



MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

As we now approach half-term, we are beginning to prepare for darker nights and colder days (the clocks go back at the end of half-term). Please ensure that your child has a suitable outdoor coat for wet and winter weather and that they have a full PE kit in school that is suitable for outdoor PE.

Parent Questionnaires

Attached is the response to the parent questionnaires. Thank you again to everyone who took the time to respond. If you do have any further comments or views then please let us know. Reception and Nursery families will receive a questionnaire in the Spring Term.

After-School Clubs

Information about our after-school clubs is clearly communicated on the information noticeboards and on the school website.

Staffing

Miss Round will be joining us permanently as the new Y5 class teacher and Mrs Overfield has returned to us to support our outdoor learning programme.

In November we will be interviewing candidates for the Headteacher post. Hopefully I will be able to let you know the outcome on my next newsletter.

Visits

This half term the children have participated in:
 Y4—Visit to Barmouth Beach to study features of the British coastline
 Y3—Visit to Chedworth Roman Villa to study aspects of Roman life
 Y5—Visit to Baddesley Clinton to study aspects of Tudor life
 Y6—Residential to Astley Burf Activity Centre
 Visit from the Saltmine Theatre Group to explore the importance of British Values.

Children In Need—Fundraising

This term we will be supporting the Children In Need fundraising event on Friday 17th November. During the day the children can wear spotty clothes or something yellow and for this we ask for a minimum donation of £1.00.

Roald Dahl Day

By dressing up as their favourite Roald Dahl animal character, the children managed to raise £302.88 for the Roald Dahl Marvellous Childrens' Charity. Can I say a big 'thank you' to parents for providing the costumes and making it such an enjoyable day.

Harvest

Thank you to Year 2 who performed a wonderful Harvest assembly and to everyone who donated food for the local Foodbank. We collected 228kg of food and 1.5kg of non-food. This will enable the Foodbank to provide three days food for eleven families of four.

Royal British Legion Poppies

From 30th October we will be selling poppies but this year, in order to try to increase our donation, we will also be selling wristbands, bracelets and reflectors. Suggested donations are:



Wristband - Suggested Donation: 50p



Reflector - Suggested Donation: 50p



Friendship Bracelet - Suggested Donation: £1.00



Snap Band - Suggested Donation: £1.00



Mrs L Capener, Acting Headteacher

BELIEVE IT, ACHIEVE IT!

Attendance

Our school target is set as 97%

Our attendance for this first half-term is 97.4%

The attendance for each year group is currently:

Reception	95.1%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	98.5%

Thank you to the many families who help us to keep any absences down to a minimum. It is very pleasing to see a reduction in the number of holidays being taken in term time and also the number of children who are arriving late for school. Thank you, your support in this matter is very much appreciated and can only benefit your children.

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.**

Well Done To:

Our Pupil of the Month winners:

Reception	Cameron Jones
Year 1	Maddison Rubery
Year 2	Amira Akram
Year 3	Grace Chambers
Year 4	Finley Dimmock
Year 5	Brannon Amphlett
Year 6	Zainab Kamara

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

October 1/2 Term Activities

If you are looking for an activity for your child to participate in during October 1/2 term, please see the Family Information Service website for details of what is available:

www.fis.cs@dudley.gov.uk

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

Thur 2nd Nov - KS2 SATs Parent Information Evening

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

Tues 14th Nov— Y5, Y6 Cinema Visit

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

Thurs 16th Nov—Y3, Y4 Cinema Visit

Fri 17th Nov—Y2 Cinema Visit

Fri 17th Nov—Children in Need Day

Mon 20th Nov—Y1 Cinema Visit

Mon 20th Nov—Learning Journey Night 5.00—7.00

Tues 21st Nov— Reception Cinema Visit

Tues 21st Nov—Parent Meeting 3.15—5.30pm

Wed 22nd Nov—Parent Meeting 5.00—7.00pm

Fri 24th Nov—Y2 Blakesley Hall

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

Mon 4th Dec—Reception Nativity

Mon 4th Dec—Choir Competition Merry Hill

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

Pupils return Monday 30th October