

NEWSLETTER



MountStreet
ACADEMY

10th January 2019

A FEW WORDS FROM MRS HORN & MRS NICOLL

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and 2019 has got off to a positive start for you all. We are delighted to be back and have a busy and exciting term ahead.

We would like to say a very special welcome to new families who have joined us in Nursery. We are delighted to welcome a group of new children who turned 3 between September 2018 and December 2018. They seem very little but look ever so smart in their uniforms and we've had lots of smiling faces so far. We can't wait to see them settle into Nursery routines over the next few weeks and see them develop and progress even more. **We still have some spaces available in Nursery so please don't hesitate to contact the office if you are interested or know someone who is.**

As many of you know, the majority of our children move up to Westgate in Year 3. Although some children attend other Junior schools we are proud of our partnership work to aid the transition for our children as they move to Westgate.

Our transition begins in Year 1 where we host a variety of events, inviting the Westgate staff to join our classrooms and spend a morning or two at Mount Street. During these mornings they take part in art workshops and other wonderful activities. This develops further throughout the year and children in Year 2 do several visits to Westgate, taking part in sewing workshops and French mornings. Our Year 2 staff then work closely with the Westgate staff to ensure they know as much information as possible about the individuals moving to them, including their strengths, areas for development and interests. We believe this transition work gives our children the very best start at Westgate and we are always delighted to see them back at Mount Street, helping their teachers and making the younger children feel at ease.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Westgate on their most recent KS2 results. 70% of pupils met the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, with reading being a particular strength. This is 6% above the National average and 10% above the Local

Authority average. 13% of Westgate pupils achieved at a higher standard in reading, writing and maths. This is 3% above the National average and 5% above the Local Authority average. These outcomes are excellent and are a testament to the hard work that the Westgate staff have put in. We are proud of the children who have gained such positive outcomes and look forward to our continuing relationship with Westgate.

And finally, Tuesday 15th January 2019 sees the application window close for Reception places in September 2019. **If your child is due to start school in September 2019 then you must apply for their place by Tuesday 15th January 2019.** Please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk and search for school admissions to submit your application.

Here's to a wonderful Spring term!

Lauren Nicoll

VACANCIES

Kyra Teaching School Administrator Vacancy

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, friendly individual to support the core function of the teaching school. The role will include general secretarial and administrative support, particularly supporting the running of training events.

Base: Kyra Teaching School, The Priory Pembroke Academy (LN3 4JP)

Start Date: ASAP

Salary: G2.3 (part-time equivalent starting salary is £10,477 per annum)

Hours: 27.5 hours per week (Monday to Friday, 8am – 2pm), school term time only (39 weeks per year)

Contract: Permanent

For further information and an application form, please visit our website -

<https://mountstreetacademy.com/information/vacancies>

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Tuesday 29th January 2019.

Regional Governance Administrator

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, focused and self-motivated individual to support the local governance for a growing regional team of schools and the Kyra Teaching School Alliance. We are looking for someone who is willing to learn, flexible, hardworking and has a very strong working knowledge of computer programmes particularly word, excel and outlook. You will use your initiative to create effective processes and procedures and ensure you are in charge of your own workload.

Start Date: ASAP

Salary: G4 9-12 depending on experience (part-time equivalent starting salary is £4,617)

Hours: Flexible working pattern to meet the needs of the schools. Equivalent to 11 hours per week for 39 weeks per year. The postholder will be required to attend evening meetings.

Contract: Permanent

Base School: Lincoln Carlton Academy will be the base school, although the role will be spread over a region of schools. There is scope for some hours to be worked from home with agreement from line manager.

Closing date: 12 noon on Tuesday 29th January 2019

Further information and an application form can be found at <https://mountstreetacademy.com/information/vacancies>

YEAR 2 NEWS

Messy Mixtures Wow morning

Just a reminder that our wow morning is tomorrow! Please send children dressed in old clothes as we will be having a morning of science activities!

Personal items in school

We are still finding that children are bringing things in from home on a regular basis. We have had numerous toys, hair accessories, slime, money, cuddly teddies and even sweets. This is causing disruption to learning time and risks the items being lost or broken in school. Please ensure that children only come into school with what they actually need for the day. We will organise a 'Show and Tell' afternoon this term but will let you know in advance when this will be. Many thanks for your support in this.

Lost property

Please ensure that all items of clothing including coats, hats and scarves are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Curriculum

Our topic this term is Muck, Mess and Mixtures. This has a heavy focus on working scientifically in Science and we will be carrying out experiments with the children each week, which they are already looking forward to!

You might have heard about the excitement at the beginning of this week when we found evidence of dragons visiting our school! This will be the focus of our writing for the next few weeks as we engage in a non-fiction report about Rainbow Dragons as part of our Talk for Writing sequence. The children are wonderfully inspired already and we can't wait to see where their imagination takes them as they invent their own dragons later in the term.

Spellings

It is so important that children build up their bank of words which they can spell accurately. Please do refer to the list given out at Parent's Evening in November for words which children are expected to be able to spell by the end of the year. We will also continue with the weekly spelling tests and send new words home to practise which will be chosen from the current phonics focus. If you require a replacement list of Y2 words, please ask Mrs Turner on the door in the morning.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2019

If they are, or you know someone who is, they need to apply for a school place by January 15th 2019.

Please go to the Lincolnshire County Council website and search 'Primary, infant and junior school places' to apply for your child's place.

We currently have spaces in our Reception intake for 2019 so please do apply if you haven't already.

YEAR 1 NEWS

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! What an exciting term we have ahead of us! We are now beginning our 'Moon Zoom' topic and have planned lots of fun and creative learning experiences for the children. We will begin to explore non-fiction texts such as fact files and will learn more about space and famous astronauts, both past and present, who have helped us to learn more about the universe we live in. We will be having a big focus on design and technology and science within this topic, exploring different materials and their properties. This might be something you want to explore at home too; why not take the opportunity to explore materials within your home and why different things are made of particular materials. We are hoping to have an exciting visitor linked to our topic too but this will be confirmed at a later date.

Reading

Please continue to read with your child as regularly as you can, as it not only has a huge impact on their learning, but it will also help them to gain rewards on the Readasaurus! Please also don't forget that for every 50 books your child reads, they get a certificate from the Head Teacher.

P.E clothing

P.E will continue to be on a Wednesday and a Friday. Please can children come in P.E clothing on Wednesday and Friday and make sure that they are following the uniform policy. P.E lessons will be outside so please make sure that your child is wearing warm outdoor P.E clothing.

The P.E uniform policy shows that children can come in:

- Navy blue tracksuit bottoms and tracksuit top
- Navy shorts (for warmer weather)
- White or Purple plain crew neck T-shirt
- Plimsolls
- Trainers for outside wear

Spellings

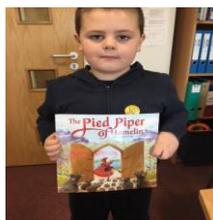
We will continue with spellings next week. Children will have their spelling tests on Thursday each week and will be given their new spelling on the Friday to give them lots of time to practice them. Please try to remember to bring in the spelling books on a Thursday so that we can get the new spellings in the books for the next day.

Thank you for all your support and cooperation.

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with the poppy appeal. The sum of £201.06 was collected which allows the Royal British Legion to continue with vital welfare and benevolent work.

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Harry



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KEY DATES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME	EVENT AND OTHER INFORMATION
NURSERY		
RECEPTION	Friday, 25 th January 2019 2.40pm	Share – Join us in your child’s classroom
YEAR 1	Friday, 25 th January 2019 2.40pm	Share – Join us in your child’s classroom
YEAR 2	Friday, 11 th January 2019 Friday, 25 th January 2019 2.40pm	Messy Mixtures Wow morning – dress in old clothes. Share – Join us in your child’s classroom
ALL YEAR GROUPS	Monday, 25 th February 2019 Tuesday, 26 th February 2019	School Closed – Staff Training Day School Closed - Staff Training Day

SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLIES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME
Year 1 Superstars	Friday, 11 th January 2019 2.45pm
Reception Superstars	Friday, 18 th January 2019 2.45pm
Year 2 Superstars	Friday, 1 st February 2019 2.45pm
Year 1 Superstars	Friday, 8 th February 2019 2.45pm
Reception Superstars	Friday, 15 th February 2019 2.45pm

First Day of Term 3 – Monday, 7th January 2019

Last Day of Term 3 – Friday, 15th February 2019

School Closed for Staff Training – Monday, 25th February 2019

School Closed for Staff Training – Tuesday, 26th February 2019

First Day of Term 4 – Wednesday, 27th February 2019

Last Day of Term 4 – Friday, 5th April 2019