

Mount Pleasant C E Junior School

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Newsletter - February 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians

World Book Day

This year World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. There will be a number of activities taking place in classes during the day, but we are also encouraging children to 'dress up'. The theme this year is to dress as a David Walliams book character. Further information on this will follow. This theme was decided by the children in Year 6. A prize will be awarded for the best costume in each class. Also on **5th March**, during the school day and immediately after school, we will be holding a used-book sale. The proceeds of this sale will be going towards the adoption of orang-utans, in connection with Year 4's study on the Rainforest. If you have any children's books that are in good condition that you no longer require and would like to donate, please deliver to the school office. We appreciate your support, not only in providing the used books, but in purchasing them also! **Thank you.**



Charity Fundraisers

On **Friday 6th February** we will be supporting the British Heart Foundation and are asking the children to come to school dressed in red. All donations will go towards this worthy cause.



Also on **6th February** we are holding a bun sale for Macmillan Nurses. All contributions will be gratefully received. **Thank you.**

This looks like being a busy day, as 6th February is also the last day of 'Fit Friday'! Have you managed to walk to school every Friday for the last 4 weeks?!

Red Nose Day

This year Red Nose Day will be on **Friday 13th March**. We will be selling Red Noses in school towards the end of February.



Revised School Food Standard

From 1st January 2015, schools across England are legally required to ensure milk is made available during the school day to all pupils who want it. This standard has been introduced to encourage pupils to choose milk as a drink and address low calcium consumption. At Mount Pleasant milk (and water) will be freely available at lunch time. Juice will no longer be served at lunch time due to its high sugar content. Thank you for your support in this matter.

New Staff Members

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome to Mount Pleasant two new members of staff. Mrs Turton began work with us as Kitchen Assistant in early January. Mrs Daley will commence as Administrative Assistant in early February. We hope they both enjoy their future time with us. **Welcome!**

Home Time

Please ensure that your child knows what is happening at home time before they leave for school. It is very unsettling, for the children, staff and the whole classroom, when they have to be disturbed to relay messages. **Thank you.**

Science Club

The Market Weighton School, in conjunction with 'Lab Rascals' and the University of Hull are holding after school science clubs, suitable for children aged 7-12 year. They aim to provide fun, hands on experimentation that all children will enjoy. Clubs will be held on 3rd, 10th and 24th February and 3rd March, each session costing £5 and booking is required. Please call in to our school office for a leaflet, or to book a place email: E.Katie@Labrascals.co.uk



Young Voices Concert

The choir represented the school brilliantly at Sheffield Arena last month. The singing was amazing and we received some lovely comments from the adults accompanying us and parents in the audience.

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Friends of the School News

Thank you for your response to the Firefighters Bags 2 School collection held last month. The collection raised £47.60 for school and £11.90 for the Fire Fighters Charity.

The Friends have organised a 'Valentines' disco for Wednesday 11th February. The disco timings are as follows:

Years 3 and 4: 6.15pm-7.15pm

Years 5 and 6: 7.30pm-8.30pm

£1 entry to be paid at the door, with refreshments and raffle available on the night.

Parents Evening

This year Parents Evening will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday, 24th March

Wednesday, 25th March.

Further information will follow nearer the date.

Ash for your allotment

Our new biomass heating system generates ash from wood pellets which is ideal for use on gardens/allotments.

Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange to collect some.



Absences, Appointments and Early/Late Arrivals

Could we please ask that you inform the school office as soon as possible during the first morning of absence if your child is going to be off school. Until we have received a reason for such an absence the register will automatically record an 'Unauthorised Absence'. It is also necessary for you to confirm in writing, when your child returns to school, the reason for absence. Please also notify us in advance in writing if it is necessary to take your child out of school for an appointment.



Can we also request that every effort is made to ensure your child arrives at school promptly for a 8.50am start. In the event that this is not possible, please inform the school office. After registers close a late unauthorised absence (coded 'O' on your child's attendance register) will be recorded.

We have had several instances recently when children have arrived for school before 8.30am. There will be no staff available for supervision at this time. In the interests of child safety we would be grateful if you could ensure that your child does not arrive on school premises before 8.45am.

If you have any concerns that you wish to address with your child's teacher, please do not hesitate to make an appointment. Thank you for your continued support.

Football

On Tuesday 13th January, our Under 11 Football Team travelled to Barmby Moor to play Round 2 of the Humberside 9-a-side Cup. A very evenly contested match ended in a 2-2 draw.

On Wednesday 28th January, the replay was played at Mount Pleasant. Another close match also ended 2-2 and even extra time could not provide a winner. Penalties ensued and our players kept their nerve to win the shoot out by 4 goals to one. We now await our opponents for the quarter finals.



Future events

Monday 2nd February—our Under 11 6-a-side team play in the Premier League 6's at Beverley Longcroft School.

Tuesday 3rd February—our Year 4 Benchball Team participate in the Wolds' Tournament at Pocklington Woldgate College.



New Football Kit

A big **thank you** goes to Hornsey's for providing the Under 11 Football Team with a new kit, and to the Friends of the School for making this possible.

Half Term

We break up for Half Term on **Friday 13th February at 3.30pm**, and return to school on **Monday 23rd February 2015**.