



MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you on the Learning Journey Night and again at Open Evening.

So many of our children are well supported by their families and it really does make a difference. The next Open Evenings will take place in the Spring Term (please see Dates for your Diary).

This term the children have visited:

Y2—Blakesley Hall

Y3—Chedworth Roman Villa

Y4—Barmouth Beach

Y5—Baddesley Clinton

Y6—National Memorial Arboretum

and all classes have visited the Cinema.

As always, the feedback from members of the public about the behaviour of our children has been extremely positive.

School Closure Due to Bad Weather

It is that time of the year again when I have to inform you of the procedures in case of very bad weather. It is very rare that we have ever closed our school, so in the first instance **please assume that school is open until you hear otherwise**. If you have not heard anything, please do not ring the school office to check, as we will be trying to speak to staff who live some distance away and ensure that we are prepared for the day.

We will inform you of any closure or a delayed start to the school day by:

- putting a message on our school website
- sending a text message
- Message on Free Radio (Wolverhampton and Black Country)*
- Message on www.blackcountryradio.co.uk *

(please note however, that these lines of communication * have been slow or unobtainable in the past).

The decision to close the school will be based on health and safety, including staff ratios for the children, the possibility of the caretaker not being able to clear pathways for safe entrance and exit of all pupils, staff and visitors to the site and due to any loss of heating or water.

To and From School

Could we please ask that you do not bring bikes/scooters onto the school site. If you want your child to ride their bike/scooter to school, could you please ensure that they dismount at the gate. We have had several incidents where small children have been injured by bikes being ridden along the pedestrian entrance.

The school site is open from 8.30 a.m. with the main gate being manned by a senior member of staff. As we cannot accept responsibility for any child until they have been handed over at the gate, could you please refrain from letting younger children make their own way into school.

If you have changed the arrangements for your child being collected, could you please let the Office staff know. Unfortunately, we cannot allow another adult to collect your child unless we have had verbal permission from you.

We recently had a visit from the Police regarding an incident which happened on 28th September 2017 at approximately 3.15pm. A lorry was reversing along Talbot Lane and was involved in a near miss with a parent and child. The manoeuvre had been made more difficult due to the number of parked cars. The Police have asked me to remind you of the parking restrictions on Talbot Lane and also ask that parents park with consideration for the businesses who use the trading estate. Could I also take the opportunity to remind you that, between the hours of 7.45am and 5.00pm, the school and chapel car parks are out of bounds to parents.

Free School Meals

Remember that if you are eligible for Free School Meals then please apply for them—we get additional funding for each child who takes a Free School meal.

Don't forget to visit the school website, www.mount.dudley.sch.uk, for more information.

On behalf of the staff and governors of Mount Pleasant, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Mrs L Capener
Acting Headteacher

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Attendance

Current attendance levels:

School Target 97.0%

Reception	95.5%
Year 1	97.7%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	97.6%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	98.4%

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	Leighton Brenton
Year 1	Libby Brettle
Year 2	Isabel Nock
Year 3	Greta Daukintyte
Year 4	Gracie-May Tolley
Year 5	Amelia Clee
Year 6	Jake Stote

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

Fundraising

Children In Need

The Pudsey colouring competition, sale of the Pudsey ears and £1.00 donation for spotty jumpers helped us raise £705.63 for Children In Need.

Poppy Appeal

We raised £719.15 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Day Appeal. Very well done to everyone.

Christmas Lights Switch On

The borough's Christmas Lights have been switched on a little earlier this year, but we still have;

Saturday 9th December, Brierley Hill.

Also on 9th December at Brierley Hill Market;

11.00 - 1.00 Meet Santa

12.00 Thorns Collegiate Ukulele Band

2.00-4.00 Brierley Hill Star Hunt

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 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

Fri 15th Dec—Choir Singing in Brierley Hill Market

Break for Christmas—Tues 19th December

Spring Term 2018

Tues 30th Jan—Y1 visit to Hartlebury Museum

Mon 12th Feb - E-Safety Performance

Tues 13th Feb – E-Safety Workshop Y3

Thurs 15th Feb -Y5 Chef

Fri 16th Feb - Y3 Chef

Fri 16th Feb—Break for 1/2 Term

Fri 9th Mar—Y3 Mother's Day Assembly and Sale

Fri 23rd Mar—Y1 Easter Assembly

Mon 26th Mar—Learning Journey Night 5.00-7.00pm

Tues 27th Mar—Parent Consultations 3.15—5.30pm

Wed 28th Mar—Parent Consultations 5.00—7.00pm

Thurs 29th Mar—Break for Easter

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 2ND MARCH (PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A NEW DATE)

Fri 25th May

Voting Day—to be confirmed

Break Up for Christmas - Tuesday 19th December