



Mount Street in the Mirror

WORLD OF MOUNT STREET

October 2016



Half term already-where does the time go?

It has been lovely to see the children's progress and to share in their many successes: well done to all the children who heard this week that their writing is to be published as part of a Young writers project; the amazing creative dance work from the Key Stage 2 children who have been working with Ben from Attik Dance; the 'edible poetry work' created with Sally Crabtree (an international poet who will be also coming back into school to help the children create poems which she will personally deliver to the UN in the Spring term); the Magic Monday and Thumbs up Thursday events; the Harvest Festival and, of course, our School of Sanctuary celebration assembly to name but a few.

Our thanks go to FOMSS for organising the disco on Wednesday night and Donna for her 'DJ-ing'. This event was well supported and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Many of you have commented on how lovely the garden area looks after the 'make over' at the start of term. In order to maintain this we could really do with some help. If any of you can spare some time to help with the weeding, planting, growing and maintenance we would really appreciate it.

After Half term we will be launching our new style homework. Look out for the letter to explain the 'menu of tasks' in the first week back.

In the meantime, I wish you all an enjoyable half term. There will be an INSET day for teachers on the 31st October so the children will start back again on Tuesday 1st November.

B. Shillaber

Sarah Says...

Our PSA will not be available from Oct 31st due to a scheduled operation, Sarah doesn't have a return date as it will depend on recuperation. We hope it won't be long - Good luck Sarah. Don't forget, though, half-term activities will be on notice boards, the black folder in reception and on our website.

Foundation Birthdays

We have a lovely tradition, at Mount Street, where generous Mums and Dads are bringing in treats for the class on their child's birthdays. It is really appreciated by everyone and gives us an extra celebration. We must ask, though, that you don't go over the top. A birthday cake (or cupcake for each child is plenty. Sometimes we're getting so many extras that we're hardly able to teach with enough for a full party. It can disrupt learning and is too far away from healthy eating options.

Nits!

Another reminder, we're afraid we need to ask you to check for nits, regularly, again. We can only beat them if we all keep on top of them. Please check and treat if you need to. Please see...

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>



FREE TENNIS
Monday 4pm to 5pm at Plymouth Life Centre

For children aged 5-10 years old

Booking is advised but not essential.

To book or for more information email Katherine on katherine.bell@plymouth.gov.uk or call 01752 304566.

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
LTAs BRITISH TENNIS



Katy Friend (Vice-Chair)

Nicki Bradley (Chair)

FOMSS News

Thanks to everyone who supported the Harvest Café. We raised £72.09 to help support the children!

With the weather getting cooler, our Summer Café finished this week but we're looking forward to restarting in the Summer Term.

But don't forget, we'll be firing up the Pizza Oven on the 11th November - something warm for the Autumn Evenings (weather permitting).

More Food News

The new lunch-time menu is now available to download on the school website...

http://www.mountstreet.plymouth.sch.uk/website/school_lunches/

There are lots of delicious winter warmers available to keep out the chill, plus jacket potato as an alternative. Don't forget, though, the light-lunch option has now finished and will be coming back in April.

Stop press: Just after half-term, on Wednesday 2nd November we will join in National Roast Dinner Day! Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pud or Vegetable Pie followed by Apple Pie and Custard.

Plan for Parking

Can we remind you again not to use the staff and visitor car-parks (or block the entrances) when dropping your children off for school and please do not park in the marked No Parking areas, especially by pulling onto the pavement. It is not just the inconvenience of them being blocked but with children leaving the building, often with cycles or scooters, it is a safety risk. We appreciate no-permit space around the school is at a premium but please plan your school run with this in mind.

A Mature Reception

Mrs Lake and Mrs Kelly would like to say a big well done to Year Reception. The children are all saying goodbye to their parents at the door and have quickly developed their independence and they have all settled well into their new class.

For Your Diary					
	Date	When	Who	What	
AUTUMN TERM	21	All Day	Nursery Children	Nursery and Me2 closed for Cleaning	
	24-28	All Week	All	Half-term holiday	
	31	All Day	All	School Closed - Teacher Training	
	31	All Day	Y6 Parents	Deadline for Secondary School Applications	
	November				
	1	All Day	Children	Back to School	
	4	PM	All	Newsletter	
	10	PM	Y3/4 Parents	Thumbs Up Thursday	
	11	PM	All	FOMSS Pizza Oven	
	17	PM	Y1/2/3	'Flu vaccination	
	28	PM	Y5/6 Parents	Magic Monday	
	December				
	1	All Day	Some Children	Plymouth Youth Council	
	1	PM	All	Full Board Meeting	
	2	PM	All	Newsletter	
	3	PM	All	Provisional Sherwell Christmas date	
	7	AM	KS1 & 2	Christmas Play Rehearsal	
	7	PM	All	Christmas Fayre	
	8	PM	Children	Christmas Lunch	
	9	AM	Foundation	Christmas Party	
	9	PM	All	Christmas Play at Church	
	12	AM	Y4	Swimming	
	12	PM	Y3/4	Christmas Party	
	13	PM	KS1	Christmas Party	
	14	AM/PM	FS	Christmas Performance	
	15	PM	Y5/6	Christmas Party	
	15	PM	Y3/4 Parents	Thumbs Up Thursday (provisional)	
	15	PM	All	Finance Governors	
	16	All Day	Nursery Children	Nursery and Me2 closed for Cleaning	
	16	All Day	Y R-6	Last Day of Term	
	19-02/01/17	All Day	All	Christmas Holidays	
	SPRING	January 2017			
		3	All Day	Children	Back to School
6		PM	All	Newsletter	
23		PM	Y5/6 Parents	Magic Monday	
31 - 2/2/2017		PM	All	Parent / Teacher Meetings	

For Your Diary

SPRING TERM	February			
	2	PM	Y3/4 Parents	Thumbs Up Thursday
	3	PM	All	Newsletter
	8	PM	Children	FOMSS Disco
	9	PM	All	Full Board Meeting
	13-17	All Week	All	Half-term holiday
	20	All Day	Nursery Children	Nursery and Me2 closed for Cleaning
	20	All Day	Children	Back to School
	27-3/3/17	All Day	Children	Money Week
	March			
	2	PM	All	Finance Governors
	3	All Day	Children	World Book Day
	3	PM	All	Newsletter
	6	All Day	All	School Closed - Teacher Training
	31	All Day	All	Last Day of Term
	April			
	1-17	All Day	All	Easter Holidays
	18	All Day	Nursery Children	Nursery and Me2 closed for Cleaning
	18	All Day	Children	Back to School
	21	PM	All	Newsletter
SUMMER TERM	May			
	1	All Day	All	School Closed - Bank Holiday
	4	All Day	All	School Closed - Polling Day
	11	PM	All	Full Board Meeting
	12	PM	All	Sports Day
	12	PM	All	Newsletter
	17	PM	Children	FOMSS Disco
	22-26	All Day	Children	Outdoor Maths Week
	25	PM	All	Finance Governors
	29-02/06/17	All Week	All	Half-term Holiday
	June			
	5	All Day	Nursery Children	Nursery and Me2 closed for Cleaning
	5	All Day	Children	Back to School
	5-9	All Week	Children	Trips Week
	9	PM	All	Newsletter
	22	PM	All	Full Board Meeting
	July			
	5	PM	All	Summer Fayre
	7	PM	All	Newsletter
	12	All Day	Children	Malala Day
	12	PM	All	Performing Arts Celebration
	12	PM	All	Parent Drop-in
	17	AM	Selected Children	Swimming
	20	PM	All	Finance Governors
	20	PM	All	Full Board Meeting
	25	All Day	Nursery Children	Nursery and Me2 closed for Cleaning
	26	All Day	All	School Closed - Teacher Training
	27	All Day	All	Summer Holidays
	September			
	4	All Day	All	School Closed - Teacher Training
5	All Day	Children	Back to School	