



MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

As you can appreciate, this has been a very difficult half term for everyone at Mount Pleasant. On behalf of Mrs Hartill's family, can I say a big thankyou to everyone for your kind words, flowers, cards and donations. It has been a great comfort to us all to know how much Mrs Hartill was loved and respected. Can I also take this opportunity to thank the children, who have been amazing throughout this sad time. Mrs Hartill would have been really proud of them.

SATs

We would like to say a huge "Well done" to the children in Year 6 and Year 2 who have all completed their SAT's. The children showed a very mature and positive attitude and will now continue to focus on improving in all areas of the curriculum ready for their move to secondary education or their move into Key Stage 2. You have made us proud!

Keeping cool in school!

As the weather seems to be warming up at last, we would like to remind you of ways to help your child to keep cool in school! It is always lovely to see the girls in their summer dresses and the boys in their school shorts, but could we remind you that the children need to wear sensible footwear to keep them safe from harm? In the School Prospectus it states that summer shoes could be:

"sensible, low-heeled sandals... however, these cannot be backless shoes/sandals, no 'jelly' shoes or 'cros'. We would also prefer all shoes to be black or dark blue."

Please could we also ask that the children still wear socks with their sandals, as this will help to protect their feet as they have fun in the sun? As part of our Safesun Policy, which can be found on the school website, we ask that the children come to school with a clear bottle of water each day which can then be refilled as required. Other good practice is for children to wear caps outdoors and have sunscreen applied at home before school. Please remember, long hair can make children very hot so please try to keep it tied up. This also helps to keep headlice at bay too! Thank you for your support.

Asthma

Please make sure that you inform us immediately if your child is diagnosed with asthma or an asthma type condition. If your child already uses a blue inhaler, could you please make sure that they have one with them and also a spare for us to keep in school and that you have checked the expiry date?

Staffing

Ms Deans joined us after the Easter holiday and, now that she has settled in, will be concentrating on developing music across the school. We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Poole had a beautiful baby boy on 9th May, weighing in at 7lbs 11oz. We hope that you will join us in wishing the Poole family all the very best.

Car Parking and Pedestrian Safety

We have been contacted by the manager of the Brickmaker's Arms who has asked us to inform you that, due to the amount of rubbish being left on his car park, he will no longer be allowing parents who are collecting their children from school to park on there. The barrier will be locked.

A very distressed parent of a child at another local school, came into the Office to tell us about a 'near miss' on the Corn Exchange car park. A Mount Pleasant parent was reversing their car and nearly knocked his child over. Could you please take great care when manoeuvring your vehicles.

The next door neighbour has expressed concerns about the safety of children who jump over our car park wall and run onto her drive. Please do not allow your child to run onto our neighbours' property.

Could you please ensure that you supervise your children when they are arriving at and leaving school. We really value the good relationship we have with our local community and would appreciate your support in maintaining this.

Mrs L Capener
Acting Head

Believe it, Achieve it!

Attendance

Our attendance target for this year is 97%

Reception	95.9%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	97.1%

Our current overall attendance is 96.8%

Please note that holidays in term time will continue to be 'unauthorised'.

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 and closes at 5.00pm Monday - Thursday and 4.30pm Friday.**

Payments for Visits, Lunch Money, Fundraising etc.

Could you please note that in future we can only accept money at the beginning of the school day, 8.30—12.30, as we have to make arrangements for collection.

Well Done To:

Our Pupil of the Month winners:

Reception	Elise Hopps
Year 1	Grace Bastable
Year 2	Joshua Field
Year 3	Harvansh Singh
Year 4	Tyler Henley
Year 5	Balraj Singh Deu
Year 6	Sam Bridgewater

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

Fundraising

Thank you to all of you who helped us to raise
£500.00
for the RNLI.

Dates for your Diary

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

Dates for Diary:

Summer Term 2017

Mon 24th April—Friday 21st July

Fri 26th May—INSET Day—School Closed

Half Term 29th May—2nd June

Thurs 8th June—Voting Day—School Closed

Wed 14th 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

Mon 26th June—Nursery Farm Visit

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

Mon 3rd July—Nursery Farm Visit

w/c Mon 3rd July—Arts Week

Thurs 6th July— Y6 Transition day to Thorns

Fri 7th July— End of Year Reports Out

Mon 10th July—Reception visit to Dudley Zoo

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

**Tues 18th July—Y6 Leavers' Performance
(change of date)**

Wed 19th July Y3 and Y4 Sports Day

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)

Children return 5th June 2017