

NEWSLETTER



7th September 2017

A FEW WORDS FROM MRS NICOLL

Welcome back! I hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break. We have! But we're back, and excited about the year ahead!

It has been great to meet our wonderful new Reception children again. They have all settled in really well, playing with lots of new toys inside and out, as well as meeting old friends and making new friends. The teachers haven't stopped smiling about the lovely group of children they have the pleasure of teaching.

As for our Year 1 and Year 2 children - it's amazing how much they have grown over the 6 weeks! They have been superb and got stuck into some fantastic learning already. They have been talking in assembly about Mission Mount Street and how we can be kind and helpful.

School has been a hive of activity over summer with our hall, Year 1 classrooms and corridors being painted. Our site team have worked tirelessly to fix things, cut back trees, put together new furniture and so much more.

Please do look out for this newsletter. It will come out every two weeks, (please note this is a change to our weekly newsletter in previous years). Other letters will come out every Thursday so please do check your inbox for these. If you need paper copies then please pop to the office. Don't forget to check your emails, and if you haven't received letters please let the office know. We also post newsletters and letters on our website! You can also follow us on facebook and on twitter for more regular updates and reminders.

We are looking forward to another year at Mount Street where we see your children become confident individuals, successful learners and responsible citizens! We aim to create a haven, where each and every child flourishes and achieves their potential. Thank you for choosing us and trusting us with your child.

RECEPTION NEWS

A big, warm welcome to our new children and families. We are so excited to start our new learning adventure with your child. We know that the first few weeks of school can feel slightly daunting for both you and your child, but rest assured that we will be surrounding your child with love, care and doing our best to support them through this transition. If you have any questions about transition please speak to your child's class teacher.

YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 Mornings

We are delighted with how the children have settled into the swing of Year 2 so quickly. We have been talking to them about expectations and responsibilities now that they are the oldest in the school. We are always keen for them to develop more independence throughout Year 2, as we prepare them for their move to junior school next September. As part of this, we would like children to be responsible for coming into school and organising their belongings independently.

We have already talked to the children about this and we will support them as necessary but every year our new Year 2's always amaze us with how they rise to the challenge and enjoy taking on the responsibility! This also ensures a calm and quiet start to each day in the classroom where children can begin their learning straight away. Please send in non-urgent messages via a note with your child or a phone call to our office staff. Of course, if you need to see the class teacher about something urgent, then please do either speak to the member of staff on the door, pop in to the classroom or phone the office to make an appointment. We really value your support in helping your child to achieve this in developing their independence. Many thanks.

Year 2 Home Learning Projects

Please see the separate letter about this terms Home Learning. In keeping with our school approach to Home Learning, we encourage children to take ownership of their projects with support from parents. We always love seeing the finished projects arrive in school and seeing the pride in the children as they share theirs with the class. Projects can be sent in during the last week of Term 1.

Spellings

Children will be given a set of spelling words to practise at home each week. They will be tested in school on a Friday and a new set sent home that day ready for the following week's test. The chosen words will link to the phonics focus for that week. We would appreciate your support in helping children to practise these at home. The first set will be sent home on Friday 15th September. Many thanks.

Year 2 Trip to Lincoln Castle

Please see the separate letter with details of this trip which is happening on Tuesday 19th September. If you are available to help, please let Mrs Fisher in the office know. Thank you.

Year 2 PE

Children should come dressed ready for PE on a Monday each week. This year we would like PE clothing to be plain (**no logos or football kits please**). Children should wear plain shorts or jogging bottoms, a plain t-shirt and have a hoodie or sweatshirt if needed. Trainers or plimsolls should also be worn.

YARBOROUGH ROAD ROUNDABOUT CROSSING

We have had notification that there will be no crossing patrol at the Yarborough Crescent roundabout after 20th September 2017

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

We wanted to take this opportunity to update parents on a recent change in guidance from the Local Authority in regards to leave of absence during term time. It is now the Local Authorities recommendation that all leave of absence taken during term time be unauthorised and have advised us that should parents choose to take their children out of school we should advise them that they could be subject to a fixed penalty.

Should you wish to discuss this matter in more detail please contact Ruth Stephenson (Attendance Team) or a member of Senior Leadership.

Parking

Can we please remind you it is essential that you don't park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the main gates or on double yellow lines. We absolutely understand that the school run can be busy and hectic. However in the past we have witnessed more and more dangerous incidents and we fear there will be an accident. Please make sure you set off in good time to find a safe and suitable parking space. If you happen to be late and you can't find anywhere to park please don't panic. Pop us a call to say you'll be late. We would much prefer you and your children to be safe when arriving and leaving school. It is also important that we role model to our children what is safe and appropriate when using our roads.

Please also be considerate to our local residents. Please do not park across driveways or on pavements. Thank you for your cooperation.

After School Clubs

We will be offering a variety of after school clubs later in the term. Please look out for a letter explaining what we offer and to which year groups in the next few weeks. Thank you

Scooters and bikes

If your child comes to school on a scooter or bike please ensure they dismount it before they enter the school gates before school and do not get back on it after school until they have left the playground. We will ask them to walk with their scooter or bike, across the playground to place it in the bike racks. Under no circumstances should children ride these across the playground. We have lots of toddlers in our playground during drop off and pick up and the playground gets very busy. We want to avoid any accidents and appreciate your cooperation with this. Please talk to your children about this matter. Thank you

YEAR 1 NEWS

What a lovely start to the new academic year! Your children have settled back into school well and have clearly enjoying meeting up with their friends again. Thank you for your help and understanding with the morning routines. We are grateful that you appreciate how tight we are for space in the Y1 cloakrooms and the health and safety risk it would cause if we had any more people squashed in those areas. Please trust that we have staff in the corridors and cloakrooms and that actually your children are very capable and were managing their belongings at the end of the day when they were in Reception so it is just the natural next step.

The children will continue to have a morning job each day and it would be lovely if you could stay to support them with this however we do understand that many parent/carers have other commitments.

Year 1 Home Learning Projects

Please see the separate letter about our home learning project for this term. We encourage children to take ownership of their projects. It really should be their ideas and work with some support from parents/carers no the other way around. This should not be stressful or competitive in any way just an opportunity to link learning at home and school. They are usually quite open ended so that your child can do things the way he/she likes. There is no right or wrong way. We look forward to seeing the projects. These can be sent in during the last week of Term 1.

Spellings

In the next few weeks we will begin to teach the children set spelling patterns and key words for spelling. They will bring these home and we ask that you would find a few moments to practise the words with them each week. We will send out more details nearer the time.

Year 1 PE

Please note this is a change to the handbook. This term Year 1 are working with a coach from MSP on a **Tuesday** so we need the children to come into school dressed for PE. PE clothing should be plain (**no logos or football kits please**). Children should wear plain shorts or jogging bottoms, a plain t-shirt and have a hoodie or sweatshirt if needed. Trainers or plimsolls should also be worn. The children will also need a separate PE kit that will stay in school in a named PE bag on their pegs. The children will change into this kit usually on a Wednesday afternoon for PE. Please continue to practise dressing and undressing independently at home each day as some of our children still find this challenging.

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KEY DATES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME	EVENT AND OTHER INFORMATION
NURSERY		
RECEPTION	Friday, 29 th September	Share
YEAR 1	Tuesday, 26 th September Friday, 29 th September	Wow Day – dress up as a super hero Share
YEAR 2	Friday, 29 th September	Share

SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLIES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME
Year 2	Friday, 8 th September
Year 1	Friday, 15 th September
Reception	Friday, 22 nd September
Year 2	Friday, 6 th October
Year 1	Friday, 13 th October
Reception	Friday, 20 th October