



Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Staying Healthy

Schools and nurseries are common sites for transmission of infections. Micro-organisms such as bacteria, viruses and fungi are everywhere and commonly do not cause infection (and can even be beneficial). However, some do cause infection resulting in symptoms such as fever and sickness. Many diseases can spread before the individual shows any symptoms at all (during the infectious period). For example a pupil with chickenpox is infectious to others 1 to 2 days before the rash appears

Infection prevention and control measures aim to interrupt the cycle of infection by promoting the routine use of good standards of hygiene so that transmission of infection is reduced overall. This is usually through:

- good hand washing
- making sure the environment is kept clean

Prompt exclusion is essential to preventing the spread of infection in childhood settings, and a procedure for contacting parents or carers when children become ill at school is in place.

When pupils are suffering from infectious diseases they should be excluded from school on medical grounds for the minimum period recommended.

With this newsletter I have printed the exclusion table from Public Health England which applies to schools and child care settings.

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

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.....

- 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
- 7th March 2018—KS1 Visit to the Fire Station—13:30-14:45
- 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
- 9th March 2018—Pupils bread making day with the Mess Kitchens
- 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

EASTER BREAK

- 17th April 2018—First Day of the new term.
- 24th and 25th April 2018 -Show Racism the Red Card
- 14th—18th May 2018—KS2 Test Week
- 11th—14th June 2018—Music Week with visiting Music Teacher Jon Kille

Parent Partnership Opportunities next week...

- 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

Open Afternoon

The correct time of the open afternoon on 14th March is **15:15-16:00**. This is an opportunity to look at the learning in pupil books and have a chat with the class teacher.

As an introductory activity, the parents who attended the PTA start up meeting will be offering refreshment in the school hall along with time to talk about how you can be elected to the position of Chair, Secretary or Treasurer of the group. Any member of the school community can be elected to these positions and I would encourage you to consider this. Committee members will require a DBS check and to attend Safeguarding training.



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World Book Day

Thank you to our four readers who were Mr Crofts, Mrs France, Mrs Hayward and Mrs Wilbond who read to the children to celebrate world book day. The children were able to enjoy a range of stories during the afternoon and it was pleasing to see parents taking part in the sessions too. Children moved between the hall, Reading Nook, Reading Den and the KS1 classroom to enjoy stories in new settings.

Looking ahead to the end of the school year, we will hold our 3rd Annual Arts Week, at this time there is no fixed theme as we are currently consulting with pupils to find out what they would be interested in. In the first year we held a very successful Shakespeare Festival and last year we celebrated the work of Roald Dahl—with books, music, art and more!

I have a few World Book Day coupons left, if you are able to use the coupon in a shop in the UK before 25th March then please call in and ask me for one.

Would you like to star on BFBS?

Pupils in Upper KS2 have been offered the opportunity to make their own news reports about Mount Pleasant School which will be recorded and hopefully played out on BFBS. Mark Humphries (the current breakfast presenter on BFBS) visited school earlier in the week and launched this exciting competition with our Year 5 and Year 6 children.

In the next half term, children in KS2 will write short news reports which will be submitted to Mark to select for children to attend the BFBS studio to record their report. Mark will also work with the children to edit the report as well as putting music and special effects sounds on. Living in the Falkland Islands presents opportunities which would be hard to find in UK, and this close working with our local community radio station is an example of community engagement at Mount Pleasant School.

Mark also invited all the children to call his breakfast programme on telephone number 5678 with a choice of music which he will try to play on his morning show.

Thank you

Thank you to Commander Dawson QHM, who gave out certificates at Golden Assembly; Bill is currently Vice Chair of the SGC. He will be leaving BFSAI this year and we will be saddened to lose such a strong supporter of school, but wish him well for the future.



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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.

Key Stage Two children will also enjoy a 'Football and Fitness' session. The sessions puts an emphasis on teamwork and supporting each other; 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: _____