



Newsletter

October, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We have had an excellent start to the new school year. The children are working really hard. 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 in school and the general public outside of school.

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 Tuesday, 23rd October. All food donations have been sent to King's Food bank.



Meet Mrs Ward.....



Hello, I am Mrs Samantha Ward and I am the Office Administrator. I have two children, an 8 year old boy and 3 year old daughter. I have a Business Management Degree and have worked previously at the Town Hall within Children's and Adult's Services. I am thoroughly enjoying my time so far here at Mount Pleasant, the staff and children have been wonderful and very welcoming. I'll look forward to working with you.

TRAFFIC ALERT

Please do not park cars on the pavement. We have had complaints of obstruction. Thank you.

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Other News

Y4 become groovy Greeks

On Wednesday 10th October, 4S visited Palace Green library in Durham.

The children handled artefacts from Ancient Greece. Some of the items were from ancient Greece and were thousands of years old so they had to be very careful with them. They played some games from Ancient Greece, learned the Greek alphabet and tried to build a Greek temple. After lunch, the children had great fun taking part in a Greek tragedy play. Rosie explained, "It was really good fun because we handled real Greek pots."

Millie said, "It was great because I got to be King Creon in the play."

Did you know?

The Ancient Greeks invented the first democracy.

Events at the Greek's Olympics included wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus and chariot racing. But those taking part in the wrestling event had to be the toughest, as there were hardly any rules – and they had to compete naked.



Toys at Bowes Museum

Year 1 and 2 began their topic about toys with an exciting trip to Bowes Museum. The children got to play and explore a range of old toys and find out how they differ to the play things of today. They observed a range of toys from many different eras and got creative by making their own peg doll from the past. It definitely inspired the children to learn more and investigate how things have changed over time.



What's happening?

Friday, 26.10.18: School closes tonight for half-term holiday

Monday, 5.11.18: School re-opens for Autumn 2 Term

Friday, 16.11.18: Children In Need (wear something spotty)

Tuesday, 27.11.18: Book People – The Big Red Bus (details to follow)

Friday, 30.11.18: Staff PD Day: School closed for children

Tuesday, 11.12.18: EYFS Performance (details to follow)

Wednesday, 12.12.18: 2.30pm YR 1 Performance

Thursday, 13.12.18: AM – EYFS Performance (details to follow)

Thursday, 13.12.18: 2.30pm-4pm Christmas Faye

Monday, 17.12.18: All After School Clubs cancelled this week

Monday, 17.12.18: YR 1 & 2 Party

Tuesday, 18.12.18: YR 3 & 4 Party

Wednesday, 19.12.18: EYFS Party

Wednesday, 19.12.18: Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, 19.12.18: Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday, 20.12.18: YR 5 & 6 Party

Friday, 21.12.18: Laser Quest

Friday, 21.12.18: Buffett Lunch

Friday, 21.12.18: School closes tonight for Christmas holidays

And Finally....

Dazzling Disco Fun

On Monday, October 22nd, children enjoyed a brilliant fancy dress, Halloween 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 and the new hit, Baby Shark. A brilliant time was had by all– particularly the staff!



Holidays and Fines

Please remember that if you have a holiday during term time it will not be authorised unless it is considered an exceptional circumstance. You may be liable for a fine.

Happy Halloween from Little Learners

Little Learners have been learning about the tradition of Halloween. They have explored pumpkins using their senses. They used magnifying glasses to look closely at the pumpkin seeds and talk about them. Dressing up in costumes and dancing to spooky music were also on the timetable, as well as learning words and signs through Makaton.



Have a lovely half term holiday from all at Mount Pleasant.

