

NEWSLETTER

13th January 2022



MESSAGE FROM MRS HORN

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled back into school remarkably well after the Christmas break. As you are aware some children do not have their regular teacher however I am so proud of the impression they are giving to our visiting supply teachers. We have had some lovely comments from them on the children's behaviour and attitudes to learning.

At the end of last term we sent our first 'Focus on..' article. The first articles was all about behaviour. If you haven't had an opportunity to read this then I have put the link here <https://sway.office.com/XkFDRy4N25rWR7ei?ref=Link>

Staff Absence due to Covid—19

Staff absence continues to be a concern for us but we have so far managed to keep all classes open thanks to staff here at Mount Street being so flexible and the help of supply agencies. If we do have to close a class due to staff absence and we are unable to get cover then I need to assure you that it will be the very last option and will be for the shortest amount of time possible.

You will have been contacted if you meet the criteria for critical worker, your child is SEND or deemed vulnerable as set out in government guidance. It is our hope that we would at least be able to have these children in school and the rest of the class will complete school work remotely. Please understand that if we don't have staff even to cover these groups then we might need to restrict access to these groups or close the class completely.

I am hopeful that it will not come to this but we are at least prepared for this.

Please help us to keep school open by lateral flow testing your family including children at least twice a week and only sending children into school if they are well.

Mrs Horn

PARKING

Parking around school is and will always be difficult. We encourage where you can to walk your child to school but appreciate that some of you must use your car to get to school as you live some distance away. As always, we ask you to respect our neighbours by not blocking their driveways, and to abide by the law, not parking on double yellows or in the bus stop.

To support the school, we have requested that the parking warden at times attends at the start and end of the day to help keep children safe, ensuring cars are parked safely and legally.

We are disappointed to report that we have had several complaints that some members of our school community have been intimidating/verbally abusive/using inappropriate language to the parking warden while they are trying to carry out their role supporting the school keeping our children safe. This type of behaviour can never be condoned, especially when carried out in front of the children for which it is setting a poor example and not in keeping with the schools' values "The DREAM Team"

Determination—We never give up

Responsibility—We are honest

Empathy—We are kind

Aspiration—We aim high

Make a Difference—We look after our world

As a school if we witness or receive any further complains regarding this, we will have no alternative but to seek legal advice.

SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

If you have not already applied for a Reception place or Year 3 place, please note the official deadline for applications is this Saturday (15th January). The online Parent Portal will remain open until 30th January.

YEAR 2 NEWS

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school after the Christmas break, although it quickly becomes a distant memory as the routines of school set back in! The children have returned with enthusiasm and joy which is brilliant as we settle into the rhythm of the term.

We have begun our Geography unit of work on the Arctic and will continue to learn more about this area of our world in the coming weeks. We are using globes and maps to locate the Arctic and will then 'zoom in' further to a specific place in Greenland, called Sisimiut. We will be finding out about the geography of this place and making comparisons, looking at the similarities and differences between Lincoln and Sisimiut. On Monday 24th January, we will be welcoming in an Arctic explorer into school who will share his experiences through a workshop with each class.

Our Art unit this term is a focus on painting and the children are already loving developing their skills and understanding of this medium. We have looked at the colour wheel and used primary colours to mix both secondary and tertiary colours, which had the children mesmerised by the colours they were able to produce! If you have paints at home, try encouraging your child to use red, blue and yellow to mix their own colours and use these new colours to create their piece.

Reading Books

Just a gentle reminder that reading books must be in school every day. This is very important so we can hear children read whenever possible as well as check they are still reading the correct book - occasionally books are muddled in the boxes and incorrect ones may inadvertently be taken home, especially now many of our children are independently changing their books. We can also engage with and respond to the comments that many of you write in the home reading record books. Please ensure that you sign these records to confirm your child has read the book, otherwise it will not be changed. Many thanks for your support.

Items from home

Please ensure that only essential items are brought into school. These are water bottles, lunch boxes (if having packed lunch) and reading folders which all may be brought in a rucksack or bag. The only other things children will need are hats/gloves/scarves for colder weather. Toys, fidgets, teddies etc... should not be in school unless agreed in advance for a specific need with class teachers. It creates upset if these things become lost or broken during the course of the day, as well as being a distraction for the children so they are better kept safely at home. Thank you.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS AND CARERS

At Mount Street Academy our main communication with parents and carers is via Parent Hub and Parentmail. Please download these on to your smart device.

- ParentHub - follow the instructions on the link below in order for you connect to our school. <https://mountstreetacademy.com/assets/uploads/files/Parent-Hub-Letter-and-Flyer.pdf>



- ParentMail—you should have been sent a link to the e-mail address that we have on record for you. Instructions can be found here: [How to Register with ParentMail by Email.pdf](#)



RELIEF STAFF

We are looking to recruit relief staff, to cover on an as and when basis, to meet the needs of our schools. We are looking for Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Cover Supervisors, Cleaners and Midday Supervisors. Please see the school website for further details and an application form - <https://mountstreetacademy.com/information/vacancies/relief-staff>

CHARITY COLLECTIONS

Thanks to all those who donated towards Children in Need and Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. We managed to raise £231.30 for Children in Need and £261.95 for Save the Children. Thank you!

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

- End of Term 3: Friday 11th February 2022
- Start date of Term 4: Monday 21st February 2022

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