Welcome to Mount Pleasant Lane Primary School

In Year Admissions - KS1

The Spiral Partnership

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A warm welcome to Mount Pleasant Lane Primary School. Our school is a wonderful place where children learn, achieve and thrive: both academically and socially. My aim is to ensure that pupils leaving the school are happy, confident, accomplished, kind and resilient children, who are ready to face the next stage in their education. We encourage this through our exciting curriculum, which is intended to challenge and inspire each and every pupil.

At Mount Pleasant Lane School, we have extremely dedicated staff who work hard to ensure that all children are happy and successful learners. We are a nurturing school, where children and adults share in the joy of learning together. We form strong professional relationships with our supportive parents, governors and members of the local community.

We are proud to be part of Spiral Partnership Trust, which gives Mount Pleasant Lane School invaluable support, by enabling us to establish excellent links and share innovative resources and ideas with other high-achieving schools.

We are fortunate to have a very spacious site: our large field enables children to enjoy outdoor learning, a wide range of sports and imaginative play. We are very ambitious, always looking for further ways to move forward and I have lots of exciting developments planned. We are proud of, and continue to expand, our extra-curricular activities that are offered, which I firmly believe play an integral part in shaping a child's character.

Mrs Bradshaw - Head of School

Our School Day

School Sessions:

Soft Start from 8.40 a.m. - 8.50 a.m. Children can arrive in their classroom from 8.40 a.m. where there will be a supervised learning activity ready for them.

Morning Session: 8.50-12.00 p.m.

Afternoon Session: 1.00 p.m. -3.20 p.m

Total Time of a Typical Week = 32.5 hours
Compulsory School Day - 8.50 a.m. -3.20 p.m.

Uniform Information

School Uniform Supplier: PMG School Wear Tel- 01895 809321

Bottoms	Grey Tunics/ Skirts/Trousers or Shorts Nursery only- Black or grey joggers or leggings Optional for summer: Pale blue checked school summer dress	
Shirts	Sky Blue Polo Shirts	
Jumpers	Royal Blue Round or Sweatshirts with/out school logo or Royal Blue Cardigans with/out school logo	

Socks/tights	Grey, black or white socks Grey or navy tights	
Hair	Long hair must be tied up with navy or black hair bands	
Shoes	Sturdy comfortable black shoes/trainers which children can manage themselves Nursery and Reception Only: A pair of wellies that get kept at school.	
Outdoor Clothing	WINTER: School fleece (optional) Waterproof coat with hood, hat &gloves SUMMER: sun hat & rain coat	
Spare Clothing	Small bag with a spare pair of clothing	
Jewellery	Only stud earrings allowed No hoops or other jewellery to be worn	
P.E. Kit **To be worn to school on day of PE lesson**	Royal Blue T Shirt and Royal blue shorts. Royal Blue tracksuit bottoms. Trainers	

Bag	Royal Blue school book bag with or without logo We request no rucksacks in Nursery and Reception please.	
Water	Water bottle with sports top (No spill top essential). Water only please	

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH THEIR NAME

Extra Curricular

Day/Club	For Age Groups	Times	Supplier
MONDAY			
Boys Football	Years 4 – 6	8:00 – 8:40	MPL – Miss Mabbs
Musical Theatre	Years R – 6	3:20 - 4:20	Performing Herts
TUESDAY			
Chess Club	Years 2 - 6	8:00 - 8:45	United Knights Chess Club
Choir	Years 3 – 6	12:00 – 12:30	MPL
Multisports	Years 1 – 4	3:30 – 4:00	MPL – Miss Mabbs
WEDNESDAY			
Girls Football	Years 4 - 6	8:00 - 8:40	MPL – Miss Mabbs
Cross Country	Years 4 -6	3:30 – 4:00	MPL – Ms McQuarrie
THURSDAY			
Netball	Years 4 - 6	8:00 - 8:40	MPL – Miss Mabbs
Rocksteady	Years 1 - 6	1:00 - 3:20	Rocksteady
FRIDAY			
Piano Fun Club	Years R - 6	12:30 - 3:30	Piano Fun Club

Mount Pleasant Lane Internal Clubs

Our Sports Coach, Miss Mabbs runs a few of our extra curricular clubs and Ms McQuarrie, who runs our cross country club. These clubs are payable via Arbor and are priced at £3 a session.

External Clubs

We have a number of clubs that are run by external providers. These need to be booked directly with that company.

- Chess Club
- Performing Herts
- Rocksteady
- PianoFunClub

School Meals and Snacks

Snacks

An additional snack from home is optional. Please ensure this is a healthy snack: fruit, vegetables, crackers and cheese, rice cakes, fruit/plain yoghurt are all appropriate options. We do not allow chocolate/crisps/biscuits for morning snack. Please ensure any snack is **nut and sesame free** as we have children in school with severe nut allergies.

Lunch and School Meals

Nursery children have the option of either a packed lunch or school lunch.

Packed Lunch

Your child will need to bring their own healthy packed lunch.

Lunchbox Do's	Lunchbox Don'ts
Do **clearly name** your child's packed lunch box	**Don't include any nuts** in your child's packed lunch
Do provide a healthy and balanced lunch	(Beware of items that may include nuts, including cereal
Do make sure your child can access the food easily	bars, peanut butter, etc)
Do make sure any drink is in a carton or a bottle with a	Don't include fizzy drinks or glass bottles
sports lid (water is always available at Nursery)	Don't give your child sweets or a whole chocolate bar
Do make sure your child's lunch box is clean	

School Lunch

All children can get a free lunch at school if they're in reception class, year 1 or year 2.

Hertfordshire Catering Limited (HCL) are our school caterers: they operate a 'cafeteria style' school meals service in which the children are offered a selection of hot and cold food.

HCL offer specifically adapted menus in line with the mainstream menu offered for selected food allergies, intolerances or cultural choices. Special Diet applications are made online via: Special diet application (hcl.co.uk)

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Faces after school care offers safe, fun and nurturing after school care at the end of a busy school day with a range of outdoor play and high quality indoor provision.

Children are involved in the planning of activities. There are a range of activities to choose from such as arts and crafts, reading, construction, small world, physical play. There is also a quiet area to relax, computers and a homework table should they need to complete homework.

Which years can attend?

Faces after school care is available for children from Reception up to Year 6.

What are the prices and timings?

Breakfast club: 7:30-8:45am (£7)
After school club: 3:20-5:15 (£10.75) or 3:20-6 (£12.25)

How do I book?

To book a place, please follow the link https://spiralfaces.magicbooking.co.uk
If you need any help please contact the Central Team on admin@spiralfaces.org.uk

Will my child have something to eat?

Light snacks that are prepared daily will be available. Children will only be able to eat the snacks provided at Spiral Faces and will not be permitted to bring their own food to eat.

For more information about Spiral Faces please follow this link to their website https://www.spiralfaces.org.uk/

Free School Meals

If you have a low household income, your child may be eligible for "free school meals". This term is a little confusing because ALL children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have a school lunch which is paid for by the Government under a scheme called "Universal School Meals" and is not dependent on personal circumstances.

All parents/carers who are in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible for a Free School Meals, regardless of the amount received.

Applying takes around 5 minutes, and you will need your National Insurance number. Applications can be made using the following link: https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx

You may also be eligible for "Free School Meals" if you have any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

At Mount Pleasant Lane, there are many more financial benefits that come with being accepted for "Free School Meals". These include:

- Free lunches in KS2 (Y3-6) as well as R, Y1 and Y2
- Support with uniform
- Support with school trips and swimming
- Support with, or occasionally an offer of free places at some of our clubs (dependent on provider)
- Discounted/free PTA events

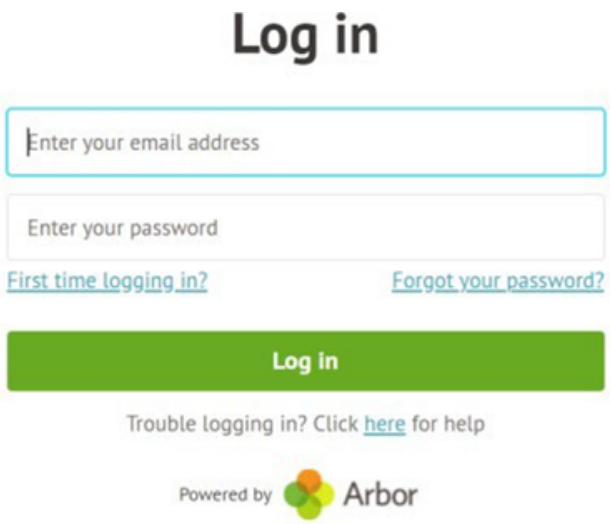
The school can help you in applying for Free School Meals if you think you might be eligible, but we do not make that decision ourselves at school, there is a specialist team at Hertfordshire County Council who deal with all applications. Applications can be made at www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

If your financial circumstances change and you no longer meet the criteria for free school meals, your child then becomes eligible for the "Pupil Premium Grant" or PPG for the next 6 years of their school life. This grant comes directly into schools and allows us to support children in ways that we see best, some of which have a direct and positive financial impact on families for the rest of their time in our school:
- 50% discount on school meals
- Support with school trips and swimming
- Support with, or occasional offer of free places at some of our clubs (dependent on provider).

We encourage all parents to check this letter carefully to see if your child might be eligible for Free School Meals as the benefits are so long lasting and could help take the pressure off your finances a little.

If you think you are eligible, but require help with your application, please do not hesitate to call the School Office to discuss.

Arbor Parent Portal-Set Up Instructions

Stage	Task
Set-up Account	1.On a PC, home computer or laptop, using a normal browser (ideally Chrome) use the following link for Mount Pleasant Lane's Arbor log https://mount-pleasant-lane-primary.uk.arbor.sc/ 2. Select the "First Time Logging In?" link and use the email that you have registered with school.  3. Follow the set-up instructions on the screen.
Password	Ensure you securely remember your password
Download App	In the Google Play Store or Apple App Store, search and download the Arbor Parent and Guardian Portal App to your mobile
Log In to the App	1. Log in to the Arbor Parent and Guardian Portal App using your email address you originally set up your account with 2. Select Mount Pleasant Lane as your school. 3. Enter your password that you previously created. 4. If asked, confirm your child's date of birth. You should now be able to log in and easily access your child's information.

Home Learning

BoomReader

BoomReader is our online reading record, helping parents and teachers work together to support your child's reading.

Please use BoomReader to record each time your child reads at home and add a brief comment about how they got on. Teachers will also use it to monitor progress and share feedback.

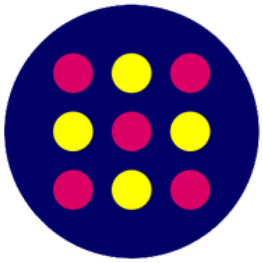
Regular reading at home, even for 10–15 minutes a day, helps build confidence, fluency and a love of reading.

Spelling Shed

Spelling Shed is an online platform that helps children practise their weekly spellings through fun and engaging games.

Teachers will set weekly spelling assignments linked to the spelling patterns being taught in class. Regular practice at home helps children build confidence, improve spelling accuracy and reinforce their learning.

MyMaths



MyMaths is an online learning platform that supports your child's maths learning through interactive lessons and homework activities.

Teachers will set regular tasks to reinforce the maths being taught in class. Completing these activities at home helps children build confidence, develop their understanding and practise key skills.

PTA

What we do
Our role as the PTA is to support the school by raising as much money as we can to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for our children. We also provide those 'little extras' that make school memorable.
Our main aim is to bring the communities of school and home closer together.

Why we volunteer
- Support the School
- Change School for the better
- Improve your child's learning
- Be better connected

Communication
- PTA updates in the school newsletter
- PTA termly newsletter
- Facebook page
- PTA notice board
- Class Reps WhatsApp groups
- Event group meetings

To contact the committee please email ptampl2023@gmail.com or find us in the playground.