

NEWSLETTER



8th February 2018

A FEW WORDS FROM MRS HORN

It's been a very busy first term of 2018. We have packed in such a lot of creative learning! Making soaps, making a mess, painting and drawing like real artists, stargazing in a planetarium, an alien wow day, stories galore and robots to name a few things. There have also been some very impressive homework projects. Thank you for supporting the children. Extending children's learning in this way is so beneficial.

It has been quite an exceptional term where absences are concerned. Both children and staff have suffered. Attendance is very important to us and is one of the ways Ofsted judges a school to be outstanding. Ofsted guidance is that good attendance is 96.1% or above. Reception children have suffered particularly badly. We will be monitoring all children's absence closely and hopefully we are over the worst. Please remember we are happy to administer Calpol and other medicines just fill in a form at the office. If you have any questions about your child's attendance then please contact the school office and ask for a member of the attendance team.

We will be having Parents Evening after half term. Don't forget to return your forms to us. We will be allocating appointments during the first week back.

If you haven't already done so please make a note of our additional **INSET day Monday March 5th 2018**. The school will be closed to all children for staff training.

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th February.

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.

FOMS NEWS

Friends of Mount Street School (FOMS)

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 please 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.

WORLD BOOK DAY 1st MARCH 2018

World Book Day is fast approaching and as always we are excited to celebrate reading here at Mount Street. There will be lots of activities within classrooms and more information will follow after the holiday but we wanted to give you chance to organise costumes over the break. We would like EVERYBODY in school to dress up as a favourite book character. There are plenty of costumes available to buy BUT we would always recommend making one out of things you have at home. It is lots of fun and best of all FREE. We look forward to trying to guess which character everyone chooses. Please note children will still need to go out to play and engage in classroom activities so sensible shoes and warm coats will still be required. Thanks for your support with this.

FANTASTIC 50



Eva

WONDERFUL 100



Milla

250 BOOKS



Zain

YEAR 1 NEWS

Thank you

Thank you to everyone that came along to Share last Friday. The children really enjoyed the quiz (we hope you did too!) and loved sharing with you all that they have learned about Space. We thank you for your continued support, as always.

Reminders

Spellings

A reminder that after half term the children will be tested on their spellings on a Tuesday and **not** a Wednesday. Your child must bring in their spelling book every Tuesday so that a new set can be put in their book ready to be sent home on Wednesday. Please make sure that your child takes their spelling book out of their reading folder and into the spelling box/basket.

PE

Children will not have PE on Tuesday's with Coach James after half term, so your child does not need to come into school wearing their PE kit on a Tuesday anymore. Your child **must** have a PE kit on their peg for the other times we have PE, and the clothing should be suitable for the colder weather in case we are outside for the lesson.

School trip

Year 1 will be visiting Hartsholme Park on Tuesday 20th March. A separate letter has been sent out regarding this, if you require another one then please do ask your child's class teacher. We are really excited about this and it will really help us to immerse into our next topic 'The Enchanted Woodland'. If you are able to help, then please tell your child's class teacher or add it to the reply slip.

YEAR 2 NEWS

Another end-of-term arrives and this time we are somehow half way through the academic year!

Muck, Mess and Mixtures has been a fantastic topic full of exciting science investigations, messy art activities, marvellous mixture making, creative workshops and wonderful texts which have inspired the children in their writing. We hope that you have enjoyed sharing some of their learning through our Facebook page and (hopefully) from all that your children have told you they have done in school! We really strive to enrich their learning experiences with a range of different opportunities. If you have any suggestions for further ideas or can offer to come into school and showcase your own talents and passions within a particular topic, then please do make us aware.

Homework Projects

Many thanks again to all the wonderful homework projects which your children have completed and enjoyed sharing in their classes. We are forever surprised and delighted with the range of ideas and interpretations to the open ended project approach and it is a joy to see how engaged the children become in them. Thank you for the time you also give to supporting the children in completing these.

Mornings

Please can you ensure that children arrive in good time for the start of the morning. Gates open at 8:55am and a morning job is always waiting for them to complete until register at 9:10am. This is a really important part of the day and really sets the tone for a productive and calm day. Many thanks.

Herbal Workshops

On Tuesday 27th February, a local herbalist will be facilitating workshops with our year 2 children as they explore the different uses of plants for our topic The Scented Garden. Please could children bring £1 towards the cost of this workshop. Many thanks.

Reading at home

In light of the SATs assessments which all year 2 children are required to complete in May, we would be really grateful if parents can support their children to read regularly at home. We will be holding a SATs information meeting in March (more details to follow) but reading is an important way in which you can help the children develop their reading fluency and comprehension skills by hearing them read and reading to them. Thank you.

Whole School International Week

Just a reminder that in the first week back after the holiday, we will have an International Week where we will focus our learning on a village called Rukungiri, in Uganda. The school in Rukungiri is called St Paul's. We currently sponsor some children to be educated at this school and as part of our fundraising this year, we are asking for a minimum contribution of £1 to help us continue the sponsorship. If you would like to donate more than this, this is absolutely fine and all monies collected are gratefully received. We will let you know the total amount raised after it has been totalled up. Each year group will have a Rukungiri Day where children will participate in typical activities which a child of similar age to them would carry out in their day. This will include role playing school and home activities in order to make comparisons to other people and ways of life in a contrasting location in our world.

KEY DATES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME	EVENT AND OTHER INFORMATION
NURSERY	Week Beg 19 th February	International Week
RECEPTION	Wednesday, 21 st February Friday, 9 th March 9 – 9.30am	Rukungiri Day Share – join us for coffee/tea in the hall 9.30 – 10am
YEAR 1	Thursday, 22 nd February Friday, 9 th March	Rukungiri Day Share – join us for coffee/tea in the hall 9.30 – 10am
YEAR 2	Thursday, 22 nd February Tuesday 27 th February Friday, 9 th March	Rukungiri Day Herbal Workshops Share – join us for coffee/tea in the hall 9.30 – 10am
ALL YEAR GROUPS	Wednesday, 28 th February 2018 Thursday, 1 st March 2018 Monday, 5 th March 2018	Parents Evening Parents Evening Inset day – school closed

SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLIES

YEAR GROUP	DATE AND TIME
Year 2	Friday, 9 th February 2018 – 2.40pm
Year 1	Friday, 23 rd February 2018 – 2.40pm
Reception	Friday, 2 nd March 2018 – 2.40pm
Year 2	Friday, 16 th March 2018 – 2.40pm
Year 1	Friday, 23 rd March 2018 – 2.40pm

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

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

REMINDER – school will be closed for INSET DAY Monday, 5th March

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