

# Mount Pleasant Extra!

Newsletter  
2nd September 2022

## Dear parents

It has been lovely to welcome new and old families back to our unique school and seeing the children settling into their new classrooms and enjoying their learning. A great start to the new school year!

Below I have shared a few of the words and phrases that the children thought of at the end of last term to describe Mount Pleasant School. We will be looking at these further as we work to revise the school vision in line with our revised seven values. The staff team will work on this next and then share our thoughts with parents and the School Governance Committee to ensure that we all own the vision for our school.

Welcoming Fabulous and friendly Caring  
Magnificent Inspiring Unique with excellent trips

**In Plover Class:** The children have settled in well and have had a great time discovering fun things to do in the classroom as well as outside. They have also been learning new routines. We practised making big circles and painted self-portraits.



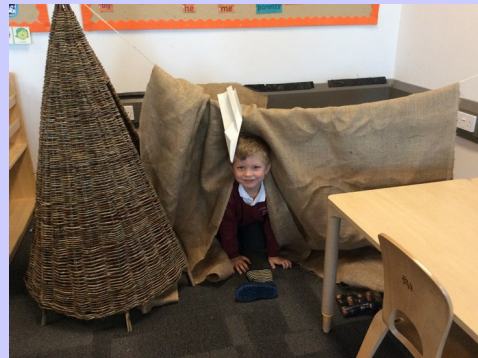
**In Albatross Class:** Welcome back to a new school year to all the children in Albatross Class. All the children have settled well and have had a busy week.

Our theme for this half term is 'Friendship and Animals'. We have had fun this week exploring the inside and outside areas. We have looked at, talked about and painted our own albatross paintings.

Our book focus this week has been 'Mr Big'. Please check Tapestry for 'observations' and 'memos' about our day.



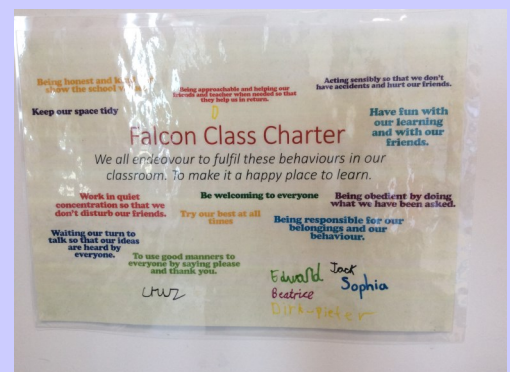
**In Caracara Class:** What a fantastic first week in Caracara Class! The children have been focusing on their new book for English 'Paper Planes'. We've role-played in the den, as the children do in the book; we've made paper aeroplanes; written amazing sentences using conjunctions 'and' or 'because' and made predictions about what will happen next in the story. The book has also made us think a little about our History topic 'Keeping In Touch'. In Science we have begun to look at everyday materials and we discussed man-made and natural materials. In maths, we have been focusing on place value and number knowledge. Such a busy week!



## In Falcon Class:

What a lovely start to the new school year we have had. It has been a pleasure to welcome the new members of Falcons Class as well as welcome back the old. The week has been spent learning and creating the class rules with a focus on what will make our classroom a happy place to be and a calm place to learn. The children have started to recap their prior learning of place value in readiness for the new year curriculum and have started discussing their new class text, Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd Stanton.

Falcon Class homework this year will be distributed on Friday with a return expected by the following Wednesday. Homework will be reading daily with parents and carers, practising times tables so that the children can fluently recall the facts and SPAG and maths work will be issued where necessary. The children have all been given log-ins to Edshed which is used daily in class for spelling practice and a copy of their login can be found in the front cover of your child's reading diary in case they wish to practise at home too. PE for Falcons will be on Monday afternoons and will be taken with Meadowlark class.



## In Meadowlark Class:

Welcome everyone to Year 5 and 6 Meadowlark. It was great this week to see all the smiling faces in the playground at the beginning of the new academic year. We had a lot of fun this week, getting to know each other and starting with our classroom routines.



In Maths, we looked at place value and ordering numbers up to 10 000 000. We also started our topic this term on the 2nd WW; our novel for the next few weeks will be *Rose Blanche*, a story about a courageous girl who stood up for her beliefs and helped people during the war.

We also discussed our classroom rules and set personal goals for this year, from playing outside more to developing stamina in swimming!

## Housekeeping and homework:

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned to school on a Wednesday.

P.E. is on a Monday afternoon - please ensure that your child comes to school with their kit in a bag with appropriate footwear and a water bottle.

A weekly spelling test will take place on a Friday.

Reading - Please ensure that your child reads daily at home.

Tackling tables - I know that data is super expensive but please allow your child to practice their time-tables online for a few sessions a week.

EdShed - your child has a login to practice their weekly spellings at home. A spelling booklet will also be provided for your child to practice their spellings at home.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about your child's learning or have any other questions.

Mr Blom



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#### **Join Us in Learning/Launchpad Friday 9th September at 9:45-10:30.**

The first join your child in school session will be on Friday 9th September at 9:45-10:30. This session is open to all classes from Plover through to Meadowlark Class.

In KS1 & 2 the focus of this session will be slightly different than in previous Launchpads, as we will have more of focus on English and Maths. We thought this would be useful for parents to see learning in these areas, so they can support their children with their homework. The class overviews of the terms learning will also be shared.

#### **Swimming:**

Children in FS2—Year 6 will be swimming on Friday afternoons, as soon as the pool re-opens. A letter from Mrs Grindlay who is our qualified swimming teacher is attached to the same email at this newsletter. Please complete this and return to school as soon as possible. KS2 will be going down to the pool together for 1 hour and FS2 and KS1 for another hour. The children will be bused to and from the pool and will be back at school for the end of the day.

#### **Dates for your Diary until Easter**

- Friday 9th September - Join your child in Learning/Launchpad - 09:45-10:30
- Tuesday 13th September - Clubs Start - 1505-1600 (details to follow)
- Wednesday 12th October - Parents Evening - 1515-1715
- Thursday 13th October - Parents Evening - 1600-1800
- Monday 17th October - Friday 21st October Half Term
- Monday 17th October - Inset day for teachers
- Friday 11th November Remembrance - Event & Timings to be confirmed
- Friday 18th November - Children in Need - Events TBC
- Friday 18th November - Join your child in Celebrating their learning timings TBC
- Monday 28th November - Christmas Decorations that we have made hanging on tree Event at 1415
- Friday 2nd December - Christmas Production at 1400
- Wednesday 7th December - Christingle in the school hall at 1415
- Thursday 8th December - School Finishes at 1300
- Tuesday 3rd December - School starts for children
- Thursday 12th January - Join your child in Learning/Launchpad at 1415
- Friday 20th January - Sports Afternoon for FS2 - Year 6 - 1330
- Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February - Half Term
- Thursday 2nd March World Book Day - details TBC
- Thursday 9th March - Celebration of Learning class events at 1415
- Wednesday 29th March - Parents Evening 1515-1715
- Thursday 30th March - Parents Evening - 1600-1800
- Thursday 6th April - School Finishes at 1300
- Tuesday 25th April - School Starts for children