



# Mount Primary School Family Newsletter

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First I would like to thank all the staff, children and families for welcoming me to Mount Primary. Everybody has been extremely friendly and helpful and I am starting to feel like I have been at Mount forever. I am so impressed by the dedication of the staff, the politeness of the children and the cohesiveness of the school community, striving to provide the best education for all. I am really looking forward to leading Mount on the next stage of its journey, developing the already excellent practice to become an outstanding school.

## **Parents' Forum**

I will be holding Parent's Forum meetings on the following dates:

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm and
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am.

During these meetings, we will discuss homework, pupil learning guarantee and extra-curricular activities. If there is anything else you would like to discuss, please email the school office by noon on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017. I hope to see many of you there and look forward to hearing your views on these matters.



**Celebration Afternoon Organisation – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Starts at 2.00pm**

**Children can be signed out from 2.30pm**

We are really looking forward to our first Celebration Afternoon of the year on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Just a reminder **that we start at 2.00pm. Children can be signed out after 2.30pm.**

Our theme is **Learning Outdoors**. Please join us for an afternoon of outdoors activities in our wonderful outdoor learning environment.

## **Morning Drop Offs and Afternoon Collection**

It is great to see so many children and parents arriving at school on bikes and scooters. However, please ensure you dismount and wheel bikes and scooters as soon as you come through the school gates. There have been reports of near misses on several occasions where children (and parents) have ridden bikes through the carpark or KS1 playground. Please support us with this important issue to ensure the health and safety of our families.

If your child is in KS1 or F2, please ensure that they are dropped off in the morning at the **classroom doors** and not through the double doors at the front of the building. The double doors are for KS2 only. This helps with registration and ensures that all children are signed into school safely. If your child is late, they must be signed in at the office.

Please remember that The Lighthouse Club closes at 6pm. It is important that you collect your child promptly.

## **Key Stage 1 Family Reading Mornings**

Due to Key Stage 1 and 2 statutory assessment tests this half term, we are regrettably having to suspend family reading mornings in KS1 and F2. These will start up again after half term and I hope to see many of you there.

## Personal Property

We have quite a few children in KS2 who are bringing in pencil cases full of expensive things that they don't need in school and taking things like multi-coloured pens into lessons. Children are asked to keep them safely at home. Staff are concerned about things going missing or being broken.

We also have a lot of children in KS2 who are bringing in spinners (it seems to be the latest thing). Some of them are made of metal and are very heavy. We have told the children they are not to bring them in. Thanks for your support with this.

## Home Learning

Thank you to families for your engagement with home learning. I am amazed by the creativity and effort behind the wonderful creations children are bringing in. It is particularly nice to see children using recycled materials to create something new.

## Sporting Talent



Congratulations to Ruby in Y6 who plays for Wirral Girls' Football team for winning the league and as a result they played in a final match against Sefton on 3rd May at Goodison Park, home of Everton FC. Their kit has even been sponsored by the Premier League. Well done, Ruby!

## Key Stage 2 SATs

Children in Y6 will be doing their SATs Tests week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May. They have worked extremely hard in preparation for them and I know they will do themselves proud. **Please ensure Y6 children are in school promptly (breakfast will be served in school at 8.30am) after a good night's sleep.**

## Rock Kids

We are looking forward to an exciting week of music beginning 15<sup>th</sup> May when all classes will be learning songs to perform at a concert at Oldershaw on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. More details to follow.



## Attendance

Improving attendance is a priority at Mount and I am pleased to share the attendance figures below. Good attendance is 96% and great attendance is 98%.

Class	Name	Percentage Attendance
Foundation 2	Judith Kerr Class	<b>94</b>
Foundation 2 – Year 1	Julia Donaldson Class	<b>96.9</b>
Year 1	Jessica Ennis Class	<b>97.2</b>
Years 1 and 2	Kate Middleton Class	<b>96.1</b>
Year 2	Tim Peake Class	<b>97</b>
Year 3	Clare Balding Class	<b>95.8</b>
Years 3 and 4	Alex Booker Class	<b>96.8</b>
Year 4	Dame Kelly Holmes Class	<b>96.7</b>
Year 5	Malorie Blackman Class	<b>96.4</b>
Years 5 and 6	Eddie Izzard Class	<b>96.9</b>
Year 6	Shami Chakrabarti Class	<b>95.4</b>
<b>Whole School</b>		<b>96.3</b>

## Safeguarding and Support for Families

Are you worried about a child's safety? It could be somebody in your family, your street or your local community. Please phone Wirral's Care and Duty Social Care Team on 0151 606 2008.

If you are a family and need support please speak to Mrs Yates or Mrs Allen in confidence.

**Thanks for your continued support!**