

# NEWSLETTER



30<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## A FEW WORDS FROM MRS NICOLL

I can't quite believe this is the last newsletter before Easter. It's been a brilliant, busy term with lots of exciting things happening. You will have seen our outdoors development making progress. Mr Stokes, Mr Quincey and Mr Burns from LCA have been working tirelessly to make all of this happen. There's still lots more to do but we are excited that the plans are coming together. If you're interested to hear the plans for this area and how we intend to support children's learning through the outdoor area then please join us in the hall after SHARE on the 21st April.

I held our first parent forum this morning. Thanks to those who were able to attend. We discussed attendance and the incentives we have put into place. It was a valuable time to get parent views. If you weren't able to attend but would like to discuss attendance and share your views then don't hesitate to contact the school office where we will arrange a convenient time to meet you. We will hold another forum about a different subject next term so do look out for the date.

I spent the first part of this week recruiting new staff members who will join us in September and I'll share the outcomes with you at a later date.

I really hope you all have a wonderful Easter break. Your children have worked incredibly hard this term. I'd like to thank our staff for their tireless effort and enthusiasm they've had this term and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 18th April.

## NURSERY

Do you have a child whose birthday is between **01.09.13 and 31.08.14** who you would like to come to the Nursery setting at Mount Street Academy. The Nursery setting would be able to offer 15 hours free childcare per week!

If you are interested, please contact the school office in the first instance to receive further information.

We would also like to point out that there may be the opportunity of requesting additional hours, should this be needed. The addition hours would be charged at £15.00 per three hour session.

The decision on additional hours would be given by your Keyworker once all other sessions have been approved.

## NURSERY FEES REMINDER

Please can you ensure that all fees for extra nursery sessions and hot meals in nursery are paid in full by the end of the term.

## PARENT EMAILS

As our computer system is being synchronized with our two sister schools, the parent emails are still being updated. We apologise for any inconvenience and while this is completed we will be sending out hard copies

## YEAR 2 NEWS

### Wow Morning

Tomorrow (Friday 31st March) is our Tea Party Wow Morning. The children have been helping to prepare different snacks for the tea party as well as make bunting, writing invitations and decorating their own place mats. This is linked to the food technology strand of DT and they have been learning how to use tools safely as well as understand and practise basic food hygiene. We are excited for it to be a lovely way to end what has been a brilliant, hectic (when is it ever not?!) term. Children may come dressed in casual/own clothes or a party outfit for the tea party if they wish.

### The Scented Garden

Many thanks to all children who have brought their homework projects in this week. As usual, it is very exciting to see what creations and learning has been happening at home. We will share some projects this week in classrooms and continue to share the rest in the week after Easter. We really value the effort that parents put into supporting children to complete these - the pride and delight when they bring them in makes it all very worthwhile, so thank you!

### SATs

Just a reminder that in May the children will be sitting the national SATs tests in school. Hopefully, you will all have been reassured at Parents Evening and in the information evening that these will be carried out in a sensitive way, in small groups, with lots of breaks and some more gentle activities planned in for the afternoons. We have carried out some practise SATs this week and all children coped brilliantly with some actually disappointed when they finished! If you do have any further questions about these tests then please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange to speak to class teachers. Most of the SATs tests will be administered in the week beginning Monday 15th May, although there is likely to be some 'mopping up' in the following week (Monday 22nd May). Please ensure that your child is in school during these two weeks, well rested, has a decent sleep and comes into school having eaten a good breakfast. Many thanks.

### Easter Holidays and Term 5

Next term, the first week back will be a whole school Eco week where the focus will be 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle'. For the rest of the term, our learning will be under the theme 'Beachcombers'. More details of this topic will be sent out in the first week back after the holidays along with the new holiday project.

Finally, we would just like to wish you and your children a lovely Easter break. Have fun, spend time together and treasure the moments as Spring (hopefully) brings lots of sunshine and warm days for everyone to enjoy. Happy Easter!

## OUTDOOR DEVELOPMENT

Interested in our new outdoor development? Want to hear how this outdoor classroom will prepare your child for reading and writing and lots more?

Please come to the hall after Share on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 9.30am.

## FOMS (FRIENDS OF MOUNT STREET)

### Easter Cupcake Competition and Sale last day of term, Friday 31st March

To enter our Easter cupcake competition your child needs to make and decorate 6 cupcakes, put them on a paper plate and don't forget to put the name and class on the plate where we can see it. Bring your cakes into school on Friday 31st March to be judged. There will be a prize for the most decorative in each class. At the end of the school day the cupcakes will be on sale in the playground; so don't forget your pennies too.

Body shop rep Marie, a Year 2 mum will be in the hall after share on Friday 21st April. Marie wishes to help raise some funds for the school, she will donate 10% of all sales made on the morning and there will be a raffle too. Please pop in for a coffee and support her.

### Summer Fair, Saturday 17th June

Can you help us? Do you have a talent or would you like to man a stall?

We are collecting bottles of wine, tombola and raffle prizes, if you have anything you can donate please drop off at the school office.

If you find you need to purchase more uniform from our Pre-loved uniform rail, just pop into the office to get an order form or contact us. Uniform can be purchased at any time, jumpers and cardigans £2, polo shirts and PE shirts £1, many other items too at £1 each. Our FOMS ladies sort the orders once a week. It will be in the hall after share.

### Dates

Friday 31st March - Easter Cupcake Competition and Sale.

Friday 21st April – Family Film Night 4.30pm 'Trolls'

Saturday 17th June - Summer Fair 11-2pm

If you are able to spare some time and enthusiasm to join us please contact Helen chair of FOMS on 07719537709 or come to our next meeting. Follow us on face book.

## KEY DATES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME	EVENT AND OTHER INFORMATION
Nursery		
Reception	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April, 9.00am Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Share. Share.
Year 1	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April, 9.00am Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Share. Share.
Year 2	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 9.00am Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May Term 5 (date TBC) Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Tea Party WOW morning Share Share. "Children's Choice" Wow Morning Westgate transition – art and sport morning Wild Woodcraft (45 children) Wild Woodcraft (45 children) Rand Farm Trip

## SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLIES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME
Year 1	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Reception	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 2	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 1	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
Reception	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May

Last Day of Term 4 – Friday, 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2017

First Day of Term 5 – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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