



MountStreet
ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

3rd October 2019

MESSAGE FROM MRS NICOLL AND MRS HORN

We hope your child is enjoying the first term in school. We've spent time in classrooms over the past 2 weeks and we are amazed at how much the children have already learnt, the knowledge they are remembering and the routines that are embedded.

We hope you have all seen the letter about Harvest Festival for Year 1 and Year 2 children. It takes place on Tuesday 8th October at 2pm at St Nicholas Church on Newport. Tickets are not required for this event. We'd love to see as many of you there as possible. We are still in need of some parent helpers to walk with us to the church. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you're able to help or call the school office.

You may have noticed the Laurel bushes have come down in the EYFS outdoor area. Work is taking place to remove these and create a more purposeful physical learning environment for our children – watch this space!

We have certainly noticed the temperature has dropped this week so please do ensure children come to school with their coats. We don't think it will be long until the hats and gloves come out as well!

Please can we politely remind you to ensure your language is positive, especially on our school grounds. We have sadly had some reports that adults are swearing and we of course do not want our children hearing this type of language. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

COOL MILK

To clarify from our previous newsletter, all children in Reception will receive milk, regardless of their age. From Year 1 onwards, unless you're in receipt of benefits, you will have to pay for milk if your child would still like it. Please pop to our office for any help with this.

HEADLICE

At Mount Street Academy, we have recently been having an outbreak of head lice. It would be appreciated greatly if parents would check their child's hair and treat it accordingly, so we can eliminate head lice from our school. Please note, that often with head lice you need to repeat the treatment cycle several times to ensure all lice have been removed.

NURSERY NEWS

The children have all settled back in to nursery extremely well and we would like to say a big welcome to all the new children that have joined us. We would like to say a BIG thank you to all our lovely parents for helping the children with an effective transition into nursery.

Please can parents ensure that children bring a pair wellies and water bottles to nursery. We would also like it if parents could cut grapes in half if sending them at lunchtime.

We are very excited to enjoy the rest of this term with our nursery children and for all the wonderful things we are going to be learning and exploring together.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at Mount Street Academy is extremely important if your child is to make progress and parents/carers are responsible for getting their children to school every day. Please find the link to our attendance policy which can be found on our website <https://mountstreetacademy.com/information/policies/attendance-and-punctuality-policy>. We would like to share with you the classes with the top attendance since the last newsletter.

This fortnight's top class is: **Kandinsky**.
Well done Kandinsky!



PHOTO DAY

The photographer is coming on Thursday 31st October. The photographer will be taking individual photographs and the children will be taken for these by their class teacher during the school day. If you would like your child to have a family photograph with their sibling/s you are very welcome to bring them to the temporary hall at the end of the school day. Entry to the hall would be via the small gate on Olive Street leading into the main playground. Any parents who would like their Nursery child's photograph taken and they are not due to be in on a Thursday can also come after school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Elections have been taking place in classrooms to vote for this year's School Council representatives. Well done to the following children who have been elected to represent their class. Kandinsky: Amira and Lucas Matisse: Imogen and Liam Miro: Lola and Marley America: Mahnaz and Finley Italy: Violet and Robbie Australia: Edie and Harry.

Miss Wilson is looking forward to working with them all.

READING AWARDS

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ONLINE SAFETY

The internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways. The internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge. However you don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online.

Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities but potential online risks can be grouped into these 4 categories:

Conduct: children may be at risk because of their own behaviour, for example, by sharing too much information.

Content: age-inappropriate or unreliable content can be available to children.

Contact: children can be contacted by bullies or people who groom or seek to abuse them.

Commercialism: young people can be unaware of hidden costs and advertising in apps, games and websites.

Please visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers> for more advice on what you can do if your child encounters any issues Online.

(Abstract taken from Uk Safer Internet Centre).

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YEAR 2

Spellings

Please ensure that all spelling books are in school on a Thursday. The yellow books are for sticking new spellings in each week (in the front) and the children will be tested on them in the back. Thank you.

YEAR 2 TRIP TO CASTLE – DATE FOR DIARY

We will be visiting Lincoln Castle on Tuesday 12th November. This is an exciting local visit opportunity and will enhance the learning for our curriculum theme 'Castles and Dragons' next term. Letters will be coming out next week with details but please make a note of the date in advance. Many thanks.

RECEPTION

What a great start to the year we are having! Can we just remind you of the following things:

PE kits:

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit with them every day including plimsoles or trainers.

Uniform:

We already have quite a few lost cardigans and jumpers – please make sure that every item of uniform is labelled including shoes.

Reading:

We're so impressed with how the children are remembering their phonics and beginning to read. Please rest assured that we are assessing the children's ability to blend each week and when they are ready we will give the children a pink book with words in so you can practise blending too. In the mean time, please continue to use the phonics paddles to blend words with your children and ensure you are filling in their reading diary whenever you hear them read. We change books on a Monday, Wednesday and a Friday.

Phonics Meeting:

On Thursday 17th October we are holding a phonics workshop for parents at 9:15-10:15 am and 3:20-4:20pm. This will be a brilliant workshop for you to find out how we teach your children to read and how you can help them at home.

Thanks,

The Reception Team 😊

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 4th October

Year 1 DREAM Assembly at 2.30

Friday 11th October

Reception DREAM Assembly at 2.30

Thursday 17th October

Reception Phonics and Reading Workshop at 9.15-10.15 OR 3.20-4.20

Friday 18th October

Reception, Year1 and Year 2 SHARE at 2.30