



MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

Year 6 Leavers

Thank you so much for your wonderful performance of 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits' this week! We all wish you the very best as you begin your next phase of education; remember that you will always be a Mount Pleasant person and we expect you all to do well at your new schools. You have been an absolute delight and a pleasure to work with. Thank you!

We will also be saying a fond farewell to Mr Hunt, Year 5. I am sure you will join with us to wish him all the best in his new job.

Arts Festival Week

Thank you to everyone who came to support our Arts Festival week and to every child who performed, sang, danced, played a musical instrument or had their work on show at our Arts Exhibition; what a talented bunch you are!

Summer Home Learning

The children will be keeping their reading book and reading record at home and we hope that they will be ready to change their reading book after the holidays. Please could you record what they have read in their records? Thank you.

School Sports Activities

Your child may have told you about our lunchtime sports coach. The coach is from the West Bromwich Albion Foundation and has been bought in to give a focus to lunchtime activities. As you know, we have always placed great importance on the need for children to be active and healthy and therefore, the Governing Body have committed further funding to continue with the lunchtime activity programme and also, from September, two after school clubs.

Sports Day—fortunately the weather was kind to us and the children had a wonderful time taking part in competitive and non-competitive challenges.

Summer Holiday Activities

If you are looking for something exciting to do over the Summer, please go to:
<https://fis.dudley.gov.uk/fsd/PublicEnquiry/default.aspx> for more information.

Reminders:

If you are changing address over the summer holidays or changing telephone numbers, it is your responsibility to let us know as soon as we return to school in September. It is a legal requirement that schools have emergency contact details for all children.

Absence from school - absence should be reported by 10.00 a.m. on each day of the absence. Failure to do so will result in the absence being recorded as unauthorised.

Medical appointments - if your child is required to attend an appointment during the school day, you must provide the office with a copy of the appointment letter. Please note that a child will only be marked as present for a session if they are in attendance for at least half of that session.

As you will only be issued with **1 copy of any class letters distributed**, please make sure that you regularly check your child's book bag, remind them to bring letters home and respond promptly to requests for information.

There will be a small increase in the price of ties and bookbags from September. Elastic Ties will be £3.00, Long Ties will be £3.50 and Book Bags will be £4.50.

And finally...

A big thank you to all our teaching staff and support staff who give so much of their own time to ensure that children at Mount Pleasant experience a rich and full curriculum. Thank you to: our Reading Buddies and parent volunteers who, over the year, give so much of their spare time which is invaluable to the staff and children whom they support; to our Governors who support the life of the school and take a leading role in shaping the school's future and also to our families who support their children's learning. With this support, we know our children will continue to make very good progress across our school.

Have a sunny, safe and happy Summer.

Mrs L Capener,
Acting Headteacher

Believe it, Achieve it!

Attendance

Our overall attendance for the whole year is 96.5%, really well done. This means that we have achieved our target for the year.

Well done to:

- The **119** children who have received a certificate rewarding their 100% attendance for the whole summer term
- The **108** children who have great attendance for the whole year (98% and 99%), the **6** children who have fantastic attendance with only 1 session of absence
- And the **23** children who have received badges and certificates for 100% attendance for the whole year;

Well done especially to:

Ryan Richards (Y6) for achieving **3 yrs** of 100% attendance.

Caitlin George (Y4) for achieving **4 yrs** of 100% attendance.

Drew Clayton (Y5) for achieving **5 yrs** of 100% attendance.

Well done to you all!

Well Done To:

Well done to Stuart for winning this month's trophy and also for winning the overall year trophy.

Christ Church Quarry Bank

Christ Church will be holding Children's Worship and Activity Sessions during the Summer holidays for children between the ages of 3 - 12. There will be crafts, games and songs all based around themes from Bible stories.

Dates : 7th, 14th, 21st August
Time: 10.00—12.00

To book a place:

Email rev.davidhoskin@hotmail.com or ring 01384 565480.

There is no charge and parents/carers are welcome to stay.

Staying Safe This Summer

Choose to swim at your local swimming pool where lifeguards are on duty. There are no lifeguards at quarries, lakes, reservoirs, canals or rivers.

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 2017

Tues 12th Sept—Parents Information Night
Y1, Y2, Y3 3.00—4.00pm

Wed 13th Sept—Parents Information Night
Y4, Y5, Y6 3.00—4.00pm

Wed 13th Sept—Roald Dahl Day

Mon 18th Sept—Reception Reading and Phonics
Workshops 2.00 and 6.00 p.m.

Thurs 28th Sept - Individual/Family Photographs

Mon 2nd Oct - Reception Maths Workshops
2.15 and 6.00 p.m.

Fri 6th Oct —Y2 Harvest Assembly 9:15am

Mon 9th—Fri 13th Oct—Y6 Residential to Astley Burf

Thur 12th Oct—Saltmine Theatre Group

Half term 23rd Oct—27th Oct

Thur 2nd/ Fri 3rd Nov - Y4 Residential to Preston
Montford

Fri 10th Nov—Y6 Remembrance Day Assembly 10.45am

Wed 15th Nov—Flu Vaccination R,1,2,3,4

Mon 20th Nov—Learning Journey Night 5.00—7.00 p.m.

Tues 21st Nov—Parent Meeting 3.15—5.30 p.m.

Wed 22nd Nov—Parent Meeting 5.00—7.00 p.m.

Fri 1st Dec—Christmas Fayre from 3:00pm

Mon 4th Dec—Reception Nativity

Wed 6th Dec—Flip the Clown—Nursery

Thurs 7th/Fri 8th Dec—Y1, Y2 Christmas Play

Mon 11th Dec— Y3, Y4 Carol Service

Tues 12th Dec—Y5, Y6 Carol Service

Wed 13th Dec—Christmas Lunch Day

Break for Christmas—Tues 19th December

TERM DATES 2017/2018

Term Starts: Tues 2nd January

Half Term: Mon 19th February - Fri 23rd February

Term Ends: Thur 29th March

Term Starts: Mon 16th April

Half Term: Mon 28th May - Fri 1st June

Term Ends: Fri 20th July

INSET Days—school closed to children:

Mon 4th September

Wed 20th December

Tues 2nd January

Fri 25th May Voting Day—to be confirmed

Children return: Tuesday 5th September