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Mountfield News

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Welcome back to a new school year.

I hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed spending time with your children. Here at school we are all aiming to make this year even better and achieve even more! We are already settling in to our new classes and routines and the children seem very happy as I walk around school.



We greatly appreciate the support our parents give us and know this will continue throughout this year. Please don't hesitate to talk to us about any issues that may arise - we are always happy to listen.

Let's make 2017-2018 a year to remember!

Reminders

- School begins at 8:55am, however we open all doors to allow children into school at 8:45am to ensure a clam start to the day.
- Children look really smart in their uniforms. Please keep this up and help us raise the profile of the school. Ensure all clothes have names in to avoid getting lost.
- Jewellery must not be worn at school and children will be asked to remove earrings for safety reasons.
- Please make sure shoes are black and preferably without logos or coloured stripes.
- Leggings are not appropriate, so please avoid these and ensure girls wear trousers or skirts.
- If you bring your child to school in a car, please DO NOT park outside the school gates or on yellow lines or zigzags. These markings are there for the safety of our children. We will report any vehicles that we see illegally parked.
- Please remember we are a no smoking site and this includes VAPING.
- Attendance is vitally important and last year our overall attendance dropped to 94.3%. Let's improve that.....Get up, Get in, Get on!

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Welcome to our new member of staff

Miss Laura Dodds has joined us as our new Year 1 teacher.

Laura is returning to her home town after working away for a while. We are sure she will be a great asset to our team!



New additions to the Mountfield family

We are very pleased to announce that we will have 2 new members of the Mountfield family this year.



Both Mrs Tyer and Mrs Angell-Moir are expecting babies!



Coffee! Cake!

Please come along on Friday 29th September at 9am for a coffee and cake to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Care.

Important date!

School funds are partly based on the amount of children who take up school meals. This information is collected once a year on **Thursday 5th October**. Please help us by letting your child stay for a school meal on this day. We are having an American themed lunch with Burgers, hot dogs and ice cream.

Essential questions

Each class has an essential question that drives their topic. It should be open to interpretation, non googleable and need investigation before coming to an answer. Here are this term's questions

Nursery- What makes me special?

Reception- What makes me special?

Year 1- Fire-friend or foe?

Year 2- What makes a dream team?

Year 3- What is the most fantastic treasure to be unearthed?

Year 4- How can we preserve what is most precious?

Year 5- What makes childhood special?

Year 6- What would a Greek mosaic look like in 2017?

House team winners

We have been operating a house team system this year where children collect points for behaviour, work, attitude etc for their team. Each week the winning team is announced and the points collected up for termly prizes.

At the end of the summer term,

Bamburgh



had the most points and all children received a medal.

They were very proud!

Key dates for Autumn 2017

We thought it would be useful to have some key dates for the whole term. There will be plenty more information in our fortnightly newsletters, so keep looking!



Information is also on our website <http://www.mountfield.newcastle.sch.uk>

Friday 8th September	<i>AM: Year 1 to safety works</i>
Monday 11th September	<i>Year 6 to House of Objects</i>
Tuesday 12th September	<i><u>9am: Parents meeting for Year 5</u></i>
Wednesday 13th September	<i><u>9am: Parents meeting for Year 2</u></i> <i>Year 3 to the Great North Museum</i> <i><u>2:30pm: Parents meeting for Year 5</u></i>
Thursday 14th September	<i><u>9am: Parents meeting for Year 1</u></i> <i>11am Assembly for Y5 & 6 children and parents</i> <i><u>2:30pm: Parents meeting for Year 4</u></i>
Friday 15th September	<i><u>9am: Parents meeting for Year 6</u></i> <i>Year 3 to Killhope Lead mine</i>
Wednesday 27th September	<i>9:00am Reception parents reading workshop</i>
Friday 29th September	<i>9:00am MacMillan Coffee morning</i>
Friday 29th September	<i>9:15am Reception parents reading and writing workshop</i>
Tuesday 3rd-Wednesday 4th September	<i>Year 3 & 4 to Hawkhurst residential</i>
Friday 6th October	<i>9:00am Parents in Reception class to observe phonics in action</i>
Monday 16th October	<i>School photographs</i>
Wednesday 18th October	<i>9:05am Harvest assembly</i>
Friday 20th October	<i>SCHOOL CLOSED- TRAINING DAY</i>
<i>Monday 23rd October- Friday 27th October</i>	<i>Half Term- School closed</i>
Tuesday 7th November	<i>Year 1 visit to Quayside</i>
Wednesday 8th November	<i>9am: Year 1 & 2 parents phonic workshop</i>
Thursday 9th November	<i>Flu injections for Reception – Year 4</i>
Friday 10th November	<i>Year 3, 4, 5 and 6: Learn to ride</i>
Friday 17th November	<i>9:00am Children in Need coffee morning</i>
Tuesday 21st November	<i>Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: Road safety</i>
Wednesday 22nd November	<i>9:00am Nursery parents reading workshop</i>
Thursday 23rd November	<i>KS1 and KS2 road safety assemblies</i>
Tuesday 28th November	<i>3:30-4:30pm Parents evening</i>
Wednesday 29th November	<i>3:30-4:30pm Parents evening</i>
Wednesday 13th December	<i>9:30am: Early years and Key Stage 1 Nativity performance</i>
Wednesday 20th December	<i>9:30am: Key Stage 2 Christmas performance</i>
Thursday 21st December	<i>Christmas Fun Day</i>
Friday 22nd December	<i>Break up for Christmas holidays</i>
<i>Monday 8th January 2018</i>	<i>Return to school</i>

You will be informed of the dates of all class project outcomes and Christmas activities when they have been arranged. Plenty more exciting events to come!