



Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Cold Weather

The cold weather has arrived at Mount Pleasant. The Foundation Stage curriculum expects that children will spend significant amounts of time learning outdoors, as a result we take children out of the classroom on most days. Thank you for ensuring the children have continued to enjoy this time by sending them in with their hats, gloves and coats.

Children in KS1 and KS2 also play outside for about 10 mins in the morning and up to 20 mins at lunch time. We always encourage them to wear any items that have been sent in from home—please keep sending the children in with hats, gloves and coats. I have been here for three years and the current weather certainly feels colder than in any previous year.

In the event that the school should have to delay opening as a result of a heavy over night snow fall or dangerous patches of ice, we will make an announcement on BFBS just after the

Whole School Photograph

Our whole school photograph will be taken on Monday 21st May. We will take the children by coach to the air terminal and return to school after the photograph has been taken. If your child is not normally in school on Monday morning please bring them to the air terminal at 09:20 and join us so they can be part of the photograph. We plan to sell the photograph with all the proceeds going to our 'There but not there' fund.

Events.....

21st May—Whole School Photograph

24th May—KS2 visit to the Falkland Island Power Station and Stanley Museum

30th May - Miss Schofield's class please wear your superhero costumes to school

31st May—EYU and FS **Parents** to contribute to profiles

31st May—RAF 100 Baton Relay—all children to be collected from the Goddard Room in the WOSM at 15:15

1st June—SRE information event for **Parents**.

11th—14th June 2018—Music Week with visiting Music Teacher Jon Kille

14th June 2018—2nd Annual Mount Pleasant School Eisteddfod **Parents**

18th July 2018—**Parents** Open Evening

26th July 2018—Last day in school and close at 13:15

30th August 2018—First day of the new school year

7th September 2018—Launch Pad

Safeguarding

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

A message from the school council—

There but not there

The School Council, and all children in KS1 and KS2, were asked if they would like to raise money to purchase a 'There but not there' soldier. This is an initiative to commemorate the end of World War 1 and is being publicised extensively in the UK.

"The poppies at the Tower of London captured the start of the national WWI commemoration - 'There But Not there' will be the abiding concluding image." General the Lord Dannatt GCB CBE MC DL Patron of 'There but no there'.

The purchase of a 6 foot 'Tommy' will contribute to:

- The Royal Foundation - Changing the national conversation on mental health and wellbeing.
- The Commonwealth War Graves Foundation - highlighting the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, funding education and activities to capture the public imagination and commemorating the sacrifices made.
- Walking With The Wounded - Supporting our wounded into work
- Combat Stress - treating Veterans suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) Depression and Anxiety
- Help for Heroes - Supporting those affected by their time in the Armed Forces and their loved ones, to help them reach their potential and live fulfilling lives.
- Project Equinox: Housing Veterans and Medical Students - Plymouth University project to create sheltered housing for 40 single veterans.

Each 'Tommy' comes at the cost of £750 and ours will be set in the grounds of the new school. This works out at £15 per pupil in school for one 'Tommy' and to set us on our way the children have requested the following events:

- 25th May Non Uniform Friday—£1 per child
- 31st May RAF 100 Baton Relay—Sponsorship form to be sent home
- 14th June Raffle at the school Eisteddfod—£5 per ticket
- 22nd June Non Uniform Friday—£1 per child

The School Council are also installing a £1 Tommy in the school entrance hall. Please save any £1 coins you may have and these will be attached to the Tommy. I am aware that a number of families will be leaving us over the summer break but this would be a contribution to a lasting tribute to all those who work for our armed forces. Anyone who would like to make a cash donation is also welcome to bring cash to school in an envelope addressed to 'There but not there'.





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Visit to Stanley Power Station and Falkland Island Museum

As part of the Mount Pleasant School curriculum, we will be taking all of KS2 to the Power Station in Stanley and the Falkland Island Museum on Thursday 24th May for the full day.

They will travel to and from Stanley by Falkland Island Travel coach and will be accompanied by Mount Pleasant School Staff for the whole day. The coach will depart just after 08:45 and will return in time for the end of the school day at 15:15.

Children will wear their school uniform and will require coats, hats and gloves to keep warm when walking in Stanley. All children who have already booked a school lunch on the day will be provided with a packed lunch. Please provide a packed lunch if you would normally do so on this day.

FS1 Full day Friday

If your child is starting full time FS2 in September you will have received a separate letter offering additional transition support.

FS1 and FS2 Class

Miss Schofield will be away from Mount Pleasant for a few days. Over this time Mrs Shazell will be teaching and will be supported by Mrs Kelley; we are very lucky to have such a well qualified staff team. Rather than have an outside supply teacher, we are able to use qualified staff who already know the children and the routines well.

RAF Baton Relay

All children who attend school, EYU—Y6, will take part on Thursday 31st May, in the RAF 100 Baton Relay. This will take place in the corridor between the WOSM and 12 Fac—please come to support the children. As the replay is at the end of the school day all children will require collection from the Goddard Room at 15:15.

As part of our 'There but not there' campaign we will be asking each child to bring home a sponsor form. This is sponsorship for taking part in the event rather than for a number of laps. Please consider giving generously to this project as the children are excited to be raising money for this cause and the whole school looks forward to receiving the 6ft 'Tommy' to install in the grounds of the new school site.