



MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

April/May 2018



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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are at the beginning of May already, and that we are hopefully seeing the arrival of the Great British Summer!

At the end of my third week as Headteacher, I would like to thank all of you who have taken the time to pop and say 'Hello' on the playground. It is a pleasure to start to get to know you all, and I am being made to feel so very welcome.

It has been a busy few weeks since Easter, with lots of exciting things happening throughout the school. Some highlights include:

- * Bhangra Dancing Workshop
- * Diana Award
- * Rainforest Roadshow Y1
- * Black Country Museum Y5

Summer Uniform

As the weather improves, it may be useful to remind yourselves of the guidance in the School Prospectus on our website. We do ask that all children continue to wear sensible, low-heeled shoes or sandals with socks into the Summer months, and that if they wear sandals, that they are not backless or jelly/croc type sandals. Thank you for your support in ensuring our children continue to look smart and stay safe in the warmer weather!

Sun Safety

On days when the sun decides to appear, we advise that all children bring a sun hat/cap with their name labelled inside, and that sun cream is applied before they come to school. On really hot days, could you please send your child with a small, named bottle of sun cream, which they can apply themselves. We also ask that all children bring a named water bottle with them to help them stay hydrated. They are encouraged to refill these in school as required.



Parking

A reminder that parking of cars outside the school needs to be done so safely, and legally. There was an occasion last week where a parent walking on the pavement outside school had a near miss with a car pulling away from a parked position on the pavement. On this occasion no one was hurt, but we do ask that parents are mindful of this when dropping off and picking up children from school. Please also be aware that if you park in front of a dropped curb with a white bar you will risk being issued with a parking ticket. Thank you to those parents who support us by parking legally. Your children's safety is very important to us all.

Year 6 SATS

We are in the final days of preparation for Year 6 tests, and as always, the children are making us very proud. They are working hard, smiling, and taking it all in their stride.

Over to you!

We are trying to encourage our children to become increasingly active participants in our local community. With this in mind, we are looking for ideas from you on how we can promote and develop a pride in the area in which we live.



We are hoping to launch a **Community Award**, which will be given to children at the end of each academic year, for demonstrating that they have been actively involved in supporting and helping in the wider community. This may be litter picking, attending local events organised by Scouts/Brownies for example, fundraising for local groups or volunteering etc.

We would welcome your suggestions as to how this idea can be developed, as this is **your** community, and you should have a say! Please send suggestions via the email at the top of this newsletter. Thank you.

Mrs H Robinson Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.
Please speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team if you have any concerns.

Attendance

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'**.

Governors have discussed and now agreed that, FROM SEPTEMBER 2018, ANY UNAUTHORISED REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF MORE THAN 5 DAYS **WILL** BE REFERRED TO THE EIS AND MAY LEAD TO A FIXED PENALTY FINE. A REFERRAL FOR 5 DAYS LEAVE OF ABSENCE WILL STILL BE AT THE HEADTEACHER'S DISCRETION.

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

Well Done To:

Our Pupil of the Month winners:

Reception	Alfie Ross
Year 1	Jupiter Platt
Year 2	Ethan Jewess
Year 3	Jamie Griffiths
Year 4	Liberty Olinga
Year 5	Noah Bloomer
Year 6	Ruby Garner

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.

Summer Term 2018

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

Thurs 12th June—Dudley Zoo Reception

Wed 13th June—Class Photographs

Thurs 21st June—Scooting Workshop

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

Mon 25th June—Bishops Wood Y4

Thurs 28th June—Birmingham Museum Y3

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

Wed 11th July—Learning Journey + meet your new teacher 3.00—4.00pm

Thurs 12th July—Reports Out

Mon 16th July—Parent Appointments (if required) 4.00—5.00pm

Wed 18th July—Leaver's Performance Y6

Fri 20th July—Leaver's Service Y6 Parents

Fri 20th July—END OF SCHOOL YEAR.

TERM DATES 2017/2018

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

Term Ends: Fri 20th July

INSET Days—school closed to children:

Thurs 24th May

Fri 25th May

School Closes for Whitsun Break - Wednesday 23rd May