



Newsletter

October, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We have had an excellent start to the new school year. The children look fabulous in their uniforms and they are working really hard. We hope to see you at Parents' Evening after half term.

There have been lots of events this half term- the Carlton trip, Harvest Festival and disco to name a few. I am always incredibly proud of the attitude and behavior that our children display when they are in and out of school. It is outstanding and always commented on by visitors.

Have a lovely half term holiday and thank you for your support.

Mrs Blackham

Harvest Celebrations

Many thanks to all who sent in donations of food for our harvest celebration. Y3 put on a fantastic assembly, which they presented to parents on Wednesday, 18th October. Along with singing there was information about celebrations of food around the world, spoken with magnificently clear voices. All food donations have been sent to King's Food bank, who have sent a letter of thanks.



Dates For Your Diary

Monday, 30.10.17: School re-opens for Autumn 2 Term
Thursday, 2.11.17: Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm (except 5M)
Thursday, 9.11.17: Y1 Maths Session at 2.15pm with Y1 parents
Thursday, 9.11.17: Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm for 5M only
Wednesday, 15.11.17: Y6 to Safety Carousel
Thursday, 30.11.17: Y3 Creative Art Session at 2.00pm with Y3 parents
Friday, 1.12.17: Staff PD Day: School closed for children
Tuesday, 12.12.17: Christmas Fair 2.30pm to 4.00pm
Monday, 18.12.17: All Afterschool Clubs cancelled this week
Wednesday, 20.12.17: Christmas Lunch - Y6 parents only
Friday, 22.12.17: School closes tonight for Christmas
Monday, 8.1.18: School re-opens for Spring 1 Term
Friday, 9.2.18: School closes tonight for half-term holiday

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Other News

KS1 visit the terrific Trincomalee

KS1 thoroughly enjoyed their day at the Trincomalee and museum. The children experienced what life was like on a Navy ship 200 years ago. They learnt how to tie different knots and cracked the code to know what Black Beard was up to. They pretended to be a powder monkey and completed some of the jobs that would have been expected of them. It was a great day and they have used a lot what they have learnt in English and History lessons.



Vicious Vikings Visit Mount Pleasant



Vikings from York paid a visit to explain what life was like for Vikings in Britain. They brought artefacts- a comb, some clothes and leather shoes and a cup made from an antler as well as various

weapons. They told stories and then acted out the story of 'Thors Lost Hammer' and finished with a Viking battle which demonstrated fighting techniques. The day was very informative and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



What's been happening?

Incredible Carlton

This term, Year 6 children had the opportunity to visit Carlton Outdoor Education Centre. They took part in numerous activities including the high challenge, archery, shelter building and a night walk. The children were able to develop their team-building skills and challenge themselves. Everyone had a fantastic time; Jamie Errington particularly enjoyed the shelter building and claimed, "it was really adventurous being in the forest." Mrs Troman said it was the best group of children that she had taken and loved it so much that next year's trip is already booked in. Get ready Y5! Thank you to the staff who made it possible- Mrs Troman, Mrs Clark and Mr Dyer & Miss Baker.



And Finally....

Dazzling Disco Fun

On Thursday, October 19th, children enjoyed a brilliant fancy dress disco. There were some amazing costumes ranging from super heroes to princesses and Halloween. Others looked fabulous in their best party outfits. There were prizes for good dancing to all the favourites- Cha Cha slide, Gangnam style and the Macarena. A brilliant time was had by all- particularly the staff!



Dazzling Diwali

Little Learners have been celebrating Diwali this week. They decorated rangoli patterns and Mrs Briggs painted patterns on their hands. Little Learners gives children the best possible start to your child's career in

school, so if you think that you are entitled to a place, please come and ask.

Safety Notice.

If you use the car park to pick up or drop off, please do not drive up to the front of school as it is causing a safety hazard. This is reserved for staff, disabled and taxis. There are spaces available for you to park in the main car park. There may be children coming in to school, so the maximum speed limit is 5 mph. Thank you.



Have a lovely half term holiday from all at Mount Pleasant

