



Mount Pleasant Extra!

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Welcome

We have seen every weather season this week: the weather at collection time on Tuesday was the worst we have seen it at that time for a number of years. Should the weather be like that again, please, as you did on Tuesday, use the entrance hall as a shelter. We are looking forward to a better spring and summer!

It was good to see so many parents at our launch pad this morning: I am sure you enjoyed seeing your children learning in their classrooms and finding out more about (their teacher and) the curriculum for this term. We have very much enjoyed the start of term and look forward to working together as a learning community.

Our temporary Foundation Stage Teacher, Mrs Liz Bradbury, is booked on the Air bridge for Wednesday 26th September and children will be taught in a Foundation Stage One and Foundation Stage Two class from Monday 1st October. Mrs Bradbury will be with us until the end of the term in December.

We would very much welcome anyone who wishes to volunteer in school for fruit cutting or reading, we would also be interested in anyone who has a special art or craft skill which they would like to share with the children on either Tuesday afternoon (15:05-16:00) or Friday afternoon (14:15-15:00).

Finally, we are planning to run a second hand uniform shop. We will sell good quality second hand branded uniform you may have that your children have outgrown. School will make a £0.50 charge for each item sold. If you have any items please bring them to the school office by 12th September and we will produce a list of what is available for the newsletter on 14th September.

Current Pre-used prices

Jumpers £6.00

T-shirts £2.50

Hoodies £6.00

Fleece coats £6.00

As always, if you would like to talk to any of us, call into the school office who will be able to assist you.

Gary Margerison—Head Teacher



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School Uniform

Thank you for your continued support of our uniform policy. Mount Pleasant School has a full uniform policy which supports our learning values and our work on building a learning community.

Daily uniform (FS1-Y6)

School jumper—uniform shop Required, White polo shirt, School Fleece—uniform shop Optional, Grey trousers/ skirt - self purchase Required, Sturdy black school shoes—self purchase Required

PE Kit (FS2-Y6)

Burgundy T-shirt—uniform shop or self source Required, Burgundy (School) Hoody (PE use only)- uniform shop or self source Optional, Blue or Black Jogging bottoms - self source Required, Blue or Black Shorts—uniform shop or self purchase Optional, Trainers or plimsolls- self source Required.

Swimming Kit (FS2-Y6)

One piece swimsuit- girls- self source Required, Swimming trunks (not baggy swim shorts)- boys- self source Required, Swim cap for children with long hair- self source Required, Towel- self source Required, Goggles- self source Optional but permitted in swimming lessons.

Other items

School book bag- uniform shop Required (FS1-Y2), School PE bag- uniform shop or self source, School Baseball cap—uniform shop Optional, School Hi Viz—uniform shop Optional

Uniform Shop—please note we do not sell uniform in school, please visit www.initiallyyours.co.uk

School Governance Committee

MOD Schools do not have a governing body with the same powers as those in England. MOD are the employing body and have responsibility for Mount Pleasant School. Locally there is a School Governance Committee (SGC). The SGC has a critical role in ensuring positive outcomes for pupils in school by working closely with the senior leadership team (SLT) in agreeing priorities for improvement, ensuring accountability, and monitoring and evaluating school performance. The SGC acts in the best interests of all pupils in the school, focussed by the question, 'What difference will this make to the pupils in the school?'. Kat Barnes (COFISU) is the SGC Chair for Mount Pleasant School. We are also lucky to have an active parent rep—Fergie Cliff who can be contacted by any parent for a chat about school.

Class Arrangements FS1 and FS2

From 1st October we will open our Foundation Stage 1 and Foundation Stage 2 (Reception) class in the Foundation Stage classroom. Liz Bradbury will be teaching between 1st October and the December holidays. Children in FS2 will be in school between 08:50 and 15:05 and children in FS1 will be in school from 08:50-12:00 (or 13:00). At the start and end of the school day, children should be taken to /picked up from the Foundation Stage Classroom.

After the move of class room, children in FS1 will continue to have time with Mrs Deane and Mrs Brownlee-Pinkerton and those in FS2 will continue to have Mrs Shazell who will move from the Year 1 and 2 classroom to the Foundation Stage room.

From 1st October, children in FS2 will continue to have a PE lesson on Monday and swimming on Tuesday.



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School Council—notice for all children in school

Mount Pleasant School Council 2018/19

A note to candidates:

All candidates for Mount Pleasant School Council will be required to give a short speech about themselves during the assembly on 13th September.

This speech should be a maximum of 60 seconds long (but can be less) and should cover such topics as your positive qualities and what you will bring to the role.

What are you like as a person?

How will you help the School Council to be amazing?

You may write down what you wish to say and read it out or choose to speak without any notes.

After the speeches, there will be a vote to elect the candidates for Mount Pleasant School Council 2018/19 who will take an active role in the decision making process for issues which effect all pupils in school..



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Events.....

11th September— **First Swimming lesson for FS2—Year 6**

11th September—Enrichment session 1: 15:05-16:00

22nd—26th October—Half Term

7th November—Parents Open Evening: 15:15-17:15

6th December—Christmas Production TBC

7th December—End of term 13:15

A request for help

We are looking for a group of parents who will be able to repair our poly tunnel. We had planned that we would not be using it this year but, as we will not be moving to the new school site for some considerable time, we would like to continue to make use of it. If you are able to spare a couple of hours to help repair the covering please let the office know.

Volunteers

To continue to provide fruit at break times to children throughout the school, we require some parents to assist in cutting and preparing fruit. This takes about 15 mins at the start of the school day and any volunteers would only be asked to do this on one morning each week.

Should no new volunteers come forward, we will only be able to provide fruit to FS2 and KS1, which are the year groups entitled to the provision of free fruit.

Parent readers

Any parent who can spare some time each week to hear children read, please call in to the school office. We are looking for some parents to support the school by providing reading assistance to children across the school. We would also like to set up a school Book Club one lunch time each month—would you like to lead this for us?