

NEWSLETTER

4th April 2019

MESSAGE FROM MRS NICOLL AND MRS HORN

It's been a brilliant and busy term! I'm sure you are all ready for the Easter break where hectic mornings become a little slower. We are so proud of what the children have achieved this term and all of the progress they have made. As the weather becomes a little nicer, can we encourage you to walk to school rather than drive. Our roads get very busy and many of you are parking on double yellow lines which is making our roads more and more dangerous. Please consider the safety of others when you park. Please could we also insist that you do not leave your engines running, once you arrive. Several local residents have complained about this and we want to ensure we are minimising the emissions being released around our school premises. We appreciate your cooperation. May we wish you all a happy Easter and a well-deserved rest over the next few weeks. We look forward to starting our Summer term on Tuesday 23rd April 2019.

CHEF'S CORNER

We have some exciting news from the kitchen this week. We have the new Spring/Summer menu coming out. This will start after Easter on w/c 22nd April and run to October half term next year. We would like to remind you it is a termly menu and if you would like to swap any choices we would require two weeks' notice.

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 classes with the top attendance since the last newsletter.

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



YEAR 2 CLASS NEWS

It's been a busy term and it seems to have flown by! We have had a science focused term learning about plants and the children are now pretty much self-titled 'experts'. They have learnt the names of different parts, found out how they are important to the plant in helping it to grow successfully and classified plants that we eat into the different parts of a plant - the biggest surprise being that a carrot is actually a root! Our herby workshop proved a big hit again this year and children can now identify different herbs that can help us to feel better. According to Matisse, Miss Parker needs a regular sniff of rosemary to help her memory! We have also planted peas and are observing them closely as they begin to shoot up. We have been very impressed with the children's writing this week which has allowed them to show off all their knowledge and present it as a report about plants. The stamina, determination and quirky individuality in their writing makes us very proud of the progress they have made so far this year, and we still have two terms to go!

Holiday Activities

Over the holidays, we hope that you will have lots of opportunities to spend some quality time outdoors making lots of happy memories. The children have worked hard this term and have earned their break! Fingers crossed the weather is as kind as half term was.

It would be great if you could practise telling the time with your child during the holidays - please do just make this part of your day by checking the times when things are happening throughout the day. By the end of year 2, children are expected to read the time to o'clock, half past and quarter to/past the hour. Most children are reasonably secure with this now and we are working on reading the time to five minute intervals. It would be fantastic to have some 'time experts' returning to us after the holidays!

SATs

Just a reminder that the statutory KS1 tests will be administered in the week beginning Monday 13th May. There may be some 'mop up' tests during the week beginning Monday 20th May. Please ensure your children are in school for these weeks.

Climbing Wall

On Wednesday 22nd May, we have the mobile climbing wall coming to school for our year 2 children. After the success of last year, we are very much looking forward to this treat. We will send further details after Easter.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome to our new section of the newsletter, the student voice!

We will now keep you updated on all things relating to the voice of the council such as important discussions at meetings, fundraising ideas and important dates.

The first piece of exciting news to share with you all is the total amount raised for Red Nose Day. The school council worked hard to plan a day of exciting activities and make everyone aware of how they can help to raise money. The total amount raised was a fabulous £375.58. The school council would like to thank you all for your support and contributions.

We will keep you informed of any other exciting ideas or fundraising days we have planned.

Thank you,
Miss Fletcher and the school council.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS IN SCHOOL

We always encourage children to walk, bike or scoot to school as part of a healthy lifestyle. Children are allowed to use scooters playtimes too. However, we would appreciate your support in reminding children that they are not to ride their scooters and bikes across the playground at the beginning and end of the school day when it is busy. Children should dismount and push their bike/scooter to and from the bike shelters and only begin to ride them once they have exited the school gates. We will remind children of this in school and value your support to ensure this is adhered to during drop off and collection times. Many thanks.

SCHOOL TIMINGS

Just a gentle reminder of our school times:

In the morning gates open at 8:50am, the children have a morning job waiting for them in their classrooms during this time. The school gates close at 9.10am prompt please make sure you are arriving at school during this time.

In the afternoon the school gates open at 3:05pm and the school day officially finishes at 3:10pm. Please ensure you have made arrangements for your child to be picked up at this time. We understand that in emergencies the person collecting might be delayed but we would not expect this to become a regular pattern of occurrences. The Great Escape is available every school day for childcare. Many thanks for your cooperation.

NURSERY PAYMENTS

Please can all payments for extra sessions and hot meals in nursery be made in full before the end of term.

Thank you

READING AWARDS

Super 50



Leo

Superb 300



Charlie

YEAR 1 WOW DAY

It is our Victorian wow day this Friday. We hope to end the term with an exciting day of Victorian schooling. Children are invited to wear Victorian costumes if they wish to.

ONLINE SAFETY TIPS

The internet can be a fantastic place for children where they can talk to friends, learn and have fun. However, it is important that they are taught how to act safely and responsibly whilst online.

Here are some tips to help your child stay safe:

- The best way to keep your family safe online is to use technology and the internet together.
- Start the conversation early about staying safe online.
- Supervise your child's use.
- Ensure your child what to do if they see something upsetting.
- Consider the quality and quantity of online activities and establish clear boundaries.
- Make use of parental controls and filters.
- Choose age appropriate apps and games .
- Know where to report- visit: www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre for more information.

Please take some time to read the attached leaflet for more detailed information on how to keep young children safe online.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 5th April

Year 2 Superstar Assembly, 2.30pm start. Please come to the main gates on Olive Street.

Friday 5th April

End of Term 4

Tuesday 23rd April

Start of Term 5

Friday 26th April

Year 1 Superstars Assembly, 2.30pm start. Please come to the main gates on Olive Street.

Friday 3rd May

Reception Superstars Assembly, 2.30pm start. Please come to the main gates on Olive Street.

Friday 10th May

Year 2 Superstars Assembly, 2.30pm start. Please come to the main gates on Olive Street.

Friday 17th May

SHARE, 2.30pm start. Please come to the main gates on Olive Street.