



MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Please speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team if you have any concerns.

Dear Parents,

Our new Headteacher, Mrs H Robinson, will be in school on Learning Journey Night if you would like to pop along and meet her.

Bedtime Reading Day

Thursday 1st March is World Book Day. As always, our main focus is on sharing books with your child and therefore we promote this day as Bedtime Reading Day.

All children can come dressed in their pyjamas but, as the weather is very cold at the moment, please make sure that they have a warm dressing gown, tracksuit or jumper with them. Could you encourage your child to bring in their favourite book (named please), to share with the class?

Thank you to all parents who continue to hear their child read on a regular basis, it really makes a difference to your child's progress.

Active Lifestyle

During the school day the children have many opportunities to be 'active'. We currently employ a coach at lunchtimes to facilitate fun outdoor games and have four sport related after school clubs each week. You can also see from our 'Dates for Diary' we have several planned workshops where children will experience different forms of dance and other fitness related sessions.

In order to promote an Active Lifestyle outside of the school day, during Whole School Assemblies we celebrate the achievements of those who participate in swimming, football clubs etc. Could you please support us by encouraging your child to be as active as possible?

Safeguarding—REMINDER PLEASE

We want to make our school as safe as possible so it would be really helpful if, in order to reduce the number of people entering the building at the start of the day, you could encourage your child to bring in reply slips, visits money etc. themselves. This will also help your child to become more independent and take responsibility for their own belongings.

Any messages can be left with the member of staff on the gate or alternatively please telephone the Office staff from 8.30 am.

Uniform, Hairstyles, Jewellery

Could you please make sure that you adhere to the information in the School Prospectus regarding uniform etc? We now seem to have children wearing hoop earrings and sporting 'extreme' hairstyles.

Earrings are not part of the school uniform but, if ears are pierced, then we request that only one small stud earring in each ear is worn for school. Studs should be as flat as possible and small. No jewellery under any circumstances must be worn for PE lessons.

Hairstyles. 'Extreme' may include; 'Mohican' styles, bright coloured/dyed hair, or hair that is styled with 'sculpting' marks/lines and/or motifs

Could I also remind you that your child must have their P.E. Kit in school every day please?

Mrs L Capener
Acting Headteacher

BELIEVE IT, ACHIEVE IT!

Attendance

Late Arrivals

We still appear to have a growing number of children being brought in late. Could I please remind you that the school day begins at 8.55 am and the side gate is locked at this time in order to keep the site safe? If your child is not present when the register is taken they will be coded L (late), if they have not arrived by 9.15am then they will be coded U (unauthorised late). Children who are persistently late, even within the first 10 minutes of the session starting, may lose their right to be coded as late and will instead be marked as an unauthorised absence. When 10 sessions of unauthorised absence have been recorded in any 6 week period, a referral to the Education Investigation Service will commence.

If your child is late could you please make sure you report to the Office? Please remember that late arrivals cause disruption to the start of the day for the whole class.

Please make sure that you inform us if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

Please note, **the school office opens at 8:30am.**

Attendance Report

School target is 97%

Reception	95.0%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	97.7%

Well Done To:

Our Pupil of the Month winners:

Reception	Oliver Croxton
Year 1	Poppy Pargeter
Year 2	Ellisia Brown
Year 3	Jaime Morgan-Brown
Year 4	Jinjun Li
Year 5	Frankie Foster
Year 6	Kajus Daukintis

Well done to Brierley House for winning this month's house 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:

Spring Term 2018

Thurs 1st March—World Book Day

FRI 2ND MARCH—INSET

Tues 6th March—Book Quiz

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

Sat 10th Mar—Albion Foundation Experience

Mon 12th Mar—Vision Screening R

Wed 21st March—'Bully For You' Workshop Y3/Y4

Fri 23rd Mar—Y1 Easter Assembly

Fri 23rd Mar— Vision Screening R

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

Wed 28th Mar—KS1 Woodwind Performance

Thurs 29th Mar—Break for Easter

Summer Term 2018

Fri 20th April—Y3/4 Dance Workshop

Thurs 26th Apr—Y5 Black Country Museum Visit

Thurs 3rd May - Voting Day

Mon 14th May—Thurs 17th May KS2 SATs

Fri 18th May—Y5/6 Dance Workshop

Thurs 24th May - Break for Whitsun

Thurs 7th June—Y5 Chef

Fri 8th June—Y3 Chef

Mon 11th June—Fri 15th June Science Week

Wed 13th June—Class Photographs

Thurs 21st June—Scooting Workshop

Mon 25th June—Thurs 28th June Bikeability Y3/5

Fri 29th June—Wizard of Oz Performance

Mon 2nd July—Nursery Farm Visit

Mon 9th July—Nursery Farm Visit

Tues 10th July—Book Fair arrives

Wed 11th July—Nursery Flip the Clown Visit

Fri 20th July—END OF SCHOOL YEAR.

TERM DATES 2017/2018

Term Starts: Mon 16th April

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

Term Ends: Fri 20th July

INSET Days—school closed to children:

FRI 2ND MARCH

Thurs 3rd May (Voting Day)

Fri 25th May

Break Up for Easter - Thursday 29th March