



MountStreet  
ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

13<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS HORN

This term has been a busy one!

We have had a renewed focus on how we teach phonics in school and we hope that if you joined us for Share today you found watching the teachers teach phonics useful! As a school we want to promote reading as much as possible and so we have some exciting reading focused activities planned for after half term that we hope you will get involved in, more details to come.

We have had some very wintery weather this week and it is a timely reminder to us all about how we dress for the weather! Please ensure your child has a warm coat, gloves and a hat if the coat hasn't got a hood. Tights are always a better choice at this time of year than socks and some good sturdy shoes. All of which are named clearly please! Playtimes and lunchtime playtimes can be long and cold for children if they are dressed inappropriately.

Whatever you are up to over the half term I hope you enjoy yourselves and we will see you again for the start of term 4 on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

## PARENTMAIL

From w/c 9<sup>th</sup> March we will be using the parent mail app. This will be used for payments of trips, workshops, for you to give permissions for different activities and eventually to book parent evening appointments. We are really looking forward to getting this set up as we feel it will be easier and safer for you as parents/carers to be able to pay for items via your device rather than having to bring cash into the school. All parents/carers should have received a text or email this week for you set up an account with parentmail and there is an app you can download if you have a smart phone. If you haven't received this yet please get in touch with the office as it might be we haven't got your correct phone number or email address. We will still be using parent hub to send out letters and messages and parent mail will be alongside this for payments/permissions. We hope you can support this change in the same way you have welcomed parent hub.

## NURSERY NEWS

We have had a fantastic half term in Nursery. We have welcomed lots of new children and they have all settled really well. Well done! The children already in Nursery have been brilliant at welcoming them and showing them all of our Nursery routines.

We have enjoyed learning about lots of brilliant things such as Rainbows, Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. The children have really loved reading the Three Little Pigs and have taken part in lots of fun activities such as making their houses and seeing which objects we can and can't blow over like the big bad wolf.

If your child is due to start school in September can you please make sure you apply for their place if you haven't already done so.

We hope you all have a well-earned rest over half term and we will look forward to seeing you after half term.

## PARENT HUB

Just a polite reminder that all paper copies of letters and the newsletter will be finishing on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. All our communications will be via Parent Hub, so please sign up if you haven't already. If you're having any difficulties come to the office.

## 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 class with the top attendance since the last newsletter.

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



## READING AWARDS

Fantastic 50    Fantastic 50    Fantastic 50    Fantastic 50



Erik



William

200 Books



Evelyn

Fantastic 50



Isabella



Imogen



Oscar

## YEAR 2

### PE – Term 4

Just a reminder that next term our PE day will be a Monday. All children should come to school dressed ready for sports activities in suitable sportswear as follows:

- Plain jogging bottoms or leggings (shorts as it gets warmer if you'd prefer)
- A plain t-shirt
- A plain hoody/sweatshirt
- Sensible trainers

Many thanks.

### **Reading comprehension practise**

We will be sending home regular reading comprehension activities for children to practise at home. Please support your child to complete these, by encouraging them to read the text carefully and answer the questions, without actually doing the work for them!

Many questions will be literal retrieval of information from the text and can be answered by looking back at sections of text and finding key words or phrases which specifically answer a question. However, some questions will require a more careful read and answers might be less obvious. For example, this week we have looked at a text about water. One short section had a sentence naming rivers around the world followed by a sentence listing rivers in England. The question asked children to name *two rivers in England*. Several children had not read the question or text carefully enough and answered by picking the names of two rivers, without specifically looking for the ones in England. Consequently, their answer was incorrect.

Comprehension questions may also be inference based, which demand a deeper understanding of what children have read. For example, to explain how a character is feeling or why something has happened, which is not explicitly stated.

Once completed, please return comprehensions to school where they will be filed. It would also be helpful for you to note on them the level of support your child has required to complete them. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Reading Fluency Challenge**

We understand that some clips are proving too large to send via email. As an alternative, these may be sent on a named memory stick so they may still be shared with the class. Any memory sticks we receive will be returned once we have enjoyed watching the individual's 'fluency in action' videos! They are a joy to see and the children who have had theirs played have been so proud and excited (also a little giddy at times to see themselves on the 'big screen'!) to share with their peers. Thank you!

### **Year 2 SATs information evening – March (date TBC)**

Next term, we will be holding a SATs information evening for parents. We will explain the process of the statutory assessments which are carried out in May of Year 2 and share examples of the assessments which the children will complete. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you have. If you are unable to make this meeting, please don't worry as Parents Evening is coming up and we will also send out the information in a written format after the meeting. The meeting will be towards the end of March and we will confirm the date in the first week back after half term. The time of the meeting will be 5:00 – 5:45pm. We hope to see you there.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day and as usual we are excited to take part in this great event to promote reading and the love of books. This year instead of dressing up we would like the children to set each other a little detective challenge. We want to play 'Guess the Story'. Each child chooses a book that they love and picks one object to bring to school as a clue to help their friends guess which story they have picked, for example they could bring a bowl of porridge for 'Goldilocks' or a (toy) mallet from 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo'. They might choose a sock from 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' or a log from 'Oi Frog!' One of the best things about World Book Day is that it is free and we want the focus to be on reading (no pressure to buy a costume from a TV program or book they have never heard). Please make sure you have read the story with your child and then they will be able to talk about the book with their friends and answer some simple questions. There will be lots of other exciting things going on as part of the school day but we'll share more with you nearer the time. Thanks for your support. Mrs Wrenn



## BOOKCASE

We are delighted to have these beautiful suitcases funded by Mount Street parents and carers through the hard work of the FOMS team. Each of the KS1 classes have a box containing books that will hopefully promote the children's love of reading and a sweet treat for your child to enjoy. When your child receives this reward, please do look after the contents within the box so that it can be given to the next child.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
No DREAM Assembly – School closed to children
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
First day of Term 4
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
Reception DREAM Assembly, at 2.30 via Olive Street gate
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 2 DREAM Assembly, at 2.30 via Olive Street gate
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 1 DREAM Assembly, at 2.30 via Olive Street gate
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Reception DREAM Assembly, at 2.30 via Olive Street gate

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