



Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We have had an outstanding term where we have welcomed many new pupils to the school and said good bye to both pupils and staff from school. In addition:

- Children have been on school visits to enhance the Mount Pleasant Curriculum, with Foundation Stage children meeting King Penguins in Stanley and farm animals at Fitzroy Farm.
- We had a number of visitors to school including a 'Brass Week' for Upper Key Stage 2, Turban Day and this week the Band of the Pipes and Drums.
- We have had a football club which ran for the whole term and were able to offer 4 further after school enrichment clubs: Art, Air Hockey, Maths Magic and Choir
- We have distributed Golden Awards, reading rewards, handwriting certificates, house points and individual recognition stickers throughout the term
- Foundation Stage have offered a series of Family Learning Mornings for parents to join with their children in their activities.
- The whole school had a launch pad, parents meetings and this week we had open classrooms, reports and decorate the tree.
- In the wider community we had a stall at the BFSAI open day, took part in the Battle of Britain Service.
- Next week we will be performing two different Christmas productions.

Christmas Performances

Please join us in the Church at the following times to see the production. You are welcome to bring along any family and friends visiting and also any work colleagues who may be missing their own children's performance but would like to enjoy ours.

- 12th December— EYFS Christmas Production to parents 10:00-11:00
- 13th December- KS1 and KS2 Christmas Production to parents 10:00-11:00

Many School Governance Committee members will be in attendance at both performances and it would be a good time to chat to them about any comments you would like to make about school and the wonderful opportunities for children at Mount Pleasant. Please also see the SGC leaflet that accompanies the newsletter.

Safeguarding

Gary Margerison is the Designated Senior for Safeguarding at Mount Pleasant School. Louise Deane is the Deputy and James Stevens is the responsible SGC member.



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Swimming

Swimming has now finished for the year, but will restart on 16th January 2018.

Christmas Sparkle Day

14th December will be our wear your Christmas Sparkle Day. This can be any interpretation on Christmas Sparkle from a full outfit to wearing a dash of glitter and is an opportunity to be as creative as you possibly can be.

Sports Day

Please come along and join in with our Sports Day. This will take place between 14:00 and 15:15 on Monday 15th January 2018.

Sports Day takes place in the school grounds and children move around activities in their house teams. Parents move with their children from activity to activity.

If anyone is willing to run a refreshments and cake stall please let me know.

Events.....

12th December— EYFS Christmas Production to **parents** 10:00-11:00

13th December- KS1 and KS2 Christmas Production to **parents** 10:00-11:00

14th December—Christmas Sparkle Day

14th December—Close for Christmas at 13:15

9th January—School Opens following the Christmas and New Year Holiday 08:45

9th January—Homework hand in day.

12th January 2018—Launch Pad for **parents** in all classrooms 08:45-10:00

15h January 2018—Sports Day

Southern Strikers—this has now finished for the term



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Enrichment from January

Choir will continue at lunch time on Wednesday; this is an established group but any new members should approach Miss Schofield and she will give them more information about joining. We hope to have Southern Strikers up and running as soon as we can, look out for the newsletters after the holidays for more information.

After school Enrichment and Stay and Play will take place on January 16th, 23rd and 30th and February 6th between 15:15 and 16:00.

Mrs Eaton-Bell will be offering Air Games—10 places

Mrs Margerison will be offering digital animation— 8 places

Mrs Deane will be running stay and play.

Reply Slip for Enrichment January 16th, 23rd and 30th and February 6th. **MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY 12th DECEMBER 2017.**

My child _____

Would like to apply for a place at _____

Enrichment is just part of the extended range of activities available at Mount Pleasant. The school time table is designed to offer extra weekly activities in school, as an example, unlike most other schools we take children from FS2 to Year 6 swimming on a weekly basis. For school age children there are additional activities available on most days.

Monday Cubs and Beavers

Tuesday Enrichment and Stay and Play

Wednesday No additional activities

Thursday Southern Strikers, Rainbows and Brownies

Friday Families Happy Hour

Saturday PTI activities for children in the gym



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Safeguarding Culture at Mount Pleasant School

The safety and security of your children is our main concern at Mount Pleasant School.

Information

The DCYP Policy on school visits explains that as visits are part of the school curriculum there is no option for parents to opt children out of curriculum visits.

Visits considered to be a greater risk will require a reply slip—an example at Mount Pleasant would be a Battlefield tour or a helicopter trip.

We hold information of allergies where it applies.

We hold risk assessments in school for all in school activities and out of school visits.

End of day routine

No child will be released at the end of the school day to an adult other than their parent unless school has been informed by the parent.

Parents must inform the school office before 15:00 if a child is to be taken home with anyone other than them.

The school day will always end at school. If children are being taught away from the school site, they will always be returned to school.

Site safety

School site is protected with a locked gate.

All visitors to school must sign in at the school, parents wishing to drop in before or after school must do so via the school office.

The main school entrance door is for children and school staff only.

Accidents in school are always reported via a completed form to the Head Teacher and added to the accident database.

Safeguarding

All staff and volunteers hold a Level 1 Safeguarding Qualification on induction to school.

All staff and volunteers will hold a Level 2 Safeguarding Qualification.

Some school staff have a Level 3 Safeguarding Qualification.

The Head Teacher is the designated Safeguarding Lead for Mount Pleasant School. The Deputy is Mrs Louise Deane.

The school holds concern records for children and will report statutory social work concerns to the SSAFA Social Worker.

Most staff hold a full L3 Paediatric First Aid Certificate.

Office Staff hold a L2 First Aid at Work Certificate.

Every member of staff and all volunteers are subject to a current enhanced DBS check. All staff have been checked against the barred list, in addition, teachers are checked against the prohibition from teaching list.