



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,

We are now at the end of the Spring Term and yet again we have all been very busy. Thank you to Year 3 for their Mother's Day assembly and for organising the sale and to Year 1 for their Easter assembly and amazingly creative Easter Bonnets.

Thank you to all the children and parents who supported our Bedtime Reading Day and contributed to our fundraising for Sports Relief.

School Budgets

As I explained last year, we are yet again facing a reduction in our school budget.

We want to protect our level of staffing, including support for our most vulnerable children and those who require additional support. We would also like to maintain a free swimming programme for children and want to keep our school minibus, which enables our children to visit many places free of charge throughout the year.

This means that, from September, parents will yet again be asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of their child's visit.

One of the ways in which you can help us is to apply for Early Years Pupil Premium (Nursery) and Free School Meals (School) if you think that you may meet the criteria (please see attached information). This brings in extra funding which will be used to support eligible children.

Staffing

Welcome back to Mrs Poole, who returned from maternity leave this week. She will be working in Year 5 for the Summer Term, covering Mrs Clarke who will be on maternity leave from Whitsun.

Parking

You may be aware that there is an issue with parents parking on the footpath or dropping children off on the footpath by our pedestrian gates. There have been several near misses where children could have been seriously injured. Could you please refrain from this practice? I am aware that the police and council's parking enforcement officers have been informed.

Pre-Nursery/Nursery

Are you aware that we run a pre-nursery group for children registered for Mount Pleasant Nursery? Little Kids Have Fun Club is for children aged 18 months to 3 years and is run by a member of staff from the Foundation Stage team on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 1.15–2.45pm. Parents and children join together in a wide variety of early learning activities which provide an excellent introduction to the school environment.

Have you registered your child for Nursery?

Do you or anyone you know have a child who is 3 and is not registered for Nursery yet? If so either complete the online registration form on our school website or call into the Office for a paper application form. We are also accepting registrations for those wanting to join Little Kids Have Fun Club.

As you are aware, Mrs Robinson will take up her new role as Head after Easter. Therefore, could I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support whilst I have been Acting Headteacher.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter.

Mrs L Capener
Acting Headteacher

BELIEVE IT, ACHIEVE IT!

Attendance

Absence

If your child is late for school 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. You also need to make sure that you inform us if your child is going to be absent for any reason, by no later than 10.00am on each day of absence. If we do not receive notification of the reason for absence then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

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

Leave of Absence Requests

Could you please make sure that you read the 'Attendance Policy' before you consider taking leave in term time. The policy clearly states that **'Any unauthorised request for 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'**.

Water Bottles

We now have a number of children who are coming to school without a water bottle. As the weather is hopefully becoming warmer, could you please ensure that your child has their named bottle with them each day. There are several points around school where the children can access filtered, cold water and they are encouraged to fill their bottles regularly.

Well Done To:

Our Pupil of the Month winners:

Reception	Evie Parsons
Year 1	Tai Simcox
Year 2	Adasyn Cooper
Year 3	Ruby Kelly
Year 4	Cody Cotterill
Year 5	Neve Gregory
Year 6	Chloe Pargeter

Well done to Stevens 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.

Summer Term 2018

Thurs 19th April—R, Y1, Y2 Dance Workshop
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 - INSET

Fri 25th May—INSET

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:

Thurs 3rd May (Voting Day)
Thurs 24th May
Fri 25th May

TERM DATES 2018/2019

Autumn Term 2018

Term Starts: Mon 3rd September
Half Term: Mon 29th October—Fri 2nd November
Term Ends: Fri 21st December

Spring Term 2019

Term Starts: Mon 7th January
Half Term: Mon 18th February—Fri 22nd February
Term Ends; Fri 12th April

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts; Mon 29th April
Half Term: Mon 27th May—Fri 31st May
Term Ends: Mon 22nd July

INSET Days—Mon 3rd Sept
Mon 7th January
Mon 22nd July

Break Up for Easter - Thursday 29th March