

# Mount Pleasant Junior School



## Newsletter

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*This issue –open morning, Road safety, questions and answers, riding bikes to school and an overview for this half term.*

Important dates

School closes at **3:15 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

We will reopen for the spring term on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

### **Upper school open morning**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (all morning)

If you have a child in year 5 or year 6 you will have an opportunity to spend the morning in school. You will be able to go into the year 5 and 6 classrooms and watch lessons and you'll be able to watch our celebration assembly. If you have a child in year 5 or 6 you'll receive a letter giving you more information.



### **Road Safety**

Please remind your children about the dangers of running across the road without looking or crossing between cars and remind them to always wait for the school crossing patrol officer to stop the traffic. We regularly remind children about road safety issues and need you to do the same.





## Questions and answers

Q: Can my child have a drink of water in class?

A: Yes every classroom has a water fountain and teachers allow children to have drinks.

Q: Is my child allowed to go to the toilet during lessons?

A: Of course, it's something we discourage and we encourage children to go during the break (especially year 5 and 6) but if a child needs to go to the toilet a teacher will let them go. If they are asking to go a lot the class teacher will contact the parents in case there's a health issue.

Q: When can I talk to my child's teacher?

A: All teachers are out at the front of the school every day from 3:15 to 3:30 and are happy to talk to parents,



## Riding bikes to school

We do not object to children riding bikes to school as long as the following criteria are met:

1. the bike is in good condition and roadworthy,
2. the child wears a cycle helmet,
3. the bike is locked-up during the day,
4. children do not double-up on bikes.

If any of the above criteria are not met your child will not be allowed to ride their bike to school until they comply with all of the above.

Please remember that the school accepts no liability for bikes parked on the premises.



## What is your child studying this half term?

This is a brief overview of the subjects studied in each year group this half term. You could help your child by talking to them about these subjects, supporting them to find information on the internet and/or borrowing books from the library.

If you would like to know more please ask your child's class teacher.

Year 3	<p>Narrative writing character and plot. ( English) Number, Word problems, Shape and Data Handling (Maths) Materials (Science) Pop-up books (DT) Databases (ICT) Collage (Art) Local Area (Geography) Spanish (MFL)</p>
Year 4	<p>Explanation texts (English) Fractions, Multiplication, Division and Data Handling (Maths) Circuits and Conductors(Science) Repeating Patterns (ICT) Why do people move to Britain(History) Printing (Art) Staying Healthy (PHSE) Spanish (MFL)</p>
Year 5	<p>Myths and Legends, Reading 'Seasons Of Splendour' and writing a myth(English) Measuring (length, height and weight) reading scales accurately, the 24 hour clock and Data Handling(Maths) Sun, earth and moon (Science) Using spreadsheets ICT) The Tudors (History) 'Talking Textiles, Visual Stories' (Art) Fantastic you(PHSE) Spanish (MFL)</p>
Year 6	<p>Newspaper features and writing articles and Fiction (studying a novel) (English) Angles, Properties of 2D and 3D shapes, symmetry, Area and perimeter (Maths) Separating materials, properties of materials and conductors and insulators (Science) Class survey and science quizzes (ICT) Victorians, schools and toys (History) Painting in the style of J.Turner (Art) Bullying(PHSE) Spanish (MFL)</p>

