

# MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

A COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 - 11

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HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents,

Firstly please can we thank you for such a wonderful start to our new school year. Your delightful children have come back to school ready to learn, well organised and with super manners. We are sure we are going to have a wonderful year.

The children are coming in beautifully in the mornings. As soon you feel they are ready, please drop them at the outside door. Staff there will take messages for you and these are delivered to the class teachers as soon as the doors are closed. Class based staff will ensure that your child is able to organise their bags, letters, coats etc. If you have an urgent issue which you need to talk about with your child's teacher immediately please let the door staff know, but be aware that the teacher will already be teaching children.

Afternoon collection is often a good time for a quick chat with your child's teacher. Should you require a more in depth conversation, please make an appointment at a mutually convenient time. We will have parent teacher meetings in November and more information about this will follow.

Thank you to all those who are already supporting their children by reading at home each day. Children who read regularly at home make more progress and they love to know that you are interested in their reading. We will be running a workshop about helping your child to read soon and we hope that lots of you will be able to attend. The children bring home a book and their reading record in their book bag. During the day children are helped to change their books but during the year they will learn how to become more independent in this. Adults in class will also help children with money and notes in their bags. Please help us by returning notes promptly and sending all money in a labelled envelope.

We hope that lots of you will be able to help us in class this year. We will need help for trips and special immersion days where we run activities for the children. We would also welcome help with reading each morning 8.30 - 9.00. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to come in and help us. We really value your help and you will get an incredible insight into your child's education and what goes on in the secret world of school!

Apologies for so many requests when you are already so busy but please could you ensure that all items of clothing are named? We are spending a long time each day finding the owners of unnamed items. Also please ensure that your child has PE kit in school every day including plimsolls or trainers.

We will regularly ask you for things we need in the classroom. Current requirements are;

- Containers that have lids or can be sealed to make musical instruments. No flimsy cardboard please.
- Old adult sized t shirts that can be used as cover ups for messy activities.
- We need a baby photo of your child which will be returned to you. Please make sure that they have their names on the back.

Each half-term there will be an activity to carry out at home as homework. This half-term our topic is Ourselves and we would like the children to learn about changes that have happened to them since their birth. This may include moving house, the birth of new siblings, learning to ride a bike, having a special present, going on holiday or anything else that is important to them. Children can draw a picture of the event and you can work together to write a short caption and the year the event took place. To that end please could you complete the sheet that we have sent home and return it by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. We greatly appreciate your co-operation in this matter. All children who return their homework will share it in class and receive certificates and housepoints for their work.

With our grateful thanks and best wishes.

Mrs. Knuckey/Miss Clark