

NEWSLETTER



25th January 2018

A FEW WORDS FROM MRS NICOLL

I can't quite believe that this will be my last newsletter for a while before I begin maternity leave. Thank you for all your well wishes.

As you know, Mrs Horn will be stepping up as Head of School in my absence. Mrs Horn has been acting as Head of School on a Monday and Friday for the past year and therefore knows our families, children, staff and the school brilliantly well. I am confident that she will continue to lead our school in the right direction, celebrating what is already going well and making changes where needed. She will work closely with Mrs Bretherton our Executive Head Teacher. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Horn if you would like to discuss anything at all.

You should have all received a paper copy tonight of a letter about phones and emails displaying some of our letters incorrectly. Please do look in your child's book bag for this letter as it explains an ongoing issue we are having with our letters displaying correctly on some mobile devices. We wanted to ensure you knew that we do proof read our letters and it is an ICT/software issue, not our ability to spell. We are working hard to look into the issue and resolve it for you, however please do be patient. If you can't find the letter then please contact the school office who will give you a copy.

Please look out for a notification about our new website. We have been working hard to design our brand new website and it will be going live over the next few weeks. The web address will be exactly the same and it will direct you to the new page once it is up and running.

We finish school for half term on Friday 9th February 2018 and return on Monday 19th February 2018. We look forward to seeing you then.

APPOINTMENTS

If your child has a medical or dental appointment please could you let the office see evidence of this, either an appointment letter or sight of a text message. Thank you for your cooperation.

VACANCIES

Lincoln Carlton Academy - Class Teachers/Key Stage Leaders Vacancies

As our children grow into Years 5 and 6 we are looking for full-time and part-time KS2 teachers to join our team and help us to create an exceptional Upper Key Stage 2.

We are looking for teachers who can start in either April or September 2018.

For further information and an application pack, please follow this link: <http://lincolncarltonacademy.com/vacancies/>

MONDAY SCHOOL CLUB

Please may we remind parents there will be no Monday School Club on Monday, 29th January owing to staff training. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

PARENTS EVENING

Date for your diaries!

Our next Parent's Evening is on Wednesday 28th February and Thursday 1st March 2018. A letter will follow in the coming weeks to make your appointment but we wanted to give you advance notice of the date.

VOLUNTEERS PLEA

We are looking for some volunteers who would be willing to spend some time reading with children in school. Please can you let a member of the Office team know if you or a family member would be able to help. Many thanks.

RECEPTION NEWS

Reach for the moon.

At Mount Street Academy we value the importance of reading at home. We are raising our expectations of this with the children and we would appreciate your support with this. After February half term we will be launching our new reading initiative 'Reach for the moon'.

The aim of this new initiative is for children to read as much as possible at home. The scheme will work as follows:

- Outside of your child's classroom there will be a 'Reach for the moon' display.
- If your child reads **at least** three times per week they can move up the planets (your child's name will be on the display and we ask that this will be your responsibility to move your child's name up the planets once they have met this challenge). The class teachers will take responsibility for this if your child goes to breakfast club.
- When your child has 'Reached for the moon' they will receive a certificate in the next Reception Superstars assembly (which you are welcome to attend).

Please can we ask that you discuss and encourage this with your child at home. We can't stress enough how this quality reading time will impact on your child's love and fluency for reading.

WOW day

Our next WOW day will be held on Wednesday 7th February. This will be a SHREK themed WOW day where we will be celebrating traditional tales. Your child may come dressed up as a fairy-tale character on this day.

Visit to Burton Road Methodist Church

On Tuesday 6th February Reception will be visiting Burton Road Methodist Church to hold a SHARE assembly. During this time we will be sharing the wonderful things that we have been learning this term. We are inviting all reception parents to this event. If you would like to join us we will be aiming to start at 9:30 and will be finished by 10:15. We will need some volunteers to help us to walk down to the church. If you are able to help then please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible.

YEAR 1 NEWS

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to you all for making a huge effort with costumes for our 'Alien Tea Party Wow Day'. The children had a great day and engaged in lots of alien activities! We would also like to thank you for helping the children with their homework projects – they were out of this world! The children loved sharing what they had done with their peers and telling each other all the facts they had found out at home.

Polite reminders

• PE Kits

We are back to having PE this term on Tuesday's with Coach James. Children are to come in their PE kit on a Tuesday.

They must also have a PE kit on their peg for when we have PE on other days.

PE kits must contain joggers and jumper/jacket and trainers as we do PE outside on some days.

• Spelling books

These must be brought in **every** Wednesday, so that teachers are able to put your child's new list in, ready to go home on Thursday.

• Reading folders

These must also be brought in **everyday** even if they have not read their book. Children change their books independently and are given an opportunity by their teacher during the day to change their book. The children are really engaging with the Reading Dinosaur – just a reminder that the children can move their name up the dinosaur when they have read with an adult at home.

• Morning job

This activity is an opportunity for you to engage in some learning with your child. However, if you feel that your child is able to work independently on their task then please know that it is fine to just drop your child off at the classroom door.

Many thanks for your continued support and engagement,

Year 1 Team

FOMS NEWS

Friends of Mount Street School (FOMS)

Thank you to everyone who supported our Emoji Film Night, you helped us raise £131, which is fantastic.

Reception / Year 1 Disco

Thursday 8th February is the reception and Year 1 Disco. A £3 ticket gets your child entry and a party tea. Parents are not able to stay, just drop off at the hall doors; because of safeguarding we are unable to have parents in the hall but your children will be well looked after by their class teacher and other staff.

Tickets are on sale from Friday, 26th January in your child's classroom at drop off.

'World Book Day' book sale

We are collecting children's books to sell at our 'World Book Day' book sale. Please drop any off at the office. Thank you

We collect and sell good quality pre loved uniform if you have any donations drop them off for us at the school office. We have an order form if you would like to purchase any uniform at really reasonable rates. Ask at the office if you don't have an electronic order form.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 8th February 5 till 6.30pm.	Reception and Year 1 Disco
Thursday 1st March. 3.10pm	'World Book Day' Book Sale
Friday 23rd March	Easter Cupcake Competition and Cupcake sale

If you are able to spare some time and enthusiasm to join us please contact Helen, Chair of FOMS on 07719537709 or come to our next meeting .

Follow us on face book.

FANTASTIC 50



Eva



Isabelle

WONDERFUL 100



Charlie

300 BOOKS



Finley

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

In the first week back after half term we will be having an International Week. As part of this week, children will be focusing on Africa and a partner school in a village called Rukungiri, in Uganda.

For a number of years now, Mount Street Academy has sponsored up to four children to attend St Paul's School in Rukungiri. Without support from the CPA charity and our fundraising, these children would not be able to have an education. Within our International Week, year groups will be having a 'Rukungiri Day' where we adopt a 'no electricity' approach and provide typical activities which children living in Rukungiri would undertake in their day so that our children can begin to compare similarities and differences in cultures and experiences of similar aged children in another part of the world.

In order to fundraise this year, we ask that children bring a minimum £1 donation to school for the sponsorship of the four children who attend St Paul's. You are more than welcome to send more than £1 if you so wish. Many thanks.

Rukungiri Day

Year 1/Year 2 – Thursday 22nd February

Reception – Wednesday 21st February

Nursery – please bring your donation to one of your child's sessions during the week

HEAD LICE

It has been reported to school that there is an outbreak of headlice. Please may we ask you to check your child's hair and treat if necessary. If you require any further information, please contact the school office or follow the link.

<http://www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/HeadLice/GeneralInformationHeadLice/>

KEY DATES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME	EVENT AND OTHER INFORMATION
NURSERY	Week Beg 19 th February	International Week
RECEPTION	Friday, 2 nd February 9-9.30am Tuesday, 6 th February 9.30-10.15am Wednesday, 7 th February Wednesday, 21 st February	Share – join us for coffee in the hall 9.30-10am Share Assembly at Burton Road Methodist Church – parents invited Wow day, Shrek themed – dress as a fairy tale character Rukungiri Day
YEAR 1	Friday, 2 nd February 9-9.30am Thursday, 22 nd February	Share – join us for coffee in the hall 9.30-10am Rukungiri Day
YEAR 2	Friday, 2 nd February 9-9.30am Thursday, 22 nd February	Share- join us for coffee in the hall 9.30-10am Rukungiri Day
ALL YEAR GROUPS	Wednesday, 28 th February 2018 Thursday, 1 st March 2018	Parents Evening Parents Evening

SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLIES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME
Reception	Friday, 26 th January 2018 – 2.40pm
Year 2	Friday, 9 th February 2018 – 2.40pm

Last Day of Term 3 – Friday, 9th February 2018

First Day of Term 4 – Monday, 19th February 2018

Inset Day (school closed) – Monday, 5th March 2018

Last Day of Term 4 – Wednesday, 28th March 2018