

Mount Pleasant Junior School



Newsletter

October 2010

This issue –

Important Dates: non-uniform day, attendance, Homework, PE , Parents Forum Home, Contact details, school photographs, governor vacancies, road, safety and privacy notice.

Important dates

Reminder

- **School closes for the Half term break at 3:15 on Thursday 21st October**
- **Friday 22nd October School is closed for teacher training.**
- **School re-opens on Monday 1st November**



Non-uniform day

I'd like to thank everyone for taking part in the non-uniform day earlier this term and I'd like to thank parents for your support. Through your generosity we were able to raise £100 which has gone to help the victims of the dreadful floods in Pakistan.

Attendance

Well done for your continuing effort to improve attendance. Again, I can't emphasise enough the importance of good attendance. As number of children who didn't achieve Level 4 this year had attendance issues or a poor attendance history during their time at the school. If children are to have the best opportunities in life it's essential that they attend regularly and arrive on time.



Homework

All children receive homework every week. Following on from suggestions made by the Parents Forum every child will have a homework book.

Homework club is open on the following days Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:30 to 4:30. If you would like your child to attend on any or all these days you will need to collect a permission letter from the school, complete it and return it to the office. Year groups will give homework on the following days:

- Year 3 Friday
- Year 4 Monday
- Year 5 10 minutes daily
- Year 6 Wednesday



PE

Please make sure your child has suitable clothing for PE. Some children bring their kit to school and leave it here until it needs washing; others bring it in when they need it. Whichever you chose please check that your child has the correct clothing for PE and Games. Please make sure that your child doesn't wear dangly or hoop earrings to school, they are dangerous and can rip a child's ear if they get caught on anything. If your child wears earrings please make sure they are wearing studs.

Children need kit on the following days:

- Year 3 Thursday and Friday.
- Year 4 Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Year 5 Tuesday and Thursday.
- Year 6 Monday and Wednesday.

Please note that after half term year 3 and 4 will have PE on the days listed above.



Parents' Forum

The next parents' forum meeting will be on Wednesday 10th November at 9:15. Please come along it's a great opportunity to discuss what's happening in school and to have a say in the schools future.



As we approach the official flu season I urge you to check that we have the correct contact details for you. If a child is unwell it's very unpleasant for them to sit around for hours waiting just because we don't have the correct contact details or no one is answering the phone. Please check that we have your correct contact details. There have been a couple of occasions recently when we have not been able to contact parents during the school day. Clearly it is essential that we have an emergency contact number for you.



School Photographs

Please return any orders for school photographs to school with the correct money by Thursday, 21st October

Governor Vacancies

We still have two vacancies for Parent representatives on our school governing body. If you would like to be more involve in the decision making in school and can spare a couple of hours each term to attend early evening meetings please ask in the school office for more details.

We need your support!



Road Safety

As you are all aware Mount Pleasant Road is very busy and a number of parents are parking outside the school to drop off and pick up children. Please do not use the area near the Crossing Patrol. He needs to be able to see up and down the road to safely cross the children. As most families live locally, we recommend, when possible, that children walk to school. Much healthier!

I would also like to remind parents that all children should be wearing a seat belt when in a car and that the police often do spot checks outside schools to ensure that this is happening.