

Mount Pleasant Extra!

Newsletter
13. 11.2020

Dear Parents/carers

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent consultation meetings on Wednesday. Staff had really positive feedback which is always a pleasure to hear and we hope that you enjoyed finding out how your children are progressing.

Remembrance

On Wednesday children throughout school observed a 2 minute silence ~ a gentle way to introduce the concept of remembrance and talk about how we remember those who we have lost.



School Photograph

We hope that you were all pleased with the wonderful whole school photograph.

The 'Print Shop' in Stanley have offered to print hard copies of the photograph using A3 width photographic paper.

The cost per photograph will be £5.95

If you would like to order copies of the photograph please complete the slip below and return it to the school office with your payment by Friday 20th November.

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I would like to order copies of the school photograph at a cost of £5.95 each

And I enclose my payment of £ (cash only please)

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Should I be worried, I'm seeing spots?

You can see that everyone has loved wearing their spotty clothes today and thanks for all donations made.





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Math's week mentions

There have been numbers everywhere this week and some outstanding mathematicians who must be mentioned for their effort and achievement:

Dillon Scott, Merrilees Belcher, Lara Chohan, Poppy Deane, Morgan Scott, Seren Scott, Logan Keenahan.

Mr Deane's special 'Awesome Award'

This week goes to Henry Belcher who has caught the 'numbers bug' and can't get enough maths homework, he's asking for more maths work at home just because he loves to do it.

Now we know who to ask when we have some tricky sums to do!

HEAD TEACHER'S awards this week go to:

All the children in our Early Years, that's: **Emelia Joel, Catherine Bates, Willow Keenahan, Tilly Pummell and Felicity Bale** ~ well done for setting a wonderful example for others to follow in the hall at lunchtimes, you are super stars!

The following children have all had a great week showing all round **enthusiasm, effort, kindness for each other and a 'can do' attitude** ~ brilliant, keep it up you have been amazing!

Isabelle Allen, Poppy Deane, Alice France, Matthew Brown, Poppy Bale and Shishir Gurung.

Last but not least, **Charlie Dunn** who has worked hard in maths and made fantastic progress ~ great job!

Thank you to all!

Enjoy a very pleasant weekend!

From all of us at Mount Pleasant School.



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Message from the Chair of the SGC

DCYP/MOD SCHOOL LEAVE POLICY - CLARIFICATION

The School Governors Committee (SGC) has engaged directly with the Directorate of Children and Young People (DCYP) /MOD Schools to understand their staff leave policy following the note in last week's newsletter. The arrangements made by the staff, with the agreement of the Head Teacher and DCYP is in line with their policy, which is specific to the ongoing pandemic. Whilst the Falklands is not affected to the same extent as elsewhere, the effects of the global pandemic are still felt by many.

DCYP/MOD Schools adopt a three Cs principle to leave arrangements during the pandemic of: Compassion, Collegiate, Contingency. Usually teachers can only take their holidays in the school holiday dates, and DCYP policy is clear that they do not formally authorise leave in term time. However, in the policy they are currently applying the 'three C's'.

- Compassion: in this situation is clear, allowing dispersed families to spend time together and with their extended welfare network in the UK. Welfare of staff is as an important consideration.
- Collegiate: responsibility has been discussed in school as has any burden on remaining staff, the school are planning for the sort of activities and learning experiences that are fitting to the period of the year while providing learning.
- Contingency: has been well planned for by Mandy and the Mount Pleasant team, this is something that happens every day and certainly when dealing with the South Atlantic Air-bridge.

It should also be noted that staff worked throughout the lockdown to support children in home learning, and staff gave up much of their Easter and the whole of their Spring Half Term holiday to keep school open and to provide as much education time as possible. This resulted in a move of 5 days' holiday from 2019-2020 to 2020-2021 and staff are using these 5 days as part of their holidays over Christmas. Further, leave was planned to limit the days teachers would be away from the start of the Spring term instead taking leave at the end of the Autumn term.

In addition to providing a strategic overview, acting as a critical friend and ensuring accountability, the SGC body provides various levels of support to the School Staff and Management. The SGC can be contacted by email MPS.SGC@modschoools.org