



# Mount Pleasant Extra!

**Newsletter**  
**3rd July 2020**

**We have a lot of information to share with you this week...**

## **Staffing**

We are pleased to confirm the staffing structure for September with you:

EYFS Louise Deane—Nursery Manager

Jan Ryan—LSA Support

Y1/2 Gemma Sear—Teacher

Y3/4 Helen Hughes—Teacher

Y5/6 Jon Deane—Teacher

Luke Smith—FS1/FS2 Teacher

Sharon Hart—LSA Support

Kate Harris / Elena Clark—LSA Support

Bernie Pummell—LSA Support

Helen Becher Esther Sancho—LSA Support

## **School Organisation**

Due to the allocation of children across the year groups in September 20, we have adapted the use of some rooms across school:

- We will have 4 main classrooms, for EYFS, Y1/2, Y3/4, Y5/6
- Each Key Stage will have a dedicated intervention room, to provide additional space for teaching and learning and for interventions. This will also support successful teaching and learning within mixed age classes
- Our library has been relocated and will be integrated into a Resource Room / KS2 Intervention Room, with timetabled access for EYFS / KS1.
- The Hall will continue to host a variety of activities such as Morning Club, Assemblies and Lunchtime.

These moves have been undertaken before the end of term so that children who are returning in September can see where their new classrooms will be. As we are unable to undertake normal transition activities, this will form an important support for transition.

## **Transition**

Although we are unable to undertake all our normal transition activities with the children, transition is still being addressed throughout school:

- Regular PSHE sessions are focusing on change and new beginnings, and addressing the specific needs of classes and individual children
- Transition for children moving school is being supported by staff within each class
- Teachers are undertaking transition discussions, in advance of September
- Room changes have been completed to allow children the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the September layout

Through joint activities such as swimming, forest school, assemblies, lunch and break times, our staff and children know each other well. They will be able to build upon these relationships in September, to help them settle in swiftly. As a small school, with a family feel, we will also be able to swiftly identify and support any transition concerns.

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#### Leavers

Soon it will be time to say goodbye to some of our children. Due to our current restrictions, our leaving assemblies will have to be undertaken within each class and, unfortunately, parents will be unable to attend. All staff will work hard to ensure that our leavers feel valued and that their time here is celebrated with their classmates and teachers.

#### End of Year Reports

Your child will receive their end of year report on Friday 17th July. Following Government guidance, the reports will look a bit different this year. I will send a letter out, alongside the report, explaining the format. We feel very fortunate to be reopen, to be working with the children in person and to be able to provide an up-to-date report in these times.

#### School Nurse / Health Visitor in school

The School Nurse and Health Visitor will be in school on **Monday 6th July**. They will provide vaccinations in the morning and be available for drop-ins from 14–15.00 during the afternoon. The School Nurse will contact parents directly regarding vaccinations.

#### Staff Leave

I have liaised with DCYP, BFAI and the SGC to find a solution to ensure that my teaching staff are able to take their summer leave entitlement. Following a challenging and unrelenting few months, it is imperative that staff take sufficient UK leave in order to rest and recuperate. In order to meet isolation requirements, and to ensure that appropriately qualified staff are in place to cover, we have split leave travel into 2 groups.

Mr Smith, Miss Sear, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Brown will fly on 12th July, returning on 14th August to quarantine. They will be in school to welcome children back on 2nd September, as planned.

Mrs Deane, Mrs Summers and Mr Deane will remain in school until the planned last day of term, 23rd July., to say goodbye to the children. They will fly on 26th July, returning on 28th August to quarantine and will be back in school on 14th September.

Please note that when your child's teacher is on leave during term time the class will be taught by another teacher, or equivalent, in accordance with UK Government guidelines. Plans have been put in place to ensure that all classes maintain output and that the quality of education for all children remains consistent.

#### Measures and Guidelines

I continue to liaise with DCYP, who are liaising with the TUs in the UK, with regard to the measures and guidelines that we have in place in school. Please be assured that these discussions are ongoing and we are working hard to ensure that school can reopen in September with limited, or no, restrictions. We will keep you informed.

Thank you for the support you continue to show school, especially during these unprecedented times. I look forward to us continuing to move forward, towards a 'new normal'.

**Have a good weekend!**

**Louise Brown**