

# NEWSLETTER

15th July 2021



MountStreet  
ACADEMY

## MESSAGE FROM MRS HORN

Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be the final newsletter before we break up for summer.

This year has been yet another year where we have faced many challenges when considering the education of our young children. The lengthy lockdowns have disrupted learning and both teachers and parents have been asked to do things they were either not trained to do or bargained for! I am so proud of the way our community has responded to the challenges and I am particularly proud of our wonderful children. They have been so brave and so fearless when facing changes and disruption and have done so well coping with the challenges.

The teachers worked so hard to provide a remote learning offer for the children based on your feedback from the previous lockdown and you as parents ensured they accessed the learning as much as possible. We have seen the evidence of your hard work in the children's work since returning and I would like to personally thank you all for stepping up to this difficult task when many of you were still trying to work.

We don't know what the next year is going to bring. We are hopeful that it will involve less disruption to learning and to our lives as a whole but this virus continues to surprise us.

For now the staff at MSA are going to embark on a very much needed rest. So many of the staff have not properly rested for the last 16 months due to the additional responsibilities laid upon them. I hope that the children will have the happiest of holidays and when they return to school in September they will be ready for the learning that awaits them.

We know that some children's learning was disrupted more than others and that some children's experiences over the last 16 months have been more traumatic than others. We are prepared for this at Mount Street and are proud to be an inclusive school where we truly believe that it is a 'A haven in which children flourish'.

Have a wonderful relaxing summer.

Mrs Horn

## KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

- End of Term 6: Wednesday 21st July—School to close at 1pm (please note there will be no afternoon nursery session that day)
- Start date of Term 1 2021/22: Monday 06th September 2021

## RECEPTION NEWS

What a fantastic year we have had in Nursery and Reception! We are so proud of everything the children have achieved both at home during lockdown with their remote learning and with their learning in school.

This year, we have seen the children working so hard to be resilient and determined in their learning.

We have been doing some special sport activities in Nursery over the last week; rolling, running, riding bikes and carrying water.

In Reception the children had their sports day and it was wonderful to see them celebrate each other and try their best in their races.

We are really looking forward to our beach wow day on Monday! Please see parent hub for the information on what your child needs for the day.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

Well, what a year it has been! We are so incredibly proud of all the children; not only have they progressed so much with their learning, but they have matured and grown in confidence despite the strange challenges that have faced them. We are so happy that we have been able to finish the year off with a school trip and the excitement on the children's faces about this has been so lovely to see.

We will miss the children terribly when they leave us, however, we know that they have such an exciting adventure ahead of them in Year 2. We also are saying goodbye to some of our friends who are moving schools and we wish them lots of luck.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your hard work and support this past year. It certainly has been challenging at times and we know that lots of you didn't expect to be part time teachers! We couldn't have done it without you.

Please make sure you all have a wonderful Summer and we look forward to seeing you all again in September 😊

## YEAR 2 NEWS

Well, what a year! But we have made it through with children still smiling, still showing courage and resilience for learning, for life and for adapting to all that has been challenging. We are so proud of all our Year 2s and they should be very proud of themselves too. It's been a rollercoaster of a year but they have flourished and achieved so much. We hope they will leave us with memories of Mount Street which will stay with them forever. Please keep in touch and let us know how the next step goes. Have a wonderful summer enjoying some family time and fun – the children have definitely earned the break!

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## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform Direct have asked us to pass on the following information:

Try to purchase before 31 July for online orders and 7 August instore. Purchase uniform in plenty of time, May and June is the best time. This will give you time to return and reorder online if you need to. Postage is free for orders over £25 and returns are by a printable returns label emailed to you on request. Order more than one size if you wish, and return the incorrect size. Buying early instore allows you time to exchange incorrect sizes and place any special orders well before start of term.

For help and support email: [customerservices@uniform-direct.com](mailto:customerservices@uniform-direct.com) or visit their website [www.uniform-direct.com/](http://www.uniform-direct.com/)

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## BUILDING WORKS

The building works continue to move at a pace and we are on track to complete the hall and drainage works in time for the return to school in September. We know the school hasn't always looked its best and we will be glad when we can finally use our lovely hall again.

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## SEPTEMBER SCHOOL START TIMES

At this stage it is our intention to return to pre-covid systems.

Morning: Gates open at 8.50am (School starts at 8.55am) and gates close at 9.10am.

Afternoon: Gates open at 3.05pm (School ends at 3.10pm) and gates closed at 3.20pm. I will confirm this arrangement via Parent Hub at the end of August.

New Reception classes you will have part time sessions for the first 2 weeks. Please see your letters for timings of the day.

Nursery your sessions are 9am-12 noon and 12.15pm-3.15pm.

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## 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 or log in via the web.

- 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](#)

If you have any problems please get in touch with the school office.

If your child is starting with us in September, please note that you will not be able to sign up to either of these until September.

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## PUPIL PREMIUM

Following the introduction of Universal Credit, the way that we can establish whether school is entitled to extra funding for your child has changed. This extra funding is known as Income and Benefits Based Free School Meals – IBFSM (not to be confused with the free meals provided for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2).

**It is very important that every parent/carer completes this for all their children in school, even if you do not think you are eligible.**

Are you in receipt of any of the benefits below?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits.

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income support – Income-based Jobseekers Allowance – Income-related Employment and support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working Tax Credit.

**Guidance – Create an account using your email address on the online Parent Portal:** <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals>

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## SCHOOL TRANSPORT

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to the first year of junior school in September 2021 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport). Queries can be emailed to [schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

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