



Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Welcome

I would like to welcome your children and you to the new academic year at Mount Pleasant School. I am proud to be your Head Teacher and am delighted to be leading this very good school. I would also like to welcome Mrs Deane and Mrs Eaton-Bell to school and our new support staff.

This week pupils will be selecting their new class names. Pupils will develop class rules including behaviour and expectations. By the end of this week all children FS2 - Y6 will have home reading books. Teachers and I will be assessing all the children and setting targets for the year.

I would like to invite you to school on Friday morning between 08:45 and 10:00 for our very first parent hour. This will be a launch pad session for the new school topic which is 'Our Bodies, Ourselves' and we would like you to take part in the learning.

If you should wish to talk to me I will be on the school playground each morning when I am very happy to chat to you. If you wish to make an appointment to see me at another time please call the school office. Should you wish to speak to your child's class teacher this is best done at the end of the school day. As a reminder, school starts at 09:00 with classrooms open from 08:45 and school ends at 15:15.

You will also have received the new school lunch menu which is provided to us from the Mess Kitchens. Please make your selections and return the form by the morning; these lunches are provided to children in FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 free of charge. The kitchens have reminded us that the selections are subject to short notice on the day changes. We cannot guarantee the ingredients and parents should select meals children will eat and enjoy.

I look forward to you joining our learning on Friday and a very productive year at Mount Pleasant.

Gary Margerison—Head Teacher



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Football Club

The Southern Strikers Football Club for KS2 will start again on Thursday 7th September, 15:15-16:00 and any child who is in KS2 from September is very welcome to join the club. The club is run by a FA Youth Coach, is supervised by Mr Ratcliffe, and takes place in the Old Gym.

Please complete the reply slip below if your child would like to join the club. Children must be collected from the Old Gym at 16:00.

Southern Strikers Football Club

My child: _____

Would like to join Southern Strikers.

I will collect my child from the Old Gym at 16:00

Signed: _____

Enrichment Children's University and Stay and Play

In the next few weeks we will have details of our stay and play and enrichment opportunities for this half term. Choir, Magic Maths and Art have all been mentioned to me.

This year we will be offering these on Tuesday afternoon between 15:15 and 16:00 and we expect children to attend all four sessions. We also expect children to sign up for these themselves; in the last academic year we noticed some children attended but appeared to have not selected the activity for themselves and as a result did not always enjoy what they were doing. Teachers give this time for your children to take part and enrich their learning.



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Uniform Sales

Dear Parents,

We are making a change in the way uniform is provided and made available for purchase. For a number of years Mount Pleasant School had held a small stock of uniform in the school office, which has then been available for immediate collection. This results in us holding stock and sometimes not being able to meet your uniform needs. I have also listened to those parents who find accessing wider uniform items difficult, and have sourced from the same supplier the ability to purchase 'grey' items.

A number of other MoD Schools including Akrotiri, Dhekelia and Naples, have moved to the online ordering system through a company called Initially Yours: <http://www.initiallyyours.co.uk/schools/index.htm>

We have decided to move to the system with immediate effect. This gives the benefit of being able to offer a wider range of uniform items, including the very popular Fleece Jackets.

We currently have a number of round neck sweatshirts available in the school office, book bags and PE bags. We also have a stock of our very popular water bottles in stock.

The items available now from the supplier are:

- Fleece Jacket with school logo
- Polo Shirt with school logo
- PE T-shirt with school logo
- PE Hoody
- Knitted Cardigan
- V-Neck Knitted Sweater
- Rainsuit (EYU and FS only)
- Baseball Cap
- Bookbag
- PE Bag

White polo shirts should have the school logo embroidered on, although for those who already hold a stock at home we will be phasing this requirement in over the academic year 2017-18.

Children from FS2 to Year 6 should also have the school PE T-shirt. P.E. Shorts are available from initially yours but, due to the cold weather, are optional and jogging bottoms may be worn as an alternative.

If you already have uniform items there is no requirement to purchase anything new, however any replacement items must be from the official uniform list. Items being sold in the Thrift shop are no longer part of the school uniform.

It is also possible to purchase all the Charcoal Grey items from the web site, but these are also available from other suppliers. Shoes should be plain and black.

All children from FS1 (N2) to Y6 are expected to wear school uniform, (PE Kit required from FS2) as school uniform teaches students to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance.

Thank you,