

Mount Pleasant C E Junior School

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Newsletter - January 2015



Dear Parents/Guardians

Happy New Year and Best Wishes to all of you for 2015! I hope you enjoyed Christmas and are ready for the new term ahead. **Thank you** for your support for our Christmas concerts and other Christmas activities. There was a tremendous amount of hard work from the children, staff and you parents who provided some amazing costumes, helped children with their lines and bought tickets at the raffle. We look forward to the new year ahead.

Friends of the School

Thank you to the Friends of the School for providing the refreshments and raffle at our Christmas concerts, and raffle at the late night shopping event in Market Weighton, which raised an amazing total of £550.

We would like to take this opportunity to **thank our support network of Friends** who organised and helped out at the above events. Should you wish to volunteer for help at any school events, please contact the school office.

A 'Bags 2 School' collection has been arranged for **Thursday 15th January**. Please start collecting any items you may wish to donate.



Bags will be coming home soon, and we will text to remind you of the collection nearer the date.

The Friends would like to thank **you** for all your support.

In school this month


We are addressing many areas in school this month. On 8th January an officer from the Local Authority will be attending school to speak to the children about seatbelt safety. The Road Safety Team will be in school on 20th January to work with Years 4, 5 and 6. On 19th January Year 6 children will take part in activities to help reinforce wheelchair awareness.



We are also taking part in 'Fit Friday's', where we ask that children walk to school every Friday, culminating on Friday 6th February. Each child who completes the activity will receive a sticker.

On 9th February Year 6 will also be receiving instruction on bicycle maintenance. It is going to be a busy time!

Facebook

 We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that Mount Pleasant does NOT belong to the 'Facebook' community. All events in school will be notified to yourselves either by an official school letter or through our school texting service. Thank you.

Choir

The Choir were very busy in December, with marvellous performances at the Over 55's Club and the Methodist Church. They were complimented on their singing and behaviour. **Well done to the choir and to Mrs Kelly, their leader, for all their hard work.**

This year Young Voices is taking place at the Sheffield Arena on **Thursday 22nd January**. The choir have been learning 10 specially arranged songs. They will join with 5000 other children at the arena for an afternoon rehearsal with renowned musical director Craig McLeish and conductor David Lawrence. They will be accompanied by a full band, an amazing light show and a number of famous recording artists who will join the children to perform each song. We know from past experience that they will have a wonderful time.



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Severe Weather Conditions



In the case of severe weather we will inform you of a school closure via our text messaging service. Information will be displayed on the school website and announcements are also made on Radio Humberside.



Indoor Shoes

Children should have a pair of 'indoor' shoes to change into when inside (preferably black plimsolls). This helps to keep the school clean and tidy, especially on wet days and encourages the children to take care of their environment.

Sport

Year 5 swimming lessons will commence on Friday 9th January, every Friday morning for 10 weeks.



Football—Humberside U11 Cup

We have been drawn against Barmby Moor Primary School in Round 2. Date to be arranged.

Could we please remind you that children do need PE kit they can change into for PE and Games. All pupils take part in PE during the week and for health and hygiene and safety reasons it is a requirement that they change for these lessons. It is useful to have a pair of trainers in school for the occasions when PE is outside. Please also ensure that all PE kit / clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you.



Lost Property

We are once again experiencing a high volume of lost property. Please ensure that all items of clothing (uniform, PE kit, foot wear etc) are clearly named. We do hold a 'lost property amnesty' at the end of every term, when you are invited in to school to investigate if any items belong to your child/ren. We are hoping that, with your help, the amount of lost property will decrease to such an extent that this amnesty will not be necessary. Thank you for your support.

Parking Outside of School

The road outside school is always very busy at the beginning and end of the school day. It is also particularly busy when we have an event in school, such as parent assemblies and concerts. Our local Council and the police are concerned about inconsiderate and dangerous parking (some of which could be considered unlawful). We have again had complaints from local residents who have not been able to get out of their drives because of parked cars. Residents have informed us that they will be recording and reporting registration plates. The police will issue tickets to drivers they find parking inappropriately or stopping on the zig-zag lines at the school entrance.



Hull Collegiate School

Next year Hull Collegiate School will celebrate its tenth anniversary. To mark this event, the school is offering 10 fully funded academic scholarships with effect from September 2015. The scholarships will be available for our current Year 6 pupils, and will be offered based on academic ability. They intend to test pupils on 21st January 2015. Appointments can be made to meet the Headteacher (Mrs Glover), or the school's registrar, Mrs McEwan (please telephone 01482 657016). We have information leaflets in school which offer further information should you be interested.

Half Term

We break up for Half Term on **Friday 13th February at 3.30pm**, and return to school on **Monday 23rd February 2014**.