



Newsletter

December, 2016

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you for all of the support you continue to give to our school. We have had several successful events and it is always a pleasure to see so many parents and relatives in school.

Have a look at our new Facebook and Twitter pages- we will be able to update you with events and activities in school.

The Academy Trust is changing name to the Lingfield Academy Trust. Nothing will change except headings on letters.

Thank you to staff and children for their hard work and we look forward to continuing the success next year.

Have a lovely Christmas holiday.

Mrs. Blackham

Eurovision comes to Mount Pleasant

In February, Year 4 will be representing our school in the Darlington Eurovision Song Contest. All schools across Darlington have been allocated a country to find out about, and a song to sing. Henry and Halle picked out our song at a ceremony with the Mayor. We have a song from Iceland which recently featured on X-Factor ..."It's oh so quiet" by Bjork !



Children in Need

Many thanks to all who wore spots for Children In Need.

The children looked fabulous and

raised £230.00. Many thanks and well done to all who took part.



Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday, 4.1.17: School opens for Spring term

Friday, 17.02.17: School closes for half term at 3.20pm

Monday, 27.2.17: School re-opens

Friday, 7.4.17: School closes for Easter holiday at 3.20pm

Monday, 24.4.17: School re-opens for Summer term

Monday, 1.5.17: School closed for May Day

Monday, 8.5.17: SATs week for Y6 children

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Festive Fun



Cracking Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to all who visited our Christmas Fair on Tuesday, 6th December. Every child in the school produced a Christmas craft to sell. Alongside that, Santa visited with a very keen helper. There was the cake stall and a brilliant raffle, all contributed to by parents, staff and children of Mount Pleasant. We raised a staggering £900! Many thanks to all who attended.



Little Learners are very excited for Christmas... they have helped to decorate the tree and make crafts. We have used the opportunity to develop language and physical skills through new roleplay experiences "Santa's workshop", "Christmas posting and dressing up" as well as learning new words and actions in Christmas songs and rhymes.



3S Choir sings for Darlington

3S have had an exciting week of performing carols. On Wednesday 7th December, they visited Queen Street shopping centre to sing carols to raise money for St. Teresa's Hospice. Thanks to all of the parents who came to support them. On Thursday 8th December, they visited Hollies restaurant at the hospital to sing for staff whilst they were enjoying their Christmas lunch. Finally, on Friday 9th December they visited Windsor Court to perform for the residents whilst they were enjoying their Christmas lunch. They sang beautifully on all occasions and were a credit to the school.





Other News



The Power of Parents

We are always thinking of ways to involve parents and carers in their child's learning and this term we have had some brilliant parents sessions.

Every year group planned an activity and invited parents in to take part. What a success it's been with Y2 having the biggest turn out.

There were activities such boat building in Y1 and Y2's Lego Challenge.



Y5 involved green screening with fabulous results.



Y4, 5 and 6 completed orienteering Christmas arts and a trip to the library.



The children absolutely loved sharing this time and all parents agreed that it was brilliant.

We had a bit of competition going on! We will continue with this throughout next year. Thanks to all who were involved.



Have a very Happy Christmas from all at Mount Pleasant

