



Mount Pleasant Extra!

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A busy week...

Thank you to everyone who made it to school for our Launch Pad last Friday morning, it was lovely to see so many parents and children learning together and enjoying the morning. The children enjoyed their forest school session later in the day and I know many of you had to make use of your washing machines that evening!

Last week, we also had a very good STEM day in KS1 and KS2. For those who may not have experienced STEM work before, these are activities with a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Over the year, we will hold more STEM events and children will be taking part in activities which challenge them to work as a team to solve problems or investigate ideas.

This week, we held an Air Safety and FOD talk: thank you to the air safety team for organizing both of these. If you have an area of work that could contribute to our school learning, by either presenting in school or a visit, please call the school office for a chat. In addition, the PTA have been in school this week to get together the school tea-towel which is a collage of self-portraits of children and staff, Mrs Entwistle will write to you shortly with more details. I am sure everyone will want (at least) one as a memento of Mount Pleasant School.

Finally, a plea from all the teaching staff: if you have not already sent in a maths and English book for your child from your previous school please arrange to do so as soon as possible. This is one way we can make comparisons on levels of attainment as stated by the previous school and those we expect at Mount Pleasant. We aim high for all pupils and want to make sure that all are working to their full potential.

Gary Margerison—Head Teacher

Value of the Month

Respect

Each month we focus on one of our 12 values. Children will discuss these in assemblies, class time and as prompts for recognition of good attitudes and behavior.



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New School visit 10th October 2019

School for FS1 to Year 6 will take place for the first hour at our new site. Children should be brought to the new school at the start of the day. They will be met at **08:45** at the main school door and shown into school. After we have completed the visit the children will walk back to school.

I would like to invite parents with children in Nursery with Mrs Deane to come to the new school site with your children at **14:00** when we will show you the new Nursery setting and explain how you and your children will access the site in the morning and at your pick up time.

Finally, there will be a meeting for all parents of children FS1-Year 6 at **18:00** in the new school. This will be a tour of the school and an explanation of the pick up and drop off arrangements that we will be starting the school with. These may change and adapt as the school opens and develops.

New School Opening Day

We will start teaching at the new site on Monday 28th October. All children will start school that morning at 08:45. More information about entry and exit from the school site will be given at the meeting on the 10th October.

At this stage, it is important to note that the school has a 'walk to school strategy' and as a result there is **no vehicle access to the site from 08:30-09:00 and 14:45-15:15 each day, for the safety of everyone**, thank you for not accessing the site with a vehicle between those times. There is a bike shed to one side of the building which can be used to store bikes and scooters during the school day.



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Events.....

17th September—First Enrichment 15:05-16:00

14th—25th October—Half Term (Two weeks)

10th October—New School visit for FS1-Y6 children 08:45

10th October—New School visit for Nursery (Mrs Deane) children and parents 14:00

10th October—New School visit for FS1-Y6 parents at 18:00

6th November—Parents Open Evening: 15:15-17:00

Volunteers

Thank you to those people who have already come forward to help. We are pleased to be able to offer fruit, free of charge, for all children throughout the school. 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.

Parent readers

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

Key Stage One Pupils—a request

Mrs Margerison would like the pupils in Key Stage One to bring to school something that is special to them. It can be anything such as a photo, ornament, souvenir from a holiday, medal etc...This is for their RE lesson and will be part of work on Belonging. These items should be brought in on Monday 16th for the lesson that afternoon.