

Mount Pleasant Primary School

Parent Newsletter 27th May 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Once again, we have had a very busy half term with many exciting events taking place in and out of school, such as Year 1 visiting Ledston Estate and having an exciting day with African Drumming workshops. Nursery and Reception children have had fun watching their eggs hatch and looking after all the lovely chicks.

Well done to Year 2 and Year 6 for having an extra busy half term completing their end of key stage tests. They were not easy, in particular the Reading Paper which was very challenging so a very big well done to all the children and staff who gave it their very best.

Our new build is progressing very well and we are attending regular meetings to discuss items such as furniture layout and the new wireless system for both the temporary and the new build.

From all the staff we wish everyone a great half term holiday and look forward to seeing you after the holidays. For all our Muslim families, Ramadan Mubarak!

Mrs N Nazir (Acting Headteacher)

School Dinners

From September 2016 school dinner money will be £2.05 per child per day. Please note, dinner money MUST be paid for in advance before your child has had a school dinner.



From May 2016, Kirklees introduced reduced sugar alternatives to our range of desserts so that your child can make healthier choices. Search online [Change4Life](#) for lots of healthier tips, ideas and recipes.

Special Assembly 27th May 2016

Well done to the following children for outstanding learning and behaviour. For displaying such positive attitudes they were awarded with a special award in assembly.

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| 1A | Rumaysa Minhas | 1B | Natasha Nawaz | 1C | Abbas Al Obaidi |
| 2A | Dominic Stout | 2B | Hussain Ali | 2C | Malikah Ali |
| 3A | Bana Ghazi | 3B | Esmé Kudya | 3C | Shakeel Hanif |
| 4A | Nooralhoda Elarrami | 4B | Muhammed Habeeb | 4C | Layth Fadhel |
| 5A | Sarah Eshaafi | 5B | Aisha Shahid | 5C | Ibrahim Khalil |
| 6A | Talha Jasat | 6B | Daniel Dedu | 6C | Tehzeeb Tabassum |

Year 6 SATs

A big well done to the Year 6 children for their hard work during SATs week and thank you for your continued support. During the week most children attended the free breakfast club offered to them. They enjoyed being in the company of their peers and teachers which meant they were calm and relaxed before taking the tests.



The week ended with a trip to Beaumont Park where the children enjoyed a picnic and games of football, cricket and rounders - luckily the weather was kind to us!

Transition

For Year 6 children who will be leaving us to go to Moor End Academy, they will have early transition and their last day at Mount Pleasant will be Friday 8th July 2016. We will miss them all and wish them every success in their new school.

This year, transition for the rest of the school will be different to previous years with the children spending a day with their new teacher on Wednesday 13th July 2016. Letters nearer the time will be sent out so that all parents will be aware of who their child's new class teacher will be and the arrangements for the day. End of year reports will be given to parents week commencing 11th July 2016. For Year 6, reports will be posted home.

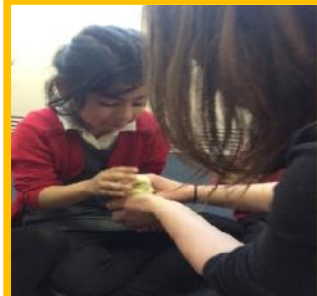


School Uniform

Your child must come to school in the correct uniform. Children MUST wear black shoes and haircuts must be appropriate, no lines or patterns please.

In order to protect children during sunny days, a reminder to all parents to send children to school with sun cream and hats. If children want to wear sandals, these must have a buckle and be fastenable.

Eggs Hatching



In Reception, during the growth topic, the children had the opportunity to watch eggs hatch into chicks. They were able to look after and handle the chicks in their classes.

No Park Zones

The no park zones around school are not to be used as a parking space - but as a **safe space** for crossing the road. Please take responsibility and make the best arrangement for dropping your children at school, whilst ensuring others safety.

ParentPay

We are well on the way to becoming a cashless school. A big thank you to parents for paying for trips and dinners by ParentPay or Pay Point. My Account is being launched on ParentPay so that parents can:



- Have one account for all children across any school
- Top-up a single balance making paying easier
- Money can move between children and school
- Easy to use on your phone, tablet or computer



If you pay by Pay Point, below are some locations of the nearest Pay Points.

Co-op Lockwood
131 Lockwood Road
Huddersfield
HD1 3QW

Lockwood Convenience Stores
225 Lockwood Road
Huddersfield
HD1 3TG

Bridge News Corner
155 Manchester Road
Huddersfield
HD1 3LE

Year 3 Science Investigation

This term in Science Year 3 learned about how different types of rocks are formed and how they are used around our local area. They were absolutely amazed when they discovered how rocks were used in our surroundings.



During this investigation Year 3 found that roofs on local surrounding houses were covered using slate to stop water coming when it rains. Near Victoria Road, they found that sandstone rocks had been used to build houses and shops. On Mount Street they found basalt had been crushed and used for the road base.

Kirklees – Helping Communities Through Uniform Exchange

Kirklees Uniform Exchange collects school uniform items you donate and passes them on free of charge. Donation points are your local Sure Start Children's Centres, Kirklees libraries, Sainsbury's Dewsbury and Shorehead. All donations welcome. Please visit www.uniform-exchange.org for full details or to download an application form.

Reading Challenge

A big well done to all the children who had the opportunity to visit and choose a book from Waterstone's book shop. They enjoyed a fantastic afternoon. Keep up with the reading challenge children; it could be you next time! This terms winners:

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| 1A | Sumayyah Sariyah | 1B | Mohammed Rehaan | 1C | Ayesha Zahid |
| 2A | Samroze Qasim | 2B | Sadeem Noor | 2C | Seren Albarzenji |
| 3A | Safa Fadhel Matan Hejjaji | 3B | Maryam Khan | 3C | Eshaal Kaysher |
| 4A | Ismaeel Ali Ahmed Jahangir Daniyal Hussain Alishba Nazam | 4B | Tasmia Taimur | 4C | Layth Fadhel M R Chowdhury |
| 5A | Maryam Sariyah | 5B | Ammaarah Sajid Emaan Malik | 5C | Dooa-e-noor Akhtar |
| 6A | Umm-E-Hanni Mumtaz Muniba Shazadie | 6B | Saood Aziz Wania Akhtar | 6C | Abdullah Ahmed Venessa Reid |



Moor End Academy Survey

Thank you to all parents who completed the survey. This was carried out to support Moor End Academy determine how their new school closure time would affect children at our school. If you still have not completed the letter given, please complete and return it to the school office.

Parent Questionnaires

In response to requests from some parents we held the first of our half-termly sessions last week. This is where parents have the opportunity to talk with a Senior Leader. Although only a few of our parents were able to attend the meeting we were able to share very positive feedback from the Parent Questionnaire that was filled in last term. It was an opportunity to assure parents regarding the high expectations we hold for our pupils and of staff availability to discuss any general issues which arise.

Please remember that we have lots going on in school for children and parents. We really value the on-going support parents provide from Nursery through to Year 6. By attending events such as the Early Years Key Skills workshops, Class Assemblies, Information sessions, Reading Cafes and other workshops to help build solid relationships between home and school, creating a positive caring environment for your children.

Poster Competition - New School Rules

We have decided to change the wording of the school rules to make them easier to remember. We would like pupils to design a poster to displays these new rules. This has been sent home as a competition, closing date Wednesday 8th June. There will be prizes for the best designs and winning designs may be used in displays around school. The rules are:

- Think safe, stay safe
- Be responsible for your own actions
- Always try your best
- Have respect for everyone

Children Adopted From Care and The Pupil Premium

Children in schools who were adopted from local authority care or who have left care under a special guardianship or care arrangements order (formally known as a residence order), are eligible to attract the pupil premium. The pupil premium is an additional sum to help provide specific support to these pupils in school. To enable the school to receive the funding we invite parents to self-declare that their child was adopted from care or left care under a guardianship or care arrangements order if they wish. Parents will then be asked to provide a copy of the adoption order. Please note that once declared the information provided will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and sensitivity. Please contact Lynette Haley in the School Office to discuss this matter further.

Attendance

Our overall attendance is averaging out at 95% this includes leave taken for Eid.

This first half of summer term attendance has been fabulous with 340 children achieving 100% attendance. With your continued support we hope to see a huge increase for the last term of this school year.

A gentle reminder, if your child is ill and cannot attend school would you please ring the absence line and give your child's name, class and a specific reason for the absence for example:- vomiting, headache, tummy ache etc. We will be holding a draw at the end of term so please tell your child to keep collecting the golden tickets and hopefully they may be the lucky winner.

If you change your telephone number please remember to let the office know, it is very frustrating if your child is ill and we cannot get hold of parents.

Please note, new DfE regulations mean that for any child whose attendance falls below 90% are labelled as children with Persistent Absence. We need to minimise this for all children and if your child is at this level, you will be notified.

When booking holidays, please use this holiday timetable so that your child's attendance is not affected.

Term Dates 2016/2017

| AUTUMN TERM 2016 | |
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| Monday 5 th September 2016 | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 6 th September 2016 | INSET Day |
| Wednesday 7 th September 2016 | ADDITIONAL CLOSURE DAY |
| Thursday 8 th September 2016 | Children return to school |
| Tuesday 13 September 2016 | Possibly Eid-UI-Adha |
| Friday 21 st October 2016 | Children break up for half term holidays |
| HALF TERM | |
| Monday 31 st October 2016 | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 1 st November 2016 | Children return to school |
| Friday 16 th December 2016 | Children break up for Christmas Holidays |
| SPRING TERM 2017 | |
| Tuesday 3 rd January 2017 | Children return to school |
| Friday 17 th February 2017 | Children break up for half term holidays |
| HALF TERM | |
| Monday 27 th February 2017 | Children return to school |
| Friday 7 th April 2017 | Children break up for Easter holidays |
| SUMMER TERM 2017 | |
| Monday 24 th April 2017 | Children return to school |
| Monday 1 st May 2017 | May Day Bank holiday |
| Friday 26 th May 2017 | Children break up for half term holidays |
| HALF TERM | |
| Monday 5 th June 2017 | Children return to school |
| Tuesday 25 th July 2017 | Children break up for Summer holidays |

Please note the remaining 2 INSET days will be organised during the year. Parents will be provided with information nearer the time.