

# Mount Primary School Family Newsletter



February 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 95%+ 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 so far this year. We are really proud of you!!!

Key Stage	Year Group	Teacher/s	Star Pupils
EYFS	F2	Miss Owen / Mrs Sexton-Perinkadakatt	Evie, Finley, Layla, India, Megan, Isla, Alexander, Aiden, Violet
	F2	Miss Thompson	
KS1	Y1/2	Mrs Guthrie	Jamie, Emily, Abbie and Jake, Sunny, Joseph, Ruby, Stuart- Lee, Jensen, Shay and Maxwell
	Y1/2	Mr Swatman	
	Y1/2	Miss Eyres / Mrs Heseltine	
KS2	Y3/4	Miss Byrne/Miss Cottrell	Isabella, Lucy, Izzy, Gracie, Daisy , Melissa, Philippa, Thomas, Megan, Freya
	Y3/4	Mr Ryan	
	Y3/4	Mrs Dewar / Mrs Strontschak	
	Y5/6	Mrs Ray / Mrs Wright	Holly, Sonny, Fraser, Joseph, Grace, Jamie, Lilia, Daniel, Alyssa Bradley, Evie , Minnie, Jack
	Y5/6	Mrs Stones	
	Y5/6	Mrs Lea	

## Message from Mrs Yates

It has been a wonderful start to 2018 at Mount with plenty to celebrate already! Our children are very engrossed in their new topics: we have had furry visitors in KS1; erupting volcanoes in Y3/4; amazing art work of the Liverpool waterfront in Y5/6. Groups of our talented swimmers have represented Mount Primary at the Wallasey Alliance swimming gala and were commented upon for showing excellent sporting attitudes and team work. Y3/4 had a wonderful trip to the Manchester Science Museum and Y5/6 have visited the Floral Pavilion as part of Holocaust Memorial Day. A particular highlight for me was our fabulous Y3/4 choir who sang as part of the Peace Proms at the Echo Arena last weekend. What an experience! So much more planned for the months ahead. Watch this space!

## Important Dates

7th February	Y1 & F2 PE Workshops	Y1 & F2
12th February	Ian Fennelly (Local Artist) working in Y3/4	Y3/4 class
W/B 12th February	World Religion Week—Buddhism	Whole School
13th February	Wallasey Alliance Dance Festival at Mount	Selected children
16th February	Celebration Afternoon from 2.00pm	Whole School
28th February	Family Support Market Place	All Welcome
1st March	World Book Day—Dress as character from book	Whole school
2nd March	Children with Cancer Fun Run Fundraiser	Whole School
8th March	International Women's Day—Women in Science	Whole School
9th March	Mother's Day Assemblies	Whole School
W/B 12th March	Shakespeare Week	Whole School
14th March	Y4/5 Arabian Nights at Floral Pavilion	Y4/5
23rd March	Sports Relief	Whole school
<b>16th April</b>	<b>INSET Day—School Closed for Pupils</b>	<b>Whole School</b>

**Thank you for your support!**

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.

**A Fond Farewell**— Miss Hilary Dean, who has worked at Mount for 20 years, has decided to hang up her purple fleece and retire this month. She has been an important part of many of our children's experiences at Mount, particularly as part of our fabulous Lighthouse Club team. I would like to thank her on behalf of the whole school community for her dedication to our school and wish her a happy retirement.

**Patter of Tiny Feet**— As many of you will know, we have three new Mount babies on their way next term. Mrs Allen, Mrs Sexton-Perinkadakatt and Mrs Hanson are all expecting babies in the summer. We are all extremely excited to meet the new arrivals. Staffing for the summer term is still being finalised and parents will be notified of any staffing changes as soon as they are in place.

**Toys in School**— Please could you ensure that children are not bringing toys or belongings from home (including collecting cards) into school. We have had a few instances where things have gone missing or got mixed up recently and it is much easier, if personal items are left safely at home. Thanks .

**PE**— Please ensure that children have a PE kit in school each week (labelled with your child's name) and that jewellery is not worn in school.

**Lunchboxes**— Our children are being taught about healthy eating and balanced diets in school as part of their curriculum and we ask parents to support this making sure that children on packed lunches bring in a healthy, balanced lunch. Please ensure that fizzy drinks are not sent into school.

**Dropping off Children and Collection**— Please remember that school doors will be open at 8.50am until 8.55am. We cannot be responsible for children before this time unless they are in Lighthouse Club. The road outside school is extremely busy in the mornings so please ensure that an adult remains with your child until they are safely in school. Equally, at the end of the day, with the exception of Year 6's (with written parental permission to walk home alone), children must be collected by a responsible adult. It is within our school policy that children will not be released to other children under the age of 16. We are trying to address the traffic issues on Mount Pleasant Road at the moment and need to ensure all children are safe at these busy times of day.

**Lockdown Procedure**—As part of our health and safety regulations at school, we need to have a lockdown procedure in place in the unlikely event of a critical incident. I will be talking to the children about this over the next few weeks and we will have a drill. We will of course, frame this in a child-friendly context to avoid any worry.

**School Letter Box**— We now have a letter box on the wall in the foyer for parents to drop notes or forms into the school office. Hopefully this will help reduce the queues some mornings. Please do not leave money in the box but hand directly to the office or to your child's class teacher. The letter box will be checked daily.

**Celebration Afternoon** - We will be having a celebration afternoon on Friday 16th February from 2.00pm. The children will be showcasing their learning from our Buddhism week. If you wish to take your child home early, you may do so from 2.30pm I hope to see many of you there.

**Medication** — Please ensure you update the school office with any changes to your child's medical needs. If they require medication in school, it must be prescribed by the doctor and have the pharmacy label on it. We can not administer non-prescription medication. If your child has medication for an ongoing condition, such as asthma, please ensure you note the expiry date of the medication and renew when needed. 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.

**School Council**— The school council are running projects to improve our play time and outdoor space and need your help. Please can you donate any old wellington boots which the children will recycle into planters. These will be put on our fences with bright flowers and herbs.



**INSET Day**— Please remember that Monday 16th April 2018 is a staff development day and the school will be closed to children.

**PTA Events**—We have had many highly successful events organised by our PTA already this year. There are lots more still to come. If you wish to get involved you would be very welcome. Please contact [PTA@mount.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@mount.wirral.sch.uk)

**Parental Support Market Place**— Look out for more details for our Family Support event on 28th February 2018, where a wide range of agencies will be able to give you information about a wide range of support on offer.