



MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

All of the children have returned from their Christmas break refreshed and ready for more exciting learning!

Thank you to parents who attended the Spelling and Maths workshops. I hope that you found them useful. We fully appreciate the support that so many of you give to your children at home, it really does make a difference.

You will be aware that we have changed the format of the class newsletters which will now be sent out half-termly. The change is in response to comments on the Parent Questionnaire, as some parents requested that the newsletter give clearer information on how you can support your children in their learning. I hope that we are able to achieve this.

Thank you also to the parents of Early Years children who have responded to their questionnaire. I will send you a summary of these responses as soon as possible.

We are now looking at our After-School clubs and trying to find a way for us to be able to offer as many places as possible but also maintain our more competitive teams.

Keeping Children Safe and Healthy

The children recently had a very interesting visit from the RNLI, who shared safety information with our children through assemblies. They also worked with Y4 and talked about staying safe near and in water. The children are hoping to organise a small fundraising event for the RNLI.

Y1 are making several visits to Tesco this half term to learn about healthy eating and cooking.

KS2 will be involved in working with a drama group to promote E-Safety—keeping safe on the internet. Some children will then be involved in presenting an assembly to the rest of KS2 as part of our Safer Internet Day on 7th February. E-safety work continues throughout the year. Please ensure that your child stays safe on-line. Our school website contains some useful information for parents in the 'Keeping Safe' section.

Staffing

Welcome to Miss Hutchinson, who has replaced Mrs Round in the school office. We would like to say good luck and best wishes to Mrs Overfield who has decided to leave Mount Pleasant.

Outdoor Mural

Thank you to the children who have submitted ideas for our mural. Please can you let the office have any further ideas by 10th February. Thank you.

Rights Respecting School

Well done to the children who entered our 'mascot' competition. The winner is Lillia B from Year 2. Her winning entry will now appear as a 'logo' on our Rights Respecting work and information.

Packed Lunch Policy

We are currently reviewing our 'Packed Lunch Guidance'. If you have any thoughts or ideas for inclusion in this guidance then please let me know.

Parent Governor

We would like to welcome Mrs Rebecca Hill onto our school Governing Body.

Hairstyles

We expect that parents will support the school in not allowing their child to have 'extreme' hair-styles. All long hair, boys' and girls', must be 'tied back' for PE activities.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Just a reminder that you can start collecting the Active Kids Vouchers from now until 30th June 2017. The vouchers enable us to purchase all kinds of equipment from tennis balls to saucepans. The collection box is in the Office area so please encourage your child to drop in with them.

Finally, can I say a big thank you to Mr Wang, Y1 parent, who very kindly donated the Fortune Cookies for our Chinese New Year focus day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs J Hartill
Headteacher

Believe it, Achieve it!

Attendance

Please make sure that you inform us if your child is going to be absent for any reason. You must ring for each day of absence, failure to do so will mean that the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please note that **the school office opens at 8:30am.**

Our attendance target is 97%

Current attendance levels:

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| Reception | 95.6% |
| Year 1 | 96.8% |
| Year 2 | 96.7% |
| Year 3 | 96.7% |
| Year 4 | 97.5% |
| Year 5 | 98.0% |
| Year 6 | 97.4% |

Well Done To:

Our Pupil of the Month winners:

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| Reception | Jamie Williams |
| Year 1 | Lucas Betts |
| Year 2 | Jessica-May Lawley-Jones |
| Year 3 | Reece Danks |
| Year 4 | Mia Harris-Ray |
| Year 5 | Lewis Prosser |
| Year 6 | Lucy Smith |

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

Fundraising

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre either by donating items or by purchasing something. We raised a grand total of:
£1815.00

Christmas Jumpers

Thank you to all those children who wore their Christmas Jumpers to their party day. We raised a total of £282.04 for Save the Children.

Dates for your Diary

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

Dates for Diary:

Spring Term 2017

Wed 1st Feb—E-Safety
Thurs 2nd Feb—E-Safety
Thurs 2nd Feb—Y5 Waterstones Visit
Mon 6th Feb— Y5 Library visit
Tues 7th Feb—Y5 Library visit
Tues 7th Feb—Safer Internet Day
Wed 8th Feb—Y5 Library visit

Half Term 20th—24th Feb

Thurs 2nd March—World Book Day
Fri 24th March—Mother's Day Assembly and Sale (Y3)
Mon 27th March—Learning Journey Night
5:00-7:00pm
Tues 28th March—Open Night 3:15—5:30pm
Wed 29th March—Open Night 5:00-7:00pm
Fri 31st March—Easter Assembly (Y1)

Wed 5th April—Gym Competition Y5/6

Break for Easter - Friday 7th April

Summer Term 2017

Mon 24th April—Friday 21st July

Thurs 4th May—INSET Day

Half Term 29th May—2nd June.

Thurs 8th June—Class Photographs
Mon 19th—Fri 23rd June - Y6 Residential

Thurs 22nd June—Book Fair Arrives
Mon 26th—Thurs 29th June - Bikeability Y3/Y5

Fri 14th July—Y6 Transition Road Safety

END OF YEAR - FRIDAY 21ST JULY

(Mon 24th & Tue 25th July will be staff INSET Days)

Break for half term—Friday 17th February