimum. I am also very pleased with the fact that only a very small number of children are arriving late for school; your child arriving on time helps with a very smooth start to the school day for everyone. Thank you.

Please make sure that you inform us if your child is going to be absent for any reason. Please note that **the school office opens at 8:30am.**

### Well Done To:

Our Pupil of the Month winners:

Reception	Harry Hawkins
Year 1	Oliver Clayton
Year 2	Joshua Kassim
Year 3	Liberty Olinga
Year 4	Amelia Clee
Year 5	Jake Stote
Year 6	Olivia Price

Well done to Stuart House for winning this month's trophy.

### The Witches by Roald Dahl

Dudley Little Theatre Group will be performing:

'The Witches' by Roald Dahl

at Netherton Arts Centre, Northfield Road, Netherton, from 8th—11th December (there will be matinee performances on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th).

For more details see [www.dudleylittletheatre.org](http://www.dudleylittletheatre.org)

Great entertainment for all the family.

### Dates for your Diary

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT DATES—YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE TEXT REMINDERS FOR EVERY EVENT.**

#### Dates for Diary: Autumn Term 2016

Half term 24th Oct—28th Oct

Thurs 3rd/Fri 4th Nov—Y4 Residential Visit  
Thurs 10th/Fri 11th Nov -Y4 Residential Visit  
Tues 8th Nov—Y6 visit to Worcester Cathedral  
Wed 9th Nov—Y1 and Y2 Cinema Visit  
Fri 11th Nov—Y6 Remembrance Day Assembly 10.45am

Mon 14th Nov—Y5 and Y6 Cinema Visit  
Wed 16th Nov—Flu Vaccine Y1,2,3  
Fri 18th November—Children In Need

Mon 21st Nov—Reception Cinema Visit  
Mon 21st Nov—Learning Journey Night 5.00— 7.00pm  
Tues 22nd Nov—Y3 and Y4 Cinema Visit  
Tues 22nd Nov—Parents' Evening 3.15—5.30pm  
Wed 23rd Nov - Parents' Evening 5.00—7.00pm  
Fri 25th Nov—Y6 visit to National Memorial Arboretum  
Fri 25th Nov—Y2 and Y3 visit to George's Marvellous Medicine

Mon 28th Nov—Book Fair Arrives  
Tuesday 29th Nov—Theatre Group for KS2 Anti-Bullying Workshops  
Thurs 1st Dec—Reception Christmas Nativity 9:30am  
Fri 2nd Dec—Christmas Fayre from 3:00pm

Wed 7th Dec—Christmas Lunch Day  
Thurs 8th/Fri 9th Dec—Y1, Y2 Christmas Play

Mon 12th Dec— Y3, Y4 Carol Service  
Tues 13th Dec—Y5, Y6 Carol Service

#### **Break for Christmas Friday 16th December**

#### Spring Term 2017 Tues 3rd Jan— Fri 7th April

Half Term 20th—24th Feb

#### Summer Term 2017 Mon 24th April—Friday 21st July (Mon 24th & Tue 25th July will be staff INSET Days)

Half Term 29th May—2nd June.

### Christmas Holiday Club

Fairhaven Primary School, Kingswinford, is running a holiday club, Monday 19th December until Friday 23rd December, 8:00am—6:00pm. If anyone is interested please ask at our school office for further details.

**Pupils return Monday 31st October**