



Mount Pleasant Extra!

Newsletter
10th January 2025

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a relaxing and peaceful holiday, enjoyed Christmas without overindulging too much and have made a good start to 2025.

They say things come in 3's ...

The start of a new year, a new school term and a new Headteacher!

It still sounds a little strange to me to say that, however, that said, I am truly excited and looking forward to this new adventure that we have now started together.

Thankyou to all of you who have been kind enough to offer a few words of congratulation and encouragement, it really means a lot to me to know that I and Mount Pleasant School, have the support and backing of so many wonderful parents.

As we start our new term, we will be aiming to introduce a few changes to make our school a place where we see more of each other as we work together to help all of our children thrive and shine.

To begin with, if at any time you need to speak to me, my door will be open but there may be times when you need to make an appointment due to teaching commitments. Please check with the school office.

I hope the new newsletter is useful to you and gives you a flavour of things to come.

For now, let's all enjoy a great term!

Welcome to our new Learning Support Assistant

We are delighted to give a warm welcome to our new LSA, Mrs Goatham, who joined our team this week. Mrs Goatham will be working with Commerson class to provide greater continuity to our EYFS/KS1 provision.

The children are already enjoying getting to know her and we have no doubt that Mrs Goatham is going to be a valuable addition to the team.

Golden Assembly

At the end of each half-term, we will be holding a special assembly to celebrate and share examples of outstanding achievement, effort and contribution to school life. Children who have earned a special mention will be chosen by their teacher to receive a Golden Certificate and we will invite you into school to share the special moment with your child.

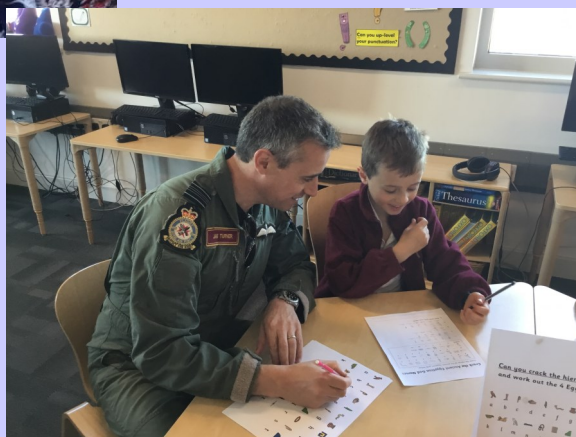
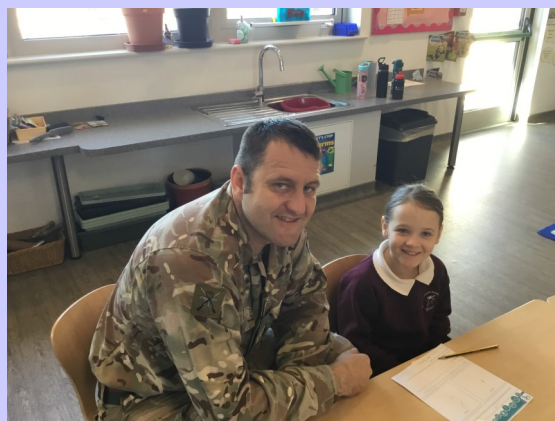
We hope to be seeing many (ALL!) of you joining us as the year progresses.



Launchpad

A big thankyou to all parents who joined us in school today for our launchpad morning. It's always fantastic to see the children so engaged, filled with excitement and enjoying the start of their learning journey ~ although we're not sure who was the more excited, children or parents! Either way, we all had fun!

We're already looking forward to finding out what will be achieved in the coming weeks, and being able to share some of our 'wow' moments with you as the weeks go by.





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Parent readers

We're hoping to find a few parents who would like to volunteer a small amount of their time to come into school, on a regular basis and read to a class at the end of the day.

Our first parent reader made a start this week, reading a story to Commerson class on Friday afternoon. It was officially a big success and so we must say a big thankyou to Mrs Turner for leading the way and giving her time.

If you would like to read to our children for about 15 minutes at the end of a day, please get in touch via the school office.

Timetable for P.E., music and library

	Library	Indoor and outdoor P.E.	Music
	Return your library books	Sports kit needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shorts• T-shirt• Joggers• Hoodie• Trainers	Bring in your ukuleles
Commerson Class EYFS & KS1	Wednesday	Friday	Friday
Orca Class KS2	Friday	Friday	Friday

We'll send P.E. kits home on Friday for washing.

Homework

Orca class homework is due back in every Thursday please.

Commerson Class Educational Visit

How lucky we are to have access to the MOD environment to enrich our curriculum. On Friday 17th January, children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 will be making an educational visit to the SARS Helicopter as they learn more about the people who help us in emergencies. The visit will be taking place during the morning and children will be back in school for lunch. Please make sure your child has applied sun cream for the day, has a suitable outdoor coat and appropriate shoes.

Stay and Play

In the coming weeks we intend to introduce 'Stay and Play' sessions for children aged 2 to 3 years old. The sessions will provide parents the opportunity to spend time in school with their child whilst they play and interact with other children of a similar age.

Please contact the school office to register your interest and once we are able to, we will provide more details.



Food Allergies and Intolerances

A reminder to all parents to kindly keep us up-to-date and let us know if your child has any diagnosed food allergy or food intolerance.

A polite reminder that we are a nut-free school. If sending a packed lunch from home, please make sure that it does not contain nuts.

Thank you.

School Lunch Update

Whether ordering a hot meal or cold sandwich, all children will be offered the daily accompaniments.

Children who order a sandwich will no longer receive a biscuit, but will be offered the daily desert—fruit or yoghurt and once-weekly a muffin.

History Boxes

This week, the children were overjoyed to open the new history artefact boxes! It is difficult for children to visit a range of World History museums whilst living here, so this is a great way to bring artefacts into the classroom. The range of artefacts will enable children to use enquiry questioning skills which will help them to develop their learning about what it was like to live in different periods of time in history. None of this would have been possible without the generous grant from the BFBS Welfare Fund. A big thank you needs to go out to Neil Moore, BFBS Manager, who helped us to obtain the grant of £1500.



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Dates for your Diary

Further dates will be added to the newsletter as events are arranged.

- **Friday 17th January - Visit to SARS (FS2 and KS1)**
- **Week commencing 20th January - FS2 to Y6 visit to Typhoons**
- **Friday 07th February - 14:00 to 15:00 Sports Day to be held in Tumbledown Gym, all parents welcome.**
- **Friday February 21st - Last day of half-term**
- **February 24th to 28th - School closed half-term break**
- **Monday March 03rd - School re-opens**

Term time and holiday dates for the academic year 2024-25 can be found on the school website.

~ The Mount Pleasant Team wish you a wonderful weekend ~