



Newsletter

December, 2017

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. 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

Children in Need

Many thanks to all who wore something different for Children In Need.

The children looked fabulous in all sorts of attire, and raised £355.00. Thank you for the generous donations. and well done to all who took part.



Award Winning Teaching Assistants

Mount Pleasant are proud to announce that Mrs. Austen and Mrs. Wallis are the proud winners of the Primary PSHE Practitioner of the Year award 2017. The school has also achieved the PSHE quality mark. The assessor was so impressed, she asked Mrs Telfer to showcase how PSHE is delivered in school at the annual conference. Well done!



Dates For Your Diary

Friday, 22.12.17: School closes for Christmas
Monday, 8.1.18: School re-opens for Spring 1 Term
Friday, 9.2.18: School closes tonight for half-term holiday
Monday, 19.2.18: School re-opens for Spring 2 Term
Thursday, 29.3.18: School closes tonight for Easter
Monday, 16.4.18: School re-opens for Summer 1 Term
Monday, 7.5.18: School closed for May Day
Monday, 14.5.18: Y6 SATs begin
Friday, 25.5.18: School closes for half-term holiday
Monday, 4.6.18: Staff PD Day: School closed for children
Tuesday, 5.6.18: School re-opens for Summer 2 Term
Friday, 20.7.18: School closes tonight for Summer Holiday

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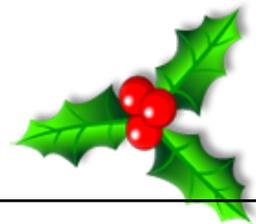
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Festive Fun



Cracking Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to all who visited our Christmas Fair on Tuesday, 12th 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 £700! Many thanks to all who attended.



3S Choir sings for Darlington

3S have had exciting weeks of performing carols. On Tuesday 5th December, they visited the Cornmill 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 14th December, they visited Hollies restaurant at the hospital to sing for staff whilst they were enjoying their Christmas lunch. Finally, they visited Windsor Court and Branksome Hall to perform for the residents. They sang beautifully on all occasions and were a credit to the school. The residents enjoyed it so much that the children have been invited to visit again to bring a little joy.



Festive Fun

On Monday 4th December, 6T were fortunate enough to work with the Embroidery Guild to learn how to sew. The children practised their skills and went on to make some of their own tree decorations in the style of Christmas puddings, trees, reindeer and robins. Brandon O'Connor said, "Despite never trying to sew before, I quite enjoyed doing it for the first time and found that I was actually very good at it! I really want to sew again."



There have been many Christmas activities going on through the week. KS1 told the story of the Curious Sheep with lots of singing and some very clear speaking from the Y2s. EYFS did a fantastic production of Whoops-a-daisy Angel. Many parents attended and smiled all the way through.



Each class has had fun and games at their class party and we will finish off the week with a special treat for the children to say 'well done' for being excellent Mount Pleasant pupils.





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.

On Monday 11th December, 6T hosted their parents' afternoon in the hall. The children and their parents and/or carers worked together to paint a Christmas inspired stained glass window which they then went on to sell at the Christmas fair. Jacob Stanford said, "It was great fun because we got to work together with our families to complete the painting. I'd love to do it again!" Every stained glass window was sold within minutes of the fair starting!



Y3 designed and made Christmas 'deco patch' angels. The parents got fully involved and even had a go at some origami. It was lovely to see so many parents take part in this event.



As you can see, the Y4s made snowmen. It was not only the children who were very proud of themselves!



Y2 completed a 'Lego challenge'. Parents and children had to work together to create a range of objects - an animal, a tower, their name. Parents became quite competitive.



Many thanks to all of those who attended and we will continue this next year.



Have a very Happy Christmas from all at Mount Pleasant

