



# Maids Moreton C of E School

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## Newsletter No 2. 20th September 2022

Dear Parents

The first few weeks of the new academic year seem to be flying by and the children and staff have quickly settled into the routines of their new classes. There are a number of events leading up to half term, which I would like to take this opportunity to share with you.



### Harvest Festival

As you will know from the "Diary Dates", our Harvest Festival will be held at St Edmund's Church at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 4th October. Due to the limited space in church we are restricting attendance to 2 adults per family. It is preferable that alternative arrangements are made for younger siblings who tend to find it difficult to sit quietly for the length of the service, but if you have no alternative, we request that younger children sit on parents' laps. We hope you can join us for this service. As in previous years, we are joining with the church in making our donations. The church will then arrange the distribution of our gifts to The Food Bank- a charity to help local families in need. Therefore, children are invited to bring gifts of non-perishable produce that have a relatively long shelf life e.g. dried produce such as rice, pasta, tea bags, coffee, sugar, cereals, any tinned items etc. We ask that the food is in baskets or boxes, which the children can carry independently to the church to be displayed. Children will be able to go home directly from the church with you at the end of the service. If you are unable to attend this service, your child will be brought back to school and can be collected in the usual way. Children attending wrap around care will also return to school after the service.





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## Scarecrow Weekend

Saturday 1st October is the date for the village scarecrow weekend where various ingenious creations will be displayed around the village as well as our school design which will be placed just inside the school gates. The theme this year is children's TV shows past and present. This is a most enjoyable event and well worth a visit. The event takes place on the Saturday afternoon, embarking from St Edmund's church.

## Flu Nasal Spray Clinic

The flu nasal spray clinic will take place on Monday 17th October. You have received a separate letter from the immunization nursing team regarding this.

## Class Trips

Next week Magpies class will be visiting the MK Safety Centre and Sparrows class will be visiting the MK Museum to learn about Victorian homes. We will also be visiting the church on Wednesday afternoon next week to practise for our Harvest festival. On 11th October, Magpies class will be visiting the MK Discovery Centre as part of their topic on Vikings.

## Book Bags

A number of children have returned to school with accessories attached to their book bag handles such as beads, fluffy toys, key rings or other such items. Some of these make the book bags too large so they do not fit in the children's trays, some rattle and some are delicate, resulting in children becoming upset when they have broken e.g. strings of beads. We appreciate the benefit of key rings to help children identify their book bags quickly, especially our younger children, but the items need to be small, discreet, quiet and non-breakable. I do not wish at this stage to introduce a total ban, so would appreciate your support in ensuring all such key rings or attachments are appropriate.



# Latest News

## Prospective Parents for 2023

The Buckinghamshire Council Admissions booklet for entry into Bucks schools for September 2023 will shortly be available on the Buckinghamshire Council website. There is also information available on the school admissions page of the Buckinghamshire council website.

Applications can be made directly online from early November 2022.

The closing date for applications is mid January 2023. [The date has not yet been published on the Buckinghamshire council website].

This is for children entering school for the first time into the Reception year.

## PTA AGM

We have a really fabulous and welcoming school PTA. The first PTA meeting on the year will take place on Monday 26th September at 7.30pm. in the school hall. New parents are most welcome to attend. Please do come along and support. The PTA AGM will take place Thursday 20th October.

## Walk to School Week – 3rd to 7th October

As a continuing commitment to a healthy lifestyle and reducing car use, pollution and traffic congestion outside school, we will be holding our biannual “Walk to School Week” commencing Monday 3rd October. We would ask that all parents and children either walk or use the ‘park and walk’ facility, parking at the park or the church, on each day that week.

The theme for this term’s Walk to School Week is “caring for the environment.” Children should wear something that represents what they feel is one of the key ways to look after our planet. Examples of previous years’ walk to school themes are available to view on our school website. [News and Events-Gallery of Events-October]. To launch the week we will hold a parade on the school playground at 9am on Monday 3rd October. Children should line up as normal to come in, then the designated class will come out to do their parade at 9am. All parents are warmly invited to attend the parade and support our walk to school initiative.

## New Parents Afternoon Tea

Just a reminder, that this informal event will take place on Friday 30th September from 2.15pm-3.15pm in the school hall or outside weather permitting. We do hope you can join us for a cuppa and a chat.



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### Robins' Class Phonics Meeting

On Thursday 29th September Mrs Bristow will be holding a phonics meeting to explain how we teach phonics to our new Reception parents. This will take place at 2.50pm in the Reception classroom.

### Parents' Evening

Parents' evening is due to take place before half term. You will receive a separate letter about this event with further details.

### School uniform expectations

A number of children have returned to school wearing jewellery such as friendship bracelets which are proving a bit of a distraction in class and easily break. These are not part of the school uniform, so should not be worn. Likewise some girls are wearing oversized, glittery/brightly coloured or novelty head bands/hair accessories. We ask that children save these for weekend use. Hair/head bands in school should be suitable for school wear and in the school colours [yellow/maroon, grey] or black/navy. We also request that children do not attend school wearing nail varnish. Thank you for your support.

### School website

For those parents new to the school, and as a reminder to all other parents, I keep the website updated on a very regular basis with photos of events happening in school. Most of these are located within the purple "News and Events-Gallery of Events" section or the red "curriculum – visits and visitors" page. Recent additions include photos of the children during their first week back.

*Best wishes*

*Keira Ainsworth Head Teacher, 20th September 2022*

