

# NEWSLETTER

15<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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## A FEW WORDS FROM MRS HORN & MRS NICOLL

Hello! My name is Lauren Nicoll. Some of you will know me, however if you and your family joined us in September then we are yet to meet.

I am the Head of School at Mount Street Academy and have been off since February 2018, after giving birth to my second child. I have had a wonderful time looking after my children, and being at home a little more, but I am delighted to be back.

If you haven't already, please do take some time to read the letter that Mrs Bretherton, our Executive Head Teacher, has sent today. This details some slight changes to my role as Head of School. As before, I will be working three days a week. I am delighted that Mrs Horn will be job sharing with me and our roles will therefore be called 'Co Heads of School'. Mrs Horn will work Monday-Thursday and I will work Wednesday – Friday.

We are so looking forward to working closely together again, ensuring we use our skill sets to continue the brilliant work that is already happening in school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Horn, who has been Acting Head of School in my absence, for leading the school so well.

If I haven't met you yet, please do come and say hello on the gate. I would love to meet you all and I can't wait to spend time in classrooms, seeing familiar faces and getting to know new ones.

Here's a photograph of me and Mrs Horn – we promise not to eat ice cream every day!



Mrs Nicoll

## YEAR 1 NEWS

This week we have enjoyed celebrating our WOW topic day of celebrations, learning all about Diwali. We had the opportunity to make chapattis, create our own rangoli patterns and learn about the story of Rama and Sita. The children loved exploring the celebration of Diwali and had a great attitude to learning all day. They even got to enjoy their own chapattis at the end of a very busy day.

## Water bottles

Please can we politely remind you that there should only be water in children's bottles, bottles can then be refilled at school and it is fair to all children.

## P.E clothing

There has been a little confusion about whether children should come in school uniform or P.E clothing. Please can children come in P.E clothing on Wednesday and Friday and make sure that they are following the uniform policy. Children will be carrying out their P.E lessons outside so please make sure that your child is wearing 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
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## Spellings

Last week the children started their spellings and they have shown a great attitude towards practicing them and challenging themselves and one another. Spelling tests will be on a Thursday and then the children's new spellings will be given out on Friday, ready to practice for the following week.

Thank you for your continued support with learning at home.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

As you know we have a very exciting day planned this Friday celebrating Children in Need and raising as much money as possible. Just to remind you there is a number of ways you can get involved with the fun.

### **Wearing something spotty**

On Friday all children will be able to wear something spotty to school if they bring in £1.

### **Mount street bake off**

Children and staff will be able to bring in treats they have created at home and the school council and Mrs Nicoll will be judging them. The treats will then be available for a small donation at the end of the day on the playground.

### **Splat the teacher**

Back by popular demand, the children will be able to splat teachers from their year group. There is no set cost for this, however, we ask for a suggested donation of 50p.

Money for wearing spots and splat the teacher can be brought in the morning and the teacher will be able to collect the money and make a note of the child's name.

Thank you in advance for your support,

## NURSERY NEWS

Our children have really enjoyed celebrating Benjamin Bunny and Lizzie the Ladybirds birthday this week. The children have also had the opportunity to talk about a special occasion in their lives, thank you for bringing in the photographs to support this activity. If you haven't yet brought your photograph to Nursery you can still do this as we love allowing the children the opportunity to talk about things that are special to them.

Next week we are having a Nursery Rhyme Week, so don't forget to ask your child what Nursery rhyme they have been learning each day and see if they can sing it to you.

We still have spaces left on the coach for our Sundown Adventure Land Christmas trip so please return your forms to secure your space.

We are already thinking about Christmas and are planning to have a Nursery singalong on December 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a Monday and all children will be invited with parents, even if this is not your child's usual session. Please keep your eye out for a letter which will give more details in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you for all your help and support and well done to all the Nursery children for settling so well after half term.

## FOMS (Friends of Mount Street)

Thank you for all the donations for the Christmas Fair so far!

We are still in need of Raffle prizes, Tombola prizes, Bottles of Wine & Teddies please hand into the office or the class teacher.

Cakes for our café would be greatly received!

We look forward to seeing you all there on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 – 5.30pm

### **Fundraising**

The aim of FOMS is to support the school to raise funds to enhance the children's experience during their school career. Just some of the things we raise funds for to support the school during the year are....

*Reception and Year 1 Disco, Year 2 Prom, Class/Gifts for Christmas parties, Christingles, The Nurture Suite, Forest School. ....*

### **How we raise that money is through.....**

*Christmas cards, Film nights, Bags2School, Christmas Fair, Summer Fair, World Book Day Sale, Cupcake Competition, Preloved Uniform....*

*So please continue supporting us so we can help our children enjoy those little extras!*

*Thank you.*

Dates	Events
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Grotto ticket on sale after school in playground - <b>£3 per ticket to book a slot per child</b>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fair 3:30-5:30pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	FOMS Meeting 09:15am

Apologies we have had to cancel this Friday's proposed film night due to the situation with the hall. Watch out for the next one in January!

*Lastly it's never too late to get involved!*

*We would be grateful for any support you can give to benefit the children of the academy.*

*We are running FOMS this year more as a co-ordinated group so there is no longer a chairperson.*

*To join us please contact Leigh (07590665099), or pop along to our next meeting.*

*Follow us on Facebook*

*Many Thanks FOMS*

## VACANCIES

### Midday Supervisors and Cleaners

We are looking for new members to join our dedicated midday and cleaning teams at Mount Street Academy and Lincoln Carlton Academy. For further information, details of how to book a visit and application forms, please visit our websites - <https://mountstreetacademy.com/information/vacancies> and <https://lincolncarltonacademy.com/information/vacancies>

Closing date for applications: midnight, Sunday 18th November 2018

### Governors

We are recruiting voluntary Governors for the Lincolnshire Strategic Board, which oversees our partnership of three primary schools in Lincolnshire. We are keen to recruit a board which represents the community and has a wide range of skills, knowledge and experience. As well as a full and detailed induction, all governors have the opportunity to undertake further training to build on existing skills or to help develop new ones. Please find further information on our websites –

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## RECEPTION NEWS

What a brilliant first couple of weeks we have had in Reception! We have been learning all about ‘celebrations!’ Our learning kicked off with a bonfire in the playground, then we had a fantastic wow day learning all about Diwali the festival of light! We are now immersed in our Light and Dark topic, learning about space, planets, rocket ships and moving on to owls and nocturnal animals!

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening, it was so lovely to share the children’s progress with you!

Please don’t forget to bring your children in an outdoor pe kit (tracksuit/ jogging bottoms and a hoodie/ trainers) to school every Thursday. The weather is beginning to turn so it’s vital that your child has warm clothing whilst our pe sessions are outside.

Keep your eyes peeled for our Christmas performance date! The children have already started to learn their songs!

## NURSERY & RECEPTION NEWS

Please can we kindly remind you that in order to safeguard all children at school, parents/carers must not go into the children’s toilets with them. If your child needs the toilet then please let a member of staff know and they will assist and wait with them. We are also trying to increase independence within the children in Reception. Please encourage them to hang up their own bag and coat in the morning.

Outdoor Classroom:

Please can we also remind all parents that children should not be using our outdoor area outside Reception and Nursery Classes. These area’s are planned for according to the children’s next steps and the children spend a lot of time learning how to choose it, use it, and put it away. Please support us by asking your child to stay off the equipment.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

### Toys in school

We are finding that lots of children are bringing toys, sweets or special items into school. Unfortunately we can’t ensure that these are kept safe and children are obviously upset if they are lost or broken. We will endeavour to plan in some specific ‘Show and Tell’ sessions and will let you know in advance so that children can bring things in on a specific day.

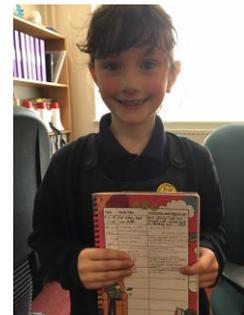
### Wow Day

We will be having a ‘Christmas around the World’ wow day in the last week of term. We will focus on three countries and look at how Christmas is celebrated in each one. We will confirm the date and the countries in the next newsletter. Many thanks.

### Spelling Books

Please ensure that spelling books are brought into school on a Thursday ready for the test. They will be sent home on Friday with new spellings in. If spelling books are not in school, children will be given a paper list to take home.

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## KEY DATES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME	EVENT AND OTHER INFORMATION
NURSERY	Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Nursery singalong, details to follow
	Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Sundown Trip and last day of Term 2
RECEPTION	Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Children in Need, wear something spotty
	Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Pantomime Trip
YEAR 1	Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Children in Need, wear something spotty
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YEAR 2	Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Children in Need, wear something spotty
	Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Pantomime Trip
ALL YEAR GROUPS	Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 9.15am	Parent Forum, refreshments with our Sendco and other Senior Leaders
	Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Inset Day – School Closed

## SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLIES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME
Year 1 Superstars	Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018, 2.40pm
Reception Superstars	Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2018, 2.40pm

**Inset Day – Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (school closed)**  
**Last Day of Term 2 for Nursery – Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Sundown trip)**  
**Last Day of Term 2 – Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (school closes 1.30pm)**

**First Day of Term 3 – Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**  
**Last Day of Term 3 – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**