

Headteacher's Message

I am very pleased that we will re-open to all children. This newsletter contains important information about how we will continue to keep everyone as safe as possible and return to classrooms.

You can also find a YouTube film version of this information on our Mount Pleasant Junior School YouTube Channel.

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Headteacher

First Day Back at School

Monday 8th March 2021

SpringTerm Start and End Times

Y5 and Y6	Arrive: 08:30	Leave: 15:00
Y3 and Y4	Arrive: 08:45	Leave: 15:15

Children should use the same entrances and exits as last term

Y3 Front Yard	Y4 MUGA	Y5 Front Yard	Y6 MUGA
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Parents, please do not gather at the school gates:

It causes congestion—it is not safe!

If you are collecting children from school, you must use the one-way systems and wear a face covering.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing as much school uniform as possible! You know what we mean!

We know that children grow; that shops have not been open and we understand that your child may not have all the uniform they need. Therefore, we will be operating flexibility in uniform until the Easter holidays. **Please follow this guidance:**

- **Ensure that your child is dressed warmly—with layers of clothing to add or remove.**
- **Dress them in clothes and shoes for sport on their PE day**
- **Help your child understand that they should dress appropriately for school:**

This is not non-school uniform, but to help parents and keep children warm.

Please ensure that your child is ready to return after the Easter holidays in full school uniform. Details of our uniform policy are on the school website. Please look carefully at our requirements for PE clothing as children wear their PE kit to and from school.

Our Focus on Learning

We have already planned our focus on learning and how we will support children as they return to their classrooms. Teachers will use the 3 weeks and 4 days until the Easter holidays to consolidate the key learning from the Spring Term. This will involve teachers in identifying gaps in learning and re-establishing good progress in core learning: Reading, Writing and Maths.

Our children have been at home for over 11 weeks and we have thought carefully about what our focus need to be for the rest of this term.

Learning will focus on:

- Revising and consolidating key learning in reading, writing and maths
- Socialising and friendships
- Oracy: speaking and understanding in English

It is very likely that your child will revisit some of the remote learning that they already completed to ensure that they have secured the key knowledge and skills, as well as deepening and extending their understanding so that they can use and apply their learning independently.

This will mean that we will be in a strong position to learn a broad and full curriculum after the Easter holidays for the Summer Term.



School Library

We have had to close our school library during Covid-19 to make space for our one-way systems and provided in-class libraries to reduce sharing of resources. We are planning a brand new library—a place that will ensure reading is at the heart of our learning: **Reading is the key to unlocking all learning.**

In order to prepare for our exciting new library, we must return library books to the School Library Service. Please can you check at home for any school library books and return them to school.

We need the books back so that we can buy new stock for the library - new books for your children.

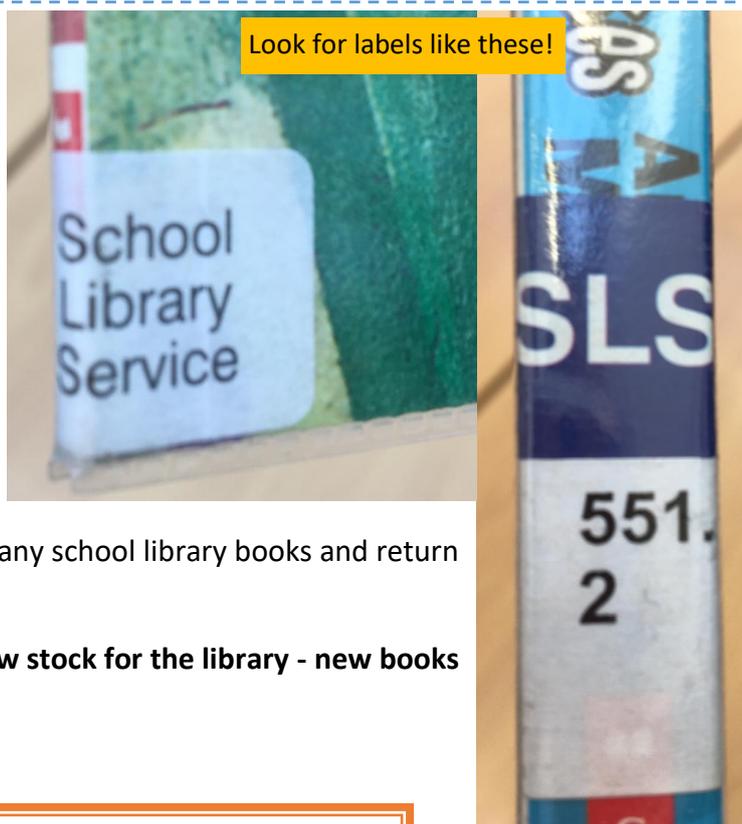
Please send the books back and do not worry if:

- You have had them a long time
- They are damaged
- You can't remember if you scanned them out

This is a book amnesty!

All that matters is that we have the books back at school so that we can give the old books back to the School Library Service and get lots of new books!

Look under the beds; in the toy box; in school bags; everywhere!



- Saliva testing
- What to do if your child has symptoms
- What school will do if your child develops symptoms
- Coming soon—After school clubs?
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