



Autumn Term 2023: Newsletter 1  
Friday 8th September 2023

# MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

WELCOME

BACK!

It has been great to welcome everyone back to school and catch up on their summer news. A particular welcome to our new EYFS and children joining other year groups who have settled in so well. We are really proud of them all. We also welcome two new staff to the Mount Charles team. During the summer holidays we were busy with refurbishments to our Year 2 classrooms, IT upgrades and new corridor ceilings. We are excited about our plans for replacing the old play equipment in the lower yard that is planned to take place during the October break. Thank you for your patience at the start and end of the day as our teachers become familiar with their new parents. We are also encouraging children to use the gate of their youngest sibling to save parents picking up from multiple places.



Mrs Ashby  
Year 4



Mrs Constantine  
Assistant Headteacher & Year 5

## MEET THE TEACHER!

Reminder: Parents are invited to meet their child's teacher, in their classrooms, and find out about the year ahead at the remaining Meet The Teacher sessions held at 2.30pm on the following dates:

Monday 11th September - Year 1  
Tuesday 12th September - Year 3  
Wednesday 13th September - Year 2  
Thursday 14th September - EYFS





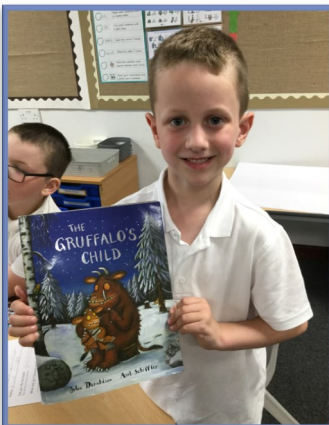
# EYFS

This week we welcomed our new EYFS children to the Mount Charles family. They settled into their new learning environments well and have made lots of new friendships already. We are delighted to be sharing the start of their primary education journey with them.



## YEAR 1

Year 1 had an exciting afternoon launching their topic, Dinosaur Planet. The children were able to engage in imaginative role play, dig for fossils and enjoy a spot of reading for pleasure outdoors.



## YEAR 2

Year 2 have begun their first writing unit 'Little Red Reading Hood'. They have explored their favourite books, created book reviews and spent time reading. The children were excited to share photos of themselves reading books in unusual places, such as riding on a tractor, riding a horse and going down a slide!



## YEAR 3

This week year 3 have made a great start on their Predator topic and have been drawing predators in the style of the artist Steven Brown.





## YEAR 4

Year 4 have started learning about Pointillism as part of their mixed-media project. They looked at the work of Georges Seurat and enjoyed exploring mixing colour in his style.

## YEAR 5

Year 5 have made a great start to the year and enjoyed lots of learning already. They have begun reading 'Treason' and have started their writing journey about 'The Present' too. Within music, the children are learning to play the Ukelele and were singing along enthusiastically too.



## YEAR 6

Year 6 have dived into their Blood Heart topic by dissecting hearts! The children have started reading their novel 'Pig Heart Boy' and have learnt about transplants. They will be learning about the circulatory system in science so it was an incredible learning opportunity to be able to see inside a real heart. The children especially enjoyed putting their fingers into the arteries to trace the flow of blood and seeing the heart strings.



## ARB

The children in the ARB have had a great start to the new year and have enjoyed starting their topic 'Food Glorious Food'.





# REMINDERS

- ★ Please remember to pre-book your children's lunches on ParentPay by midnight on Sunday for the following week, children who do not have a lunch ordered will need to be supplied with pack lunch from home. You can also book right up to half term. Should you require any help with ParentPay please contact the school office who will be happy to help.
- ★ Please remember to label all items of clothing, bottles, suncream, hats etc. If an item gets lost this will ensure it gets returned to the rightful owner.
- ★ Term Dates - We merge our five INSET days to give a two week October half term. This has been the case for numerous years to enable our families to take an affordable holiday during term time. Please see 'Diary Dates' for the dates of our two week break.
- ★ Charlie's breakfast and after school club provision is open for anyone who currently attends Mount Charles School and who needs wraparound care. Charlie's offers a range of fun activities for all age groups, pre booking is essential due to limited spaces. Payments **must** be made prior to booking. Please see our website for more information and contact details.
- ★ On your child's PE day, they must come into school wearing their PE kit.

## When are the PE slots for each year group

<u>Year group</u>	<u>Term 1</u>	<u>Term 2</u>
Reception	Friday	Wednesday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4	Monday and Friday	Monday and Friday
Year 5	Wednesday and Friday	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Thursday & Swimming Week	Tuesday and Thursday

**ICT Agreements:** As part of our online safety policy, all parents, children and staff need to sign an ICT acceptable use agreement.

Forms will be coming home with children next week along with a new data collection sheet. Please read and sign both forms then return to the school office.

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to the class attendance cup winners this week 3SG & 5RW both with 100%. Well done to both classes.

The whole school attendance this week is 95.8%. Our target is 96.8% .

Good attendance is vital for success in learning.

Missing just one or two days can have an impact on your child's education as the chart below shows.

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance	Whole days of absence	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Cause for Concern	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	75
	91%	173 days	17	85
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
Serious cause for concern	86%	163 days	27	135
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190

Please take a few moments to read our attendance letter which you will find attached to this email.

### REMINDER: What to do if your child is absent:

- Contact the school office via telephone 01726 73911 on the first day your child's absence **before 9am**.
- Provide us with the **full details** of the reason for their absence. Please avoid using phrases such as "poorly", "sick" or "not well".

Repeat this for **every day** of absence.

If you need any support or have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please contact the school office [enquiries@mcs.celtrust.org](mailto:enquiries@mcs.celtrust.org) and arrange a call or meeting with Mrs Nile.



# Diary

# Dates

## September

11th Meet the teachers Year 1 2.30pm  
11th KS2 Poltair Event 1.30pm  
12th Meet the teachers Year 3 2.30pm  
13th Meet the teachers Year 2 2.30pm  
14th Meet the teachers EYFS 2.30pm  
20th RWI Information Meeting EYFS 2.30pm  
21st RWI Information Meeting EYFS 8.30am

## October

### **EYFS & KS1 Mastering Numbers Meetings**

11th EYFS 8.30am  
12th Year 1 8.30am  
13th year 2 8.30am

## TERM DATES

Friday 13th October End of half term  
Monday 30th October Return to School  
Friday 15th December End of term  
Monday 8th January Return to School

## KEY DATES

13th-16th May SATS Week - ALL Year 6 must be in school this week.

## Celebrating



Yr1— Samantha, Emily

Yr2— Junior, Kane

Yr3—Hettie, Afreen

Yr4— Teddy & Theo

Yr5— Poppy, Rhys

Yr6— Jayden, Storm

## Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

This week: 3SG & 5RW



## Attendance!