



MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

End of Spring Term 2017



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Dear Parents,

We are drawing closer to the end of the Spring Term; again we have all been very busy. Thank you to Yr 3 for their Mother's Day assembly and for organising the sale and to Yr 1 who will be performing in their Easter assembly on Friday. Thank you to all the children and parents who supported our wonderful Bedtime Reading Day and contributed to our fundraising for Red Nose Day.

We also had a terrific time during Science week; many children expressed how much they loved the activities that they were involved in.

School Budgets

As I am sure you are aware, like many schools, we are facing a reduction in our school budget for the next financial year. We have to make savings of just under £40,000 this year and it is likely to be the same level of cut for the next two years, so I am currently working closely with the Governing Body to see where we can make these savings.

We want to protect our level of staffing, including support for our most vulnerable children and those who require additional support, though already we have had to consider re-structuring the Support Team.

We would also like to maintain a free swimming programme for children in Yr 4 and want to keep our school minibus, which enables our children to visit many places free of charge throughout the year.

Inevitably though, cuts will have to be made and it is likely that the free visits funded for the past two years will come to an end. This means that, from September, parents will again be asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of their child's visit.

If you feel you meet the criteria for your child to receive Free School Meals can I ask that you apply, as these children will continue to be financially supported (please see attached information).

Staffing

This term we say goodbye to Mrs Bradley and wish her well in her new school. Mrs Deans will join us after the Easter holiday.

We also say a temporary goodbye to Mrs Poole who leaves to have her baby, and again we wish her and Mr Poole good luck and hope to see them all again very soon. Mrs Palfreyman will be replacing Mrs Poole in Yr 2 for the Summer term.

Would You Like to Learn a Musical Instrument?

You are invited to an open evening on Thursday 30th March (6:30pm—8:00pm) at Netherton Arts Centre, Northfield Road, Netherton DY2 9ER.

By going along you can try a range of instruments, find out about singing lessons, meet the teachers and ask any questions you have. Our school is committed to providing opportunities for children to get involved in music and we hope that you are able to go along.

Free Tennis During Easter Holidays

There is an open day at Wall Heath Tennis Club and some multi-sports camps over the Easter holidays. All activities are run by Adrian Hyde, qualified PE teacher and tennis coach. For further details please contact Adrian directly on: 07753 673143
email at: adrianhyde1@virginmedia.com
Or visit: www.wallheathtennisclub.com

Gig Mill Primary School—Easter Holiday Club

The club is open to children from Reception to Yr 6 and will run Tuesday 18th April—Fri 21st April. All children will be provided with a healthy breakfast and an afternoon snack and drinks. Children will need to be provided with a packed lunch.

Sessions cost: £11.00 for a 1/2 day session (8:00am—1:00pm or 1pm—6pm) and £22.00 for a full day.

Registration forms are available from info@gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk or call: 01384 818600

Mrs J Hartill,
Headteacher

Believe it, Achieve it!

Attendance

Please note that holidays in term time will continue to be 'unauthorised'. Children taking holidays cause a disruption to learning for others, particularly on their return. Please note that a child who is absent for one week will miss approximately 20 lessons. Staff are not expected to provide school work for a child who is absent due to holidays.

Please make sure that you inform us if your child is going to be absent for any reason, this includes children who attend the Nursery please. Failure to do so will mean that the absence will be unauthorised.

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

Water Bottles

We now have a number of children who are coming to school without a water bottle. As the weather is hopefully becoming warmer, could you please ensure that your child has their named bottle with them each day. There are several points around school where the children can access filtered, cold water and they are encouraged to fill their bottles regularly.

Well Done To:

Our Pupil of the Month winners:

Reception	Daisy—May Lee-Brookes
Year 1	Chloe Cartwright
Year 2	Joe Oliver
Year 3	Joshua Hickman
Year 4	Shay Hughes
Year 5	Jack Lawley
Year 6	Faith Thomas

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

Fundraising

Thank you to all of you who helped us raise

£370.19

for Comic Relief.

Dates for your Diary

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

Dates for Diary:

Thurs 6th April—Y5 visit to Blists Hill

Break for Easter - Friday 7th April

Summer Term 2017

Mon 24th April—Friday 21st July

School Closed Monday 1st May—MAY DAY

School Closed Thursday 4th May—Voting Day
WE WILL BE OPEN FRIDAY 5TH MAY

w/c Mon 8th May—Y6 SATs week

Half Term 29th May—2nd June

Thurs 8th June—Class Photograph Day

Fri 16th June—Y3 visit to Birmingham Museum

Mon 19th—Fri 23rd June —Y6 Residential to
Astley Burf

Thurs 22nd June—Book Fair arrives

Mon 26th—Thurs 29th June —Bikeability Y3/Y5

Mon 26th June—6:00pm Pre-Nursery Parents

Tues 27th June—6:00pm Pre-School Parents

w/c Mon 3rd July—Arts Week

Thurs 6th July— Y6 Transition day to Thorns

Fri 7th July— End of Year Reports Out

Wed 12th July—Final Parents' Evening 3:15 –
5:30

Fri 14th July—Nurs/Rec Sports Day

Fri 14th July—Transition Road Safety—Y6

Mon 17th July—Y1 and Y2 Sports Day

Wed 19th July Y3 and Y4 Sports Day

Wed 19th July—Y6 Leavers' Performance

Thurs 20th July Y5 and Y6 Sports Day

Fri 21st July—Y6 Leavers' Assembly (9:15 in
the Chapel, parents of Y6 welcome to attend)

END OF YEAR—FRIDAY 21ST JULY

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

Start of the Summer Term—Mon 24th April