

# Mount Pleasant Junior School



# Newsletter

## March 2009

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*Important Dates, Primary Review, New Shelters, School nurse, Parents Forum and attendance*

### Important dates

**Parents evening will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 3:30 -7:30**  
**School closes for the spring break at 3:15 on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.**  
**School re-opens for the summer term on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.**

### Primary Review Consultation

Well done to all those who attended the meetings and/or completed the questionnaires. The statutory notice will be published May/June and the public will have 6 weeks to comment.

#### New Shelters

Many of you will have seen our new shelters outside the upper and lower school exits. We are very pleased with them and have received positive feed-back from people who have used them. They will offer shelter from both the rain and the sun. There have been a few complaints about the behaviour of one or two teenagers who come to collect brothers or sisters. If your son or daughter is collected by an older brother or sister please talk to them about their behaviour and remind them that they are representing you when they come to the school.

### School nurse

Drop in sessions with the school nurse are held on Tuesdays between 9:00 and 9:30 in the parents room. All parents are welcome to come along and discuss any concerns they may have.

## Parents Forum

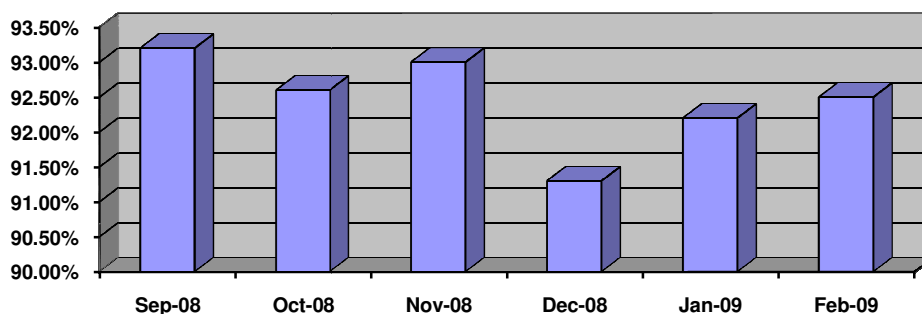
The Parents forum met on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. It was an excellent chance for parents to be updated on school initiatives and to have a say in the school's future. The forum have created a questionnaire for parents to complete this will help us to collect ideas on what you think we are good at and what needs to improve. Members of the forum will support parents to complete the questionnaire at parents evening on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

It was good to see so many parents at the forum but I'd like more, please come along, it's a good chance to share your views and discuss ways of improving the school. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 9:15.

## Attendance

Well done for all your efforts in supporting improving attendance. If children are to have the best opportunities in life it's essential that they attend regularly and arrive on time. Each month I will publish attendance information in this newsletter so that everyone can monitor our progress. Our target for this year is 94.6%

	<b>Sept 08</b>	<b>Oct 08</b>	<b>Nov 08</b>	<b>Dec 08</b>	<b>Jan 09</b>	<b>Feb 09</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	93.2%	92.6%	93%	91.3%	92.2%	92.5%



## School Meals

Free school meal application forms will be sent out this week to those families whose children currently have free meals. It is very important this form is completed and returned to school before the end of term. If you would like to apply to receive free meals for your children please collect an application form from the school office.

All pupils paying for meals should bring the **correct** money or cheque payable to 'Southampton City Council' to the school office before the start of school on Mondays. Meals currently cost:

- One day - £1.70
- Two days - £3.40
- Three days - £5.10
- Four day - £6.80
- Five days - £8.50