

NEWSLETTER

21st July 2022



MESSAGE FROM MRS HORN

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is my final Newsletter of the academic year and what a year it has been! The first full year without school closures due to Covid has been a joy and a challenge all in one. I am so proud of all our children for their resilience in coping with the last couple of years of disruption. Here at Mount Street we have been acutely aware of what the children have missed and our curriculum this year has been designed to challenge children but also to ensure that missed learning is incorporated into the current learning.

We are incredibly proud of the curriculum we offer at Mount Street and take great pride in ensuring it really is a 'Haven in which children flourish'. I was reminded of the importance of early education when we had our centenary open day. Many visitors shared their first memories of school at Mount Street and could often recall in great detail events, teachers and their friends and the joy on their faces when they recognised a room or themselves on a photo. These times are precious and we are very aware of the influence and impact we have on children and take our roles and responsibilities very seriously.

To the parents and children of Year 2 thank you for choosing Mount Street as your child first educator we wish you and your children the very best for the future and we hope you will visit us one day in the future to share your memories.

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you all on Tuesday 6th September 2022.

Mrs Horn, Headteacher

NURSERY NEWS

The Nursery Children have shown us how independent and grownup they all are this term.

The last few weeks have been a whirlwind of hot weather, lots of learning and exciting events!

The children have enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, picnicking outside, building houses for the Three Little Pigs and have of course had great fun paddling, splashing and playing with sand during and after our fantastic trip to Mablethorpe.

Now our Nursery 2 children are ready to move on into their Reception Classes as they continue their journey through school.

NURSERY NEWS CONT.

We are looking forward to welcoming a new intake of children in September and are pleased that our Nursery 1 children will be great role models and help their new friends to settle into the Nursery.

We are sad that this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Betts and Mrs Hogan but pleased that they will still be working with the new Tigers Class and the new Bears Class.

We would like to welcome Mrs Wallhead back to the Nursery after her maternity leave and Miss Hodges who will be the new Key Worker for the Caterpillar Group.

Thank you for your support throughout this year!

Have a wonderful Summer!

The Nursery Team xXx

RECEPTION NEWS

Wow, what a brilliant year we have had in Reception!

The children have all shown our Dream Team values and have made so much progress since September!

We will be so very sorry to say goodbye to this year group, but we know that they are ready for the exciting challenge of Year One!

Some highlights this year have been; Learning how to read and write confidently, Our trip to Woodside Wildlife Park, our Diwali Workshops, singing around the bonfire, paddling in the pools on beach wow day, being visited by a real scientist and learning all about our different cultures, tasting traditional food and learning some of the different languages spoken at home!

Thank you for your incredible support with the children this year, please continue to do this in year one. When parents engage in the children's learning it makes such a difference.

Have a brilliant summer, stay safe and enjoy some quality family time!

See you in September!

The Reception Team

YEAR 1 NEWS

Wow! We can't quite believe that it has come to the end of Year 1 for our wonderful children. They have had such a successful year and we are so, so proud of them and we are sure that you are too. Thank you parents as well for your continuous support.

We have learned so many different stories from The Three Little Pigs to Little Red Riding Hood; we've worked incredibly hard to write all of the stories we've learned and the progress we have seen has been phenomenal. We are sure that the children will continue to blow us away in Year 2!

The children have also become confident mathematicians, from counting forwards and backwards to 100, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, most recently telling the time but also much, much more!

We wish all the children the best as they continue their journey into Year 2. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching every single one of them and it was an absolute pleasure to write their recent reports. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank you for your generosity and for the lovely gifts you have given us. We wish you a fantastic Summer and we will see you in September!

Year 1 Team

YEAR 2 NEWS

Where do we start? It is with very mixed emotions that we write the final Newsletter section for our Year 2 children this year but what a year it has been. The last week has not quite been as planned and we appreciate your patience in the upheaval which the heat brought, but the children have been brilliant in showing their adaptability to change!

Our traditional Summer Wow Day was truly wonderful, and the children squealed, laughed, played and splashed their way through a special day making memories to cherish (we think some will remember soaking the teachers as much as anything!)

The children have done themselves proud at the end of an exhausting term, shining like stars in their Leavers Concert and giving us goosebumps with their singing and passion – this has been a welcome and heart-warming return to celebrating in true Mount Street singing-style, the end of an era for our oldest children, knowing they are ready for the next adventure which awaits in their new school.

We are so proud of the journey that each and every one of your wonderful children have taken this year and watching them grow into who they have become today. They have lived our DREAM Team Values and we know that they will take these with them as they move onto their new setting in September. We think your little people are amazing and feel privileged to have shared their time this year. Thank you for choosing Mount Street, thank you for trusting them with us, and thank you for all your support over the years.

We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved, restful summer with lots of fun, sun (not too hot!) and family time. Happy Holidays everyone!

Year 2 Team

FRIENDS OF MOUNT STREET (FOMS)

This year has been another slightly limited year for FOMs as our committee has remained very small and COVID has at times continued to interfere with our events.

In spite of this we are proud to announce that:

- All children at Mount Street Academy have had at least one disco this year!
- Lots of families bought Christmas cards and wrapping paper designed by their children!
- All classes were given a donation to help buy the children a Christmas Present!
- We have held two Bags2School Donation Days!
- We have continued to sell pre loved Uniform and books throughout this year!
- Many parents and carers have bought Jubilee tea towels covered in the self portraits of all of our children!

The money raised by these events is helping to furnish our new library and is also used to purchase and contribute to other treats for the children throughout the year.

An example of this is the Leavers Gift and re-arranged Year 2 Leavers Disco which had to be postponed due to the extreme weather conditions this week.

The school would like to say a massive Thank You to all the parents that felt able to help with this years fundraising and hope that next year many more of you will feel able to join FOMs and help raise money for our wonderful school and children. If you feel able to join FOMs (Friends of Mount Street) please e-mail your details to enquiries@mountstreet.anthemtrust.uk and check the school newsletters for meeting dates.

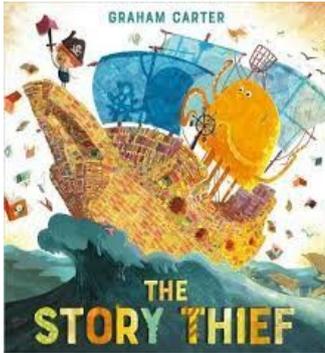
More FOMs!!

- Jubilee Tea towels have now been reduced to £2:50 or three for £6!! (Available from the school office)
- We are still selling Pre Loved Uniform at £1 per item and would love to replenish our stock. If your child is leaving Mount Street or has outgrown this years MSA uniform we would love you to donate them to our pre-loved uniform stall (please pass uniform donations to your child's teacher).

Thank you for your continued support.

FOMs (Friends of Mount Street School)

STAFF BOOK REVIEWS



The Story Thief- Graham Carter

I first came across this story only a few weeks ago, when my little boy got this book for his birthday. The illustrations on the front cover made us excited to read the story straight away. Boys and girls do you like books, or get lost in a

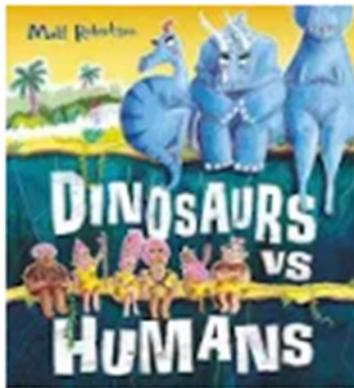
story? Well then this is the book for you!

It's all about a lonely Octopus who one day discovers a mysterious object, which we know as a book. The octopus is curious to find out more about these "mysterious objects" so goes on an adventure. His journey takes him to dry land where he meets a little girl called Olive, who loves books! Unfortunately, the octopus makes some wrong choices on his way which is why the book is given the title "The Story Thief." Fortunately, at the end of the story the Octopus understands the magic of books, he no longer is the story thief, and goes on lots of new adventures with his new friend Olive.

Mrs Larwood

Dinosaurs V's Humans— Matt Robertson

Everyone knows that humans and dinosaurs can't be friends ... or can they? When Dexter the dinosaur meets Pearl the cavewoman they have the most amazing fun becoming an awesome human-Dino team. However, disaster strikes and the two friends need saving. Their feuding tribes have to unite to save the day and end up rewriting ancient laws.



When I read this rhyming book to America class they really enjoyed the bright colourful pictures and loved the fact that Dexter and Pearl became the best of friends. We talk about how it really doesn't matter if we are different to our friends, we can still have fun and that working together makes life so much easier and happier. We agreed that looking after the classroom is much easier when we all work together as a team and that we all bring different skills to the team.

If you don't have a copy of the book, there's an audio book version you can watch on youtube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWoQ7s0Qzpk>

Mrs Silson

Give these stories a read and see where your imagination, through the magic of stories, can take you!

We'd love to hear that your children have read these books

STAFF BOOK REVIEWS CONT.

and what they think about them. Why not complete a book review and give it to your class teacher? Show it to Mrs Horn and you'll get a Headteachers Award for showing us your love for reading! You can print the book review using this link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1T2AcdPXDnrDgRSWJpdF4nqS7-jwfHRjG/view?usp=sharing>

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS AND CARERS

At Mount Street Academy our main communication with parents and carers is via ParentHub 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](#)



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.

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

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to the first year of junior school in September 2022 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. Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

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 earnings 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>

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL START/FINISH TIMES

Morning: School starts at 8.45am and gates close at 9.05am.

Afternoon: School ends at 3.15pm and gates closed at 3.25pm.

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

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

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Start date of Term 1 2022/23: Tuesday 6th September 2022
- INSET DAY— **School Closed** Friday 30th September 2022
- End of Term 1: Friday 21st October 2022
- Open Day—Wednesday 9th November 2022
- 9.30am, 2.00pm or 5pm Please contact the school office to book a time slot

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