



Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Happy New Year

Welcome back to Mount Pleasant Primary School. We all hope you had an excellent Christmas Holiday and are enjoying a very Happy New Year. We have had hot and sunny weather this week and we have been making the most of our wonderful outside areas in school—please think about application of sun cream before school on days when the sun is shining.

It was nice to see so many people in school this morning enjoying our Launch Pad and seeing the work that has been happening in all our classrooms. Thank you to those people who filled in comment bubbles to share their thoughts about the learning that takes place at Mount Pleasant School; I was delighted that we had 100% positive comments.

We have changed the date of our sports day, this is because of a class with a STEM event we have been offered. Sports Day will now take place on Monday 22nd January and more information is in the Events section of this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to welcome Mandy Summers to Mount Pleasant Primary School. Ms Summers is an excellent teacher and the children have been benefiting from her teaching this week with smiles all round. I am sure you will all have an opportunity to talk to her and welcome her to Mount Pleasant over the next week and that the children will enjoy her teaching them for the rest of the academic year.

Parents to Lunch

After resting this last term we are bringing back the very successful parents to lunch week. We have more pupils than ever before in school and as a result we will have to limit the number of parents we can accommodate to 6 per day. We are going to make this offer for every lunch time for the week 22nd January to 26th January.

For those who have not taken part in this before it is an opportunity to come to eat a school lunch with your child, stay with them on the playground and join in some playground games.

Please call into the office to book your place—there is a charge for the lunch and the school office will confirm the cost and the menu for each day.

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 lessons will start on Tuesday 16th January 2018. Children in FS2 to Y6 will be taken to the pool for their lesson each week.

Swimming is part of the Mount Pleasant School curriculum and parents do not have a right to exclude their children from lessons. Please ensure your child has swimming kit in school on Tuesdays. A telephone call home will be made to the parents of any child who arrives in school without a swimming kit with an expectation one is brought to school in time for lessons in the afternoon.

Swimming kit is an all in one costume or the tighter swimming shorts (board shorts are not suitable for swimming lessons). A swimming hat is a personal preference and goggles must be swimming goggles appropriate for swimming lessons and follow the guidelines from the Swimming Teachers Association:

- Only purchase goggles that meet British Standards
- Ensure that the goggles fit the child correctly
- Ensure the child has received adequate instruction, prior to participation, as to the fitting and adjustment of goggles
- Be aware that teachers will not be responsible for the fitting of goggles to the children.

It has been noticed that some children in the last term had a verruca, like most warts, are due to a viral infection of the growing layers of the skin. Injury of the skin is a prerequisite for the contraction of warts, and there is a predilection for the hands, knees and feet to be more prone to minor injury during childhood activities. This is especially the case for barefoot activities surrounding swimming pools.

Medical sources tell us the use of devices, such as plastic socks, to protect the feet should be discouraged. As with elasticated knee bandages, the socks have limited value other than of attracting attention. **The use of a waterproof plaster is sufficient.** Most associations and professional bodies believe the exclusion of children with plantar warts from barefoot activities - such as swimming, physical education, dancing or communal showering - is no longer justified.

For more information and additional advice head to the NHS website: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/warts/Pages/Prevention.aspx>



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Sports Day

Please come along and join in with our Sports Day. This will take place between 14:00 and 15:15 on **Monday 22nd 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.....

16th January 2018—New Enrichment Activity

16th January 2018- Stay and Play

18th January 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym

22nd January—26th January Parents to Lunch Max 6 per day

22nd January 2018—Sports Day NEW DATE

23rd January 2018—New Enrichment Activity

23rd January 2018- Stay and Play

25th January 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym

30th January 2018—New Enrichment Activity

30th January 2018- Stay and Play

1st February 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym

6th February 2018—New Enrichment Activity

6th February 2018- Stay and Play

8th February 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym

12th—16th February 2018 Half Term

14th March 2018—Parent Open Afternoon



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Enrichment

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.

Your Child has been allocated:

Mrs Eaton-Bell Air Games _____

Mrs Margerison digital animation _____

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