



MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

We have had a very settled start to the new school year; the children look extremely smart and tidy in their school uniforms and our new Reception children have settled extremely quickly, particularly those children who came through our own Nursery.

Please make sure that all your child's property is clearly named, we do not hold lost property and it is not the job of staff to spend time at the end of the day searching for a child's uniform, bag, bottle etc.

Thank you to those parents who attended the first parent information meetings and those of new Reception children who attended the Reading Workshops.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to those of you who have returned your questionnaires, I have received over 83 responses. I will be looking at these over the next few days and will share the results with you as soon as possible. Outcomes from the questionnaires are also shared with staff and the Governing Body.

School Letters and Information

Please encourage your child to be independent; remind them to give you letters that they are given in class and not to leave them in their trays. Could you also encourage your child to hand in letters as this again adds to their independence.

Please remember, you will only receive 1 copy of any letter sent out.

Change to Staffing

In addition to the previous newsletter, Miss Vallance got married during the summer holiday and is now Mrs Claridge.

Miss Walton (Y5) has now moved on to pastures new and we will have a permanent replacement in January. In the meantime we are being assisted by Miss Round and Mrs Small.

Mrs Perry (Y6) is returning next week.

Also, welcome to the 6 children who have joined us from other schools.

Car Parking

It has been brought to our attention that parents are now parking in Deeley Street and the surrounding area, as the Corn Exchange car park is no longer available at the start of the day. We have contacted the landlord who has explained that, in order to adhere to the conditions of his licence, he cannot open the car park to the public until 9.00 a.m. Whilst we can appreciate that this has created a problem for some parents, could we please ask that you park considerately and do not obstruct residents' driveways. Please be aware that parking in front of a dropped curb or on a white bar is illegal and you risk being issued with a parking ticket. Also, it is very dangerous to park so that you restrict access for emergency vehicles.

Please note that parents are **not allowed** to park on either the school or Chapel car park.

Your support in this matter would be appreciated.

Dogs in the Playground

Could you please refrain from bringing dogs into the playground, even if you are carrying them? If you must walk your dog to school then please can you wait for your child outside the front gate.

Y6 Responsibilities and School Council

This month we have presented all children in Y6 with their responsibility badges. Part of being a Y6 child is that we expect them to act as role models for other year groups and therefore they are all given an area of responsibility. This ranges from monitors and librarians to Head Boy and Girl.

This year:

Head Boy - Jake Stote

Head Girl - Keira Provan.

Deputy Head Boy - Dejan Dixon

Deputy Head Girl - Chloe Pargeter

We have also presented School Council Reps with their ties.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs L Capener
Acting Headteacher

BELIEVE IT, ACHIEVE IT!

Attendance

Our school target is set as 97%

As ever, school attendance remains a high priority, particularly since the Government introduced a threshold for 'persistent absence' which is now set at 90%.

Headteachers are also expected to be mindful of those children who are, 'disadvantaged by low attendance'.

The Governing Body will be reviewing the Attendance Policy again this term to see if there are any further changes that need to be made—I will keep you informed of any amendments to our current practice. The 2016 Attendance Policy can be found on the school website in the policies section. Can I please draw your attention to the section regarding Leave of Absence. The policy states that any request for leave of absence must be made 20 days before the proposed leave is due to take place. Also, any unauthorised leave of absence of 5 days or more will, at the Headteacher's discretion, be referred to the EIS and may lead to a fixed penalty fine.

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**. If you fail to inform us of the reason for absence, then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised and may be reported to the EIS.

Please also remember that, if your child has a medical or dental appointment during the school day, you need to provide the Office with a copy of the appointment letter.

Well Done To:

Our Pupil of the Month winners:

Reception	Daisy Bloomer
Year 1	Amber Payne
Year 2	Ben Wood
Year 3	Joshua Pattinson
Year 4	Chelsie Wright
Year 5	Paige Gennard
Year 6	Callum Houghton

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

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

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

Mon 16th Oct—Y3 Chedworth Roman Villa
Mon 16th Oct—Preston Montford Parent Meeting
6.00p.m.

Wed 18th Oct—Y5 Baddesley Clinton
Thurs 19th Oct—Chef for Y5
Fri 20th Oct—Chef for Y3

Half term 23rd Oct—27th Oct

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

Wed 8th Nov—Y6 National Memorial Arboretum
Fri 10th Nov—Y6 Remembrance Day Assembly **9.15am**

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 24th Nov—Y2 Blakesley Hall

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:

Wed 20th December

Tues 2nd January

Fri 25th May

Voting Day—to be confirmed

Break for Half Term: Friday 20th October