

# NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> November 2020



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## MESSAGE FROM MRS HORN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems that the weeks are flying by and we are now almost half way into Term 2. The children are very busy with their learning and continue to amaze us with what they know and remember from the lessons they have in class.

Due to us having to quarantine our reading books when they are returned to us we are not able to change books as frequently as we would like. Please supplement this reading practise by reading books from your own home either to your child or with your child. Learning to read is a multi-layered approach and shared reading is one of the best ways to improve your child's spoken vocabulary which helps with independent reading.

As we head into winter we will begin to see more and more children experiencing coughs and colds as well as sickness bugs. Due to COVID-19 we have increased our cleaning team and your child's health as well as the staff working here is a top priority. We follow the government guidance with regards to COVID-19 and we ask you do the same.

Good attendance at school is very important however please do not send your child to school if they have a high temperature or a new and continuous cough. Whilst you may be convinced that your child's symptoms are just an ear infection or a bad cold for example, we are still obliged to follow these guidance's as set out by Public Health England and the Government. It is everyone's responsibility to reduce the infection rate in order for these restrictions to be relaxed and we can only do this if we cooperate and work together. I thank you for your patience and understanding at this very difficult time.

Remember Hands – face – space

Mrs Horn

## NURSERY NEWS

The Nursery Children quickly re-settled into the Nursery after the Half Term holiday and have continued to thrive. Many of them now have new friends and favourite resources in the Nursery and it is lovely to see their personalities develop and their confidence grow. It was also a privilege to have the opportunity to discuss your children with you at our recent "Telephone Parents Evening Consultations".

In recent weeks we have listened to fireworks, made firework noises with percussion instruments and experimented with lots of colour in our splatter paintings!! We looked at the colour red, poppies and circles and "Remembered" in our own special way.

This week we are taking part in the National Nursery Rhyme week and taking part in lots of activities to accompany a different Nursery Rhyme every day!! Alongside this the children are of course following their own interests and extending their own learning through their play. Don't forget that this is recorded through photographs and videos which are placed in their own personal Tapestry accounts. If you have not been able to access this, please contact your child's Key worker so that they can re activate your link to the journal.

We would like to thank you all for helping us care for your children by providing spare clothes , wipes, nappy sacks and tissues so that we can all stay safe and well and enjoy the exciting term ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.  
The Nursery Team.

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## COATS

During this cold weather period, please can you make sure that you send your child to school with a Coat to keep them warm whilst playing outside.

If your child is in Nursery or Reception, please also ensure that you send wellies for them to wear during wet play.

Could you also ensure that **all** clothing is clearly marked with your child's name.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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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 ADMISSIONS 2021

Applications are now open for children that are in Nursery or Year two who will require a Reception/Year 3 place next year.

You need to apply via Lincolnshire County Council School Admissions (link below).

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school-place>

## VACANCIES

We are looking for two members to join our midday team from January 2021.

The roles are:

- ◆ Midday Supervisory Assistant
- ◆ Catering Assistant and Driver

Please visit the school website for further details and an application form – [www.mountstreetacademy.com/information/vacancies](http://www.mountstreetacademy.com/information/vacancies)

The closing date for applications is midnight on Wednesday 25th November 2020.

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## REPORTING ILLNESS

When leaving a message on the school answer phone for absence, please could you ensure that you clearly leave the following information:

- ◆ Full Name of child
- ◆ A detailed reason why the child is absent (this is so we can ensure action is taken if appropriate)

If any illness is Covid related, please also ensure you state this in the message.

Many thanks for you co-operation.

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## PARENT HUB

At Mount Street Academy we use an app called Parent Hub to send out all communications with parents. Please download this on to your smart device and 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> Unfortunately we are unable to send out paper copies due to the current situation therefore this will be mainly how we communicate with parents. If you have any problems with downloading this, please get in touch with the school office.

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### Dates for the Diary

**End of Term 2: Thursday 17th December 2020**

**Start of Term 3: Monday 04th January 2021**

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