

Mount Primary School Family Newsletter



March 2018

Attendance

Excellent attendance is paramount to a child's progress at school. Please work with us to ensure your child's attendance is as good as possible. Holidays will not be authorised during term time. We understand that all children get sick at times and 100% attendance is an extremely big ask. Therefore, we will celebrate children's attendance of 96%+ at the end of each term with certificates and classes with the highest attendance each week will be celebrated in assembly. Where possible, please make doctors, dentist, optician appointments in the holidays or after school if not urgent. Thank you!

Star Pupils

Each week in celebration assembly, each teacher chooses a pupil who has stood out that week. This may be for showing they are resilient, resourceful, responsive, reflective or responsible. They might also have done something kind or helpful. These children have been star pupils since our last newsletter. We are really proud of you!!!

Key Stage	Year Group	Teacher/s	Star Pupils
EYFS	F2	Miss Owen/Mrs Sexton-Perinkadakatt	Georgia, Tilly, Mila, Evie, Jacob, Jahmaine, Ellis, Jasmine
	F2	Miss Thompson	
KS1	Y1/2	Miss Guthrie	Isabelle, Oscar, Sofia, Lexi, Joseph, Ruby, Caleb, Freya, Sunny, Rhema, Jake, Emily, Freya, Jamie
	Y1/2	Mr Swatman	
	Y1/2	Miss Eyres/Mrs Heseltine	
KS2	Y3/4	Miss Byrne/Miss Cottrell	Emily, Imogen, William, Aaron, Lucy, Ruby, Nathan, Ava, Megan, Lottie, Ella, Demi, Imogen
	Y3/4	Mr Ryan	
	Y3/4	Mrs Dewar /Mrs Strontschak	
	Y5/6	Mrs Ray/Mrs Wright	Matthew, Ryan, Harry, Erin, Millie, Luca, Grace, Joseph, Daniel, Alyssa, Sadie, Ellie, Savannah
	Y5/6	Mrs Stones	
	Y5/6	Mrs Lea	

Thank you for your support!

Message from Mrs Yates

Yet again this term has flown by and I can't believe the clocks have gone forward and we are ready to embark on the summer term. There have been lots of exciting things happening this half term including World Book Day, International Women's Day, Mother's day Assemblies, Y4/5 theatre trip to see Arabian Nights, Y5/6 cricket tournament, Y3/4 basketball tournament, F2 Dance Festival. Miss Cottrell's performing arts club also presented a production of the Lion King for their parents which was incredibly well received. What a talented bunch! I also want to say a huge thank you to those who supported our donor drive, raised money for Children With Cancer by sponsoring the fun run and also who contributed towards Sports Relief. Thank you!

Important Dates

16th April	INSET Day—School Closed for Pupils	Whole School
17th April	Summer Term begins. School re-opens to pupils @ 8.50am	Whole school
19th April	Library visit	Foundation 2
19th April	The Bee Musical Performances @ 2pm and 5pm in the hall. Please bring your tickets.	Years 3 & 4
23rd April	Swimming lessons—Monday to Friday afternoons inclusive	Miss Cottrell/Miss Byrne's class
4th May	Fundraising for school council projects (details to follow). School council assembly @ 9.10am (Parents/carers of the school council members are invited).	Whole school
7th May	Mayday bank holiday. School closed to pupils	Whole school
14th May	SATS week	KS2
14th May	Phonics screening week	Year 1
23rd May	Tennis festival and competition	Year 1
24th May	Dance with Movema	KS1
25th May	Last day of term. Celebration afternoon at 2.00pm	Whole school
25th May	School closes for half term	Whole school
4th June	School re-opens to pupils @ 8.50am	Whole school

There are other school events in the pipeline which will be communicated to you when finalised. Keep an eye on the website, Facebook page and look out for letters from staff.

Maternity leave—As you know Mrs Allen and Mrs Sexton-Perinkadakatt will be starting their maternity leave after Easter. I wish them both well and can't wait to meet the new arrivals. Miss Byrne and Mrs Waldron will support in Y6 on the run up to SATs and Mrs Stones and Mrs Waldron will plan project based learning experiences for them after the SATs for the morning sessions. Y6 afternoon sessions will remain unchanged. We are still finalising cover for Mrs Sexton-Perinkadakatt in F2 and parents will be informed as soon as arrangements have been put into place. Miss Byrne will be Acting Deputy Head, Miss Eyres Acting Assistant Head and Mrs Stones Acting Y5/6 band leader during the maternity leaves. I know they will do a great job.

Road Safety — I met with a road safety officer from the council recently to look at ways to improve safety for our families on the roads around school in the mornings and at collection times. We are looking into installing a couple of bollards on the pavements outside school to prevent drivers mounting the curb. Please help keep our children safe by parking responsibly and driving safely on the roads around the school. Please be reminded that Y6 children must have a letter giving them permission to walk home on their own and we do not allow children in lower year groups to leave school without an adult due to the busyness of the roads outside school.

Uniform— It is lovely to see how smart our children look in their school uniforms. Please ensure that correct uniform is worn for school. School purple jumpers must be worn and all children need black school shoes. Thank you.

Y3/4 Panto— We are really looking forward to our Year 3/4 production on 19th April. I know how hard the staff and children have been working and I am sure it will be a fantastic showcase of their talent. There will be two performances. One at 2pm and one at 5pm so I hope to see all Y3/4 families there.

Free School Meals—Could your child be entitled to Free School Meals yet you are not registered? School receives money from the council for children who are Free School Meals called Pupil Premium. This sum of money makes a significant difference to our school budget and has allowed us this year to maintain small teaching groups in the mornings for maths and English. If you have not registered but think you may be entitled, please speak to the school office and they will be able to advise you what you need to do. Once a child has been registered as Free School Meals, the school continue to receive the Pupil Premium funding throughout their time at school, regardless of whether your circumstances have changed.

Celebration Afternoon - We will be having a celebration afternoon on Thursday 29th March from 2.00pm. The children will be showcasing their learning from their recent topics. There will be activities for you to participate in with your child. Please remember that the purpose of the afternoons is for families to engage with the learning the children have been doing at school, not for an early start. Please spend the time in the classroom with the children. If you wish to take your child home early, you may do so from 2.30pm but no earlier. I hope to see many of you there.

Medication — Our new medical software Medical Tracker has been trialled over the last couple of weeks and parents will have been receiving an email notification if their child has received first aid or been given medication. This will replace paper notes. Please ensure that the school office have your most recent email address.

Statutory assessments— Y6 SATs are Monday to Thursday week beginning 14th May. Please ensure your children are in school for this week. Y2 tests will take place in late May and early June and the Y1 Phonics Screening will run week beginning 11th June.

Lights— The bollard lights that are outside the school office have been damaged or broken on a number of occasions recently. Please ensure that, if you are waiting to collect your child from a club at the end of the day, you do not sit on them. Also, please ensure children do not sit on them in the mornings. Thanks.

Safeguarding team — Mrs Allen, Mrs Jordan and I make up our Safeguarding Team. If you have any concerns or issues that you would like to discuss or require any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

INSET Day— Please remember that Monday 16th April is a staff development day and the school will be closed to children.

PTA Events—Thank you to the PTA for organising our Easter Egg Hunt. The children will have a fabulous time and it will raise much needed funds for school. We are hoping to raise enough money to buy an online reading platform to benefit all children as well as a new reading scheme of books for F2 and KS1. If you wish to get involved with the PTA you would be very welcome. Please contact PTA@mount.wirral.sch.uk