



# Mount Pleasant Extra!

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## A new half term

Following what was a very sunny and enjoyable half term break, we have returned to school with children who are ready to learn and are clearly enjoying their learning. During the last half term we put together some progress data for all the children in school. We are delighted to be able to let you know that 100% of pupils in KS1 and KS2 are making expected progress and over 50% of pupils are making more than expected progress in English and Maths. The picture is similar in EYU, FS1 and FS2 with all pupils making rapid and sustained progress across all 17 learning goals. For pupils in FS1 and FS2 we will be holding a profile morning on 2nd March between 08:45 and 10:00 for parents to contribute home learning to the profiles. We will be holding an open afternoon for all parents on 14th March 2018 between 14:00 and 15:15. Please come along as you will be able to see the learning your children have been undertaking this term and be able to gather useful information about their progress and attainment.

## STEM

In the summer term, KS2 children will be working on STEM activities for Science and Year 5 and 6 will be working on a further project for Computing and Technology. Thank you to our SGC member Paul Duke who has facilitated this and arranged for the resources to be sent from UK. STEM is an initiative where companies join schools to promote the profile of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths to children.

The UK is facing a national skills shortage related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Defence is playing its part within an integrated UK approach.

The Defence STEM Engagement interlinks with national initiatives from the Department for Education, and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and the devolved equivalents across the whole of the UK. Once again and with thanks to RAF colleagues, we are able to provide a top rated UK initiative.

## Are you leaving?

If you are leaving between now and the end of the summer term please call into the office for an information sheet. This will allow us to start our leaving transition programme with your child before they leave.

Information about schooling in other locations can be obtained from Children's Education Advisory Service which is a MOD department and part of Directorate of Children and Young People, they have a help line 01980 618244 and an email address [dcyp-ceas-enquiries@mod.uk](mailto:dcyp-ceas-enquiries@mod.uk)

SSAFA Social Worker can also provide advice and support around transition and how to support children in the moving process.

## 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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## Events.....

- 26th February 2018 - FS2 visit to Stanley Growers—Afternoon visit departing after eating lunch
- 27th February 2018—Enrichment Digital Animation Only and by invitation
- 27th February 2018- Stay and Play
- 1st March 2018—KS2 visit to Bertha's Beach 12:30-14:30 KS2 —coats and suitable footwear required
- 1st March 2018—Share a Story for Book Day 14:45-15:15 **parents** welcome to join their children
- 1st March 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym
- 2nd March 2018—FS1 and FS2 **parents** contributions to profiles 08:45-10:00
- 6th March 2018 - FS1 and FS2 Nature walk 09:00-12:00 —coats and suitable footwear required
- 6th March 2018—Enrichment Digital Animation Only and by invitation
- 6th March 2018- Stay and Play
- 7th March 2018—KS1 DT Morning with **parents** 08:45-10:00
- 8th March 2018 - FS1 and FS2 **parents** Mothering Sunday 'Pamper session 'in the classroom from 11am
- 8th March 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym
- 13th March 2018 - FS1 and FS2 Nature walk 09:00-12:00 —coats and suitable footwear required
- 13th March 2018—Enrichment Digital Animation Only and by invitation
- 13th March 2018- Stay and Play
- 14th March 2018—**Parents** Open Afternoon 15:15-16:00
- 15th March 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym
- 20th March 2018—Enrichment Digital Animation Only and by invitation
- 20th March 2018- Stay and Play
- 22nd March 2018— KS2 visit to Falkland Island Museum in Stanley 08:45-15:15
- 22nd March 2018—Southern Strikers 15:15-16:00 Old Gym
- 29th March 2018—**Parents** Open Gallery for RAF 100 08:45 -10:00
- 29th March 2018—Last day of term non uniform day and school closes at 13:30

## Parent Partnership

In the Autumn Term we had an amazing 14 events for parents to join in partnership with school on launch pads, information sessions, learning mornings, productions, open afternoons and consultations. This term we have 10 planned opportunities for engagement. One parent completed a comment card and said "...I have never known a school have so many opportunities for parents to see what is happening in classrooms". In addition to those numbers, we have our monthly Golden Assemblies, where we have so far seen 35 pupils receive awards and their parents attend the assembly. We also have our wonderful parent fruit cutters who are in school every morning.

I am sure that you would agree that we are not a school where children are dropped off in the morning and collected in the afternoon without a significant level of engagement with parents. In this news letter you will see our events list and those where parents are invited to school have been marked 'parents'. If you can attend, please do so as this is an opportunity to engage with your child's learning and also a time when you can speak to your child's teacher.



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## Mount Pleasant Primary School PTA

Following a meeting on Wednesday 21st February at 08:45, there is sufficient interest to start to establish a PTA. There will now be an inaugural AGM where you will elect your committee - chair, secretary, treasurer and ordinary committee members and there will be an explanation of the constitution of the PTA. The start-up group will send a letter outlining arrangements for the AGM to parents.

The committee will be responsible for the day to day running of the association. All parents, teachers and staff will be members of the Mount Pleasant School Association, and will be very welcome to join in. The PTA will decide, in consultation with the school, what events they will put on and make sure these are risk assessed by the PTA and meet any other BFSAI requirements.

After the AGM, the new committee will send a letter to all members of the school community telling you about the new group, introducing your new committee and explaining how people can get involved. They will let you know, by letter, the date of the first PTA meeting and a list of dates they intend to hold events. The establishment and running of the PTA is subject to assurances about encroachment to MOD property and confirming liability insurance requirements.

## After school enrichment and Friday afternoon enrichment activities

Thank you to each member of teaching staff who gives up their time to run afterschool and community activities.

- Mrs Deane runs stay and play
- Miss Schofield runs our School Choir and Brownies
- Mrs Eaton-Bell has run a maths club and was running hover games
- Mrs Margerison ran paper craft in the first term and is now offering digital animation
- Ms Summers helps with the football club.

Children also have access to Beavers and Cubs who, as with Rainbows and Brownies, we have worked to ensure children can access resources to gain more badges. Don't forget that the PTI team also run an activity club on Saturday morning. On Friday afternoon we offer Enrichment Activities to all children in FS2-Y6, during Golden Time. The current choice of activities includes, outdoor games, Makaton, cross stitch and art—children have access to an impressively wide range of enrichment activities over the week.

In the summer term we will run new after school Enrichment Activities including a special Hobby Craft Club for children in FS2 and KS1.

**Do you have a skill that you could share with the children afterschool one day or on Friday afternoon from 14:15? We are looking to offer additional choices in our after school activities but to do so we are looking at what you can offer. Please call into school with your offers of activities.**



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## Show Racism the Red Card

Show Racism the Red Card is an organisation that works in schools and other educational settings throughout the UK to offer a whole range of educational training, workshops, resources and activities, all designed to educate young people and adults about the causes and the consequences of racism.

I am delighted to confirm that pupils in KS1 and KS2 will be able to experience a day each with Show Racism the Red Card during the week of 23rd April when we will be visited by Francis Duku and Shona Tabeth Chitate-Samuriwo.

The main workshop aims are:

- To educate young people about the causes and consequences of racism and to explore the various forms racism can take.
- To empower young people to challenge racism in the communities in which they live, providing them with relevant knowledge and information to enable them to do this.
- To help young people prepare to play an active role as citizens in an increasingly multi-cultural society.
- To enable young people to develop good relationships and respect the differences between people, regardless of their ethnicity, faith, culture or nationality.
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Key Stage Two children will also enjoy a 'Football and Fitness' session. The sessions puts an emphasis on teamwork and supporting each other and prizes are given out for enthusiasm and participation.

This opportunity is being made available to all MOD Schools and is funded centrally by MOD Directorate of Children and Young People.

# SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

## Easter Egg Hunt

The 3rd Annual Mount Pleasant School Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Friday 23rd March starting at 15:15.

The cost per child will be £2.00 to be paid to the school office in advance. All children must be accompanied by an adult to stay and take part in the Hunt. The Easter Bunny will be leaving a special prize for those who complete the hunt.

Please return the reply slip to the office by Friday 16th March 2018.



### Easter Egg Hunt

I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the Easter Egg Hunt.

An adult will take responsibility for my child at the event.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_