

NEWSLETTER



13th September 2018

A FEW WORDS FROM MRS HORN

Welcome back!

It has been such a pleasure to welcome new families and old back to Mount Street for the new academic year. The first couple of weeks always seems hectic with new teachers to meet, classrooms to find and routines to learn. Our Year 1 and Year 2 children are doing very well being independent and coming in to the classrooms by themselves in the morning and getting on with their learning, well done! A big well done to our new Nursery and Reception children also! They are settling in very well and enjoying their learning experiences.

As previously mentioned in the last couple of newsletters we are opening the gates at 8.50am and closing them at 9.05am. This is so we can have assembly in the morning therefore creating an extra learning session in afternoon. Westgate have assured us that their gates will open at 8.45am prompt in order for you to get here on time. There have been some slight alterations to our afternoon gates whilst the Reception children have been part time but from Monday 17th September our afternoon gates will return to the normal times. 3.05pm for Oliver street main gates and 3.15pm for Mount Street Nursery gate.

Mrs Horn

Zig Zag lines

Please respect our zig-zag lines in front of the main gates on Olive Street. They are there to remind you that parking in this area puts children's lives at risk. There is no acceptable excuse or reason for you to be parked in this area.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It has recently come to our attention that some children are watching a show on YouTube called Jeffy. Whilst we are aware that YouTube has got many educational videos, the content of the Jeffy videos are inappropriate for anyone under the age of 18.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL PREMISES

Parents who drop their children off late for whatever reason will no longer be able to walk to the class rooms with their child and will need to say their goodbyes at the door as our safeguarding sweep will have already taken place.

Many thanks for your cooperation with this safeguarding matter.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

There have been several cases of worms reported to us. Please ensure you discuss good toilet hygiene with your children and seek medical treatment if you think they may have them. For more information follow the link below. Thank you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

COLLECTING CHILDREN

Please may we remind parents to inform the class teacher **that morning** if their child is to be collected by another named adult. This information can then be recorded so all relevant teaching staff are aware of which child is leaving with which adult. We will of course pass a message on for you in the case of an emergency. Thank you.

RECEPTION NEWS

Wow! What a fantastic first 2 weeks we have had in the reception! The children have settled so quickly into their classes and we are so excited to have a brand new bunch of Elephants, Tigers and Bears!

Don't forget, next week the children will be in school all day. Please bring your children into the classroom as normal, help them to find their self-registration card and get them settled into their morning job. Don't forget, the children need wellies and a water proof coat to access our outdoor classroom as well as a PE kit that can stay in school for every half term.

Look out for your child's online learning journey on www.tapestryjournal.com there will be an information evening for parents on how to access this coming up.

Thank you for your support

The Reception Team

LOOKING FOR FLEXIBLE CHILDCARE

Maybe The Great Escape Kids Club could help,

We accept weekly bookings to one session bookings.

For our contact information please see our facebook page at facebook.com/thegreatescapekids.

YEAR 1 NEWS

Welcome back to all of our children and parents in Year 1. What a fantastic first couple of weeks it has been! The children have blown us away with how well they have come into school and settled into their learning independently. Thank you for your support in this. Just a polite reminder that children need to be in the classroom and settled before the gates close at 9.05 am.

The children seem very excited by their Superhero topic this term and we have had some fantastic learning going on in our classrooms already. As we move through the term we will be looking at the typical comic book style superheroes and then moving to 'real life' heroes. We will be discussing significant people from the past and how they have made an impact on our World. We will also be looking at people who we may consider heroes, for example: the emergency services. As part of our creative curriculum we will be inviting the children to dress as their hero for our Wow Day on Friday 28th September. More information about this will follow but it would be wonderful if you could talk to your child about what being a hero means to them and who they feel has really made a difference, who they admire. We are really excited to see who they choose to be and why.

For this first half term, the children will be having a PE session on a Tuesday with MSP. Please can the children come into school dressed in their PE kits on a Tuesday ready for this. On a Wednesday they will have PE in the afternoon, they will change at school after lunch for this session. They should have a PE kit in school for this.

All children should have received a home reading book this week, they really were excited to share these with us. We aim to hear them read each week, either independently or during guided reading but please can we ask that you hear your child read as often as possible, it really does make a difference. Each time they read please sign their reading record book so that we know when they need to change it. The children will be encouraged to change these independently; whilst we will endeavour to check these as much as possible do come and let us know if they have a book that you think they have chosen by mistake. In addition to their home reader, once a week the children will be bringing home a library book of their choice. Some of these may be beyond their reading capabilities for now but are a fantastic opportunity for you to share with your child as we want them to be excited about reading and exposed to the rich vocabulary that is available.

Please keep an eye out for any day to day notices, these will be displayed on your child's class window. We will also keep you up to date via our Facebook page. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime please speak to your child's teacher on the door at the beginning or end of the day.

Thank you,

Year 1 Team

YEAR 2 NEWS

We are delighted with how well our Year 2s have settled into the routine of the new school year. We are seeing such independence and self-organisation as they come into school by themselves and it really is a credit to them (and your brilliant encouragement!) There will always be an adult on the outside door who is available to take messages or ask questions. If you have a particular need to speak to class teachers, an appointment can be made by calling the main office.

PE Days

This term, PE is on a **Monday**. Children should come dressed ready for sport in shorts/jogging bottoms (depending on the weather!) and a plain t-shirt and plain hoodie or sweatshirt. Please avoid sending children in t-shirts with logos or football tops. Footwear should be trainers or plimsolls.

Mile a Day

In year 2 we are excited to be trialling the 'Mile a Day' in some of our afternoons. This is a country wide initiative increasingly being adopted by schools, following the benefits identified. We hope to see this increase both children's fitness and stamina for activity as well as developing a healthy mind and having a positive impact on well-being. Children will be active outside, in the fresh air and the weather will be a benefit, not a barrier! *"The Daily Mile is simple and free and gets children out of the classroom for ten - fifteen minutes every day to run or jog, at their own pace, with their classmates, making them fitter, healthier, and more able to concentrate in the classroom."* We will monitor the impact of this in our timetable and how children respond.

Lincoln Castle trip

We still require more parent volunteers to help with our visit to the castle next week. If we don't have enough to meet our ratio, then unfortunately the trip will not be able to take place. It is a brilliant, interactive and hands on visit which will really enhance our history topic learning this term. Please let us know if you can help! Many thanks.

ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION - ACTION REQUIRED

Please may we draw your attention to the NHS letter which your child should have received regarding the flu vaccination. Unlike previous years there will be no paper consent forms and you will need to complete a consent form on line for your child to have this vaccination. All the information regarding this can be found in the NHS letter.



KEY DATES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME	EVENT AND OTHER INFORMATION
NURSERY		
RECEPTION	Friday, 28 th September 2018 9 – 9.30am	Share – Join us for coffee in the hall after share, 9.30 – 10.00am
YEAR 1	Friday, 28 th September 2018 9-9.30am	Share – Join us for coffee in the hall after share, 9.30-10.00am
YEAR 2	Friday, 28 th September 2018 9-9.30am Tuesday, 18 th September 2018	Share – Join us for coffee in the hall after share, 9.30-10.00am Trip to Castle
ALL YEAR GROUPS	Friday, 7 th December 2018	Inset Day – School Closed

SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLIES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME
Year 1 Superstars	Friday, 14 th September 2018, 2.40pm
Reception Superstars in classrooms	Friday, 21 st September 2018, 2.40pm in classrooms
Year 2 Superstars	Friday, 5 th October 2018, 2.40pm
Year 1 Superstars	Friday, 12 th October 2018, 2.40pm
Reception Superstars	Friday, 19 th October 2018, 2.40pm

Last Day of Term 1 – Friday, 19th October 2018

First Day of Term 2 – Monday, 29th October 2018
Inset Day – Friday, 7th December 2018 (school closed)
Last Day of Term 2 – Thursday, 20th December 2018