

# Mount Pleasant Primary School

## Parent Newsletter - 11th September 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another busy and exciting new school term and school year. We hope you all have had a relaxing and safe summer break. The school has lots of exciting plans this coming year which the children will tell you all about such as parent expectation workshops, the new VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) which is going to be launched through our brand new school website.

### New Website and VLE

Following parents' requests for our website to be made better, we are very pleased to launch our new updated and informative school website. We are sure you will agree that it is very much improved and whilst promoting the professional image of our amazing school, it still remains child friendly too so our pupils can also see and be proud of it.

Please take a few minutes to sit down with your child and visit the new site, by going to <http://www.mountpleasantschool.co.uk>

You will find a wealth of up to date information about our school, including information on news, events, vacancies, galleries and also school developments such as the new school build which has its own page that will be regularly updated. Also please visit your child's year group page and the school curriculum page for information about our teaching and learning.

The site will be regularly updated with the half termly curriculum newsletters (on the Year Group page) plus parent newsletters on the Parents page.

If you have any further suggestions for information which should be considered for

the new site please speak with Mrs Chaukria at the school Reception or email us on [office.mountpleasant@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:office.mountpleasant@kirkleeseducation.uk)

The school will also have its own, brand new VLE (Virtual Learning Environment). This is an online space where teachers can communicate with children and parents, set homework, encourage discussions and provide online learning activities. It will also allow parents' evenings and surveys to be managed online, and children will be able to set up their own blogs. Logins for children and parents will be through the new school website, and will be available soon. A VLE policy will be made available, as will sessions using school computers for those families who do not have internet access.

### Mount Pleasant New Build

Firstly thank you to all the parents who came to the new build consultation meeting held at the school on Tuesday 8 September. The architects and developers shared their proposed plans of the new build which they will be submitting to Kirklees Planning Committee.

Due to some unexpected delays, the work on the new building is now expected to start in July 2016 when the school will decant to the temporary site at Rashcliffe Park. By the Autumn Term of 2017 we will be able to move to our brand new build.

For any parents who were unable to attend the consultation meeting we will be sharing the proposed plans again during the Parents Evening on 20 October, in the Sports Hall.

We will continue to update parents on the development and these will be published on the new school website.



School Safeguarding Officer: Mr S Johnson  
Kirklees Duty and Assessment Service Tel: 01484 221000 or email  
[www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.com](http://www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.com)

### Dinner money

Dinner money is £2.00 per child per day (£10 per week) in Key Stage 2. Dinner money MUST be paid on a Monday through Parent Pay or Paypoint card.

### Book Bags/PE Bags

These are available from the office. Book Bags are £3.10. PE bags are £1

### Disaggregated Inset day

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 will be an Inset day Inset day which means the school will be CLOSED for children.

### Reading Challenge

Parents please can you ensure your child continues to take part in the school's 'Reading Challenge' to become a better reader. Please remind your child if they read 3 times or more in a week their class teacher will give them an e-reader's ticket which will then be included in a prize draw for an e-reader tablet. In addition to this many other prizes will be awarded to individual children for reading throughout the year.

### Eid-UI-Adha 2015

Eid-UI-Adha is anticipated to be celebrated on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September or Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Should you wish to celebrate this, your child will be authorised **1 DAY ONLY** leave from school. The school is open as usual on these days. Parents have a choice of date depending on which day they celebrate, but your child MUST be in school the next day.

### Parent Governor

The school has a Parent Governor vacancy. If you would like to become part of the Mount Pleasant Governing Body then please complete the nomination form which is being sent out to parents early next week and return to school within the given time scale. If you require further information, please contact Mrs Tahir at the school office.

### Diary Dates

Date	Event
14.09.15	Year 5 Parent Expectation Workshop 9.00am
15.09.15	Year 4 Parent Expectation Workshop 9.00am
16.09.15	Year 3 Parent Expectation Workshop 9.00am
17.09.15	Year 6 Parent Expectation Workshop 9.00am Year 3 parents only – Eid Assembly
18.09.15	Year 2 Parent Expectation Workshop 9.00am
22.09.15	Reception Parent Expectation Workshop 9.00am
25.09.15	Year 1 Parent Expectation Workshop 9.00am
28.09.15	Being Brilliant Parent Workshop
12.10.15	VLE Parent Workshop
20.10.15	Parents' Evening, 3.00-7.00pm
21.10.15-23.10.15	Y6 residential trip
22.10.15	Y2 trip to Conisbrough Castle
23.10.15	Children break up for Autumn half term Disaggregated Inset Day

### School Uniform

School Uniform:

- Black trousers/skirt
- White shirt/polo shirt
- Red logo sweatshirt/cardigan
- Plain black shoes

PE Kits:

- Plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings
- Plain white t-shirt
- Black pumps

All items of clothing MUST be labelled, including coats and jackets. Parents will be contacted if their child is not wearing the correct school uniform or PE kit. Please ensure your child brings their coat to school every day.

### Parent Teacher Association

The school is looking for parent volunteers to support further development of the PTA. If you wish to be a part of this opportunity, please contact Mrs Tahir in the office.

There will be a meeting for the school PTA on Thursday 1 October at 9am. Further details will be provided on the PTA page on the new website