



Maids Moreton C of E School

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Newsletter No 2. 27th September 2023

Dear Parents

It is lovely to be back at school and to see all the children once again. Thank you for all your well wishes during my time in hospital as well as the many lovely emails received following the announcement of our recent OFSTED inspection. I would also like to express my thanks to the staff for holding the fort whilst I was away, in particular Mrs Bristow and Mrs Power who took charge whilst I was absent.

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 Monday 2nd 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 7th October [1pm-5pm] 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 musicians and pop idols 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, where you can purchase refreshments, maps and judging forms.

Flu Nasal Spray Clinic

The flu nasal spray clinic will take place on Monday 13th November. You will receive a separate letter from the immunization nursing team regarding this.

Robins' Class Phonics Meeting

On Thursday 28th 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 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.



Latest News

Prospective Parents for 2024

Information regarding school admissions for September 2024, is now available on the Buckinghamshire Council website.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>

Applications can be made directly online from 1st November 2023

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2024.

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

PTA AGM

We have a really fabulous school PTA. All parents are most welcome to attend. Please do come along and support. The PTA AGM will take place on Monday 6th November.

Walk to School Week – 2nd-6th 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 2nd October. We would ask that all parents and children either walk, cycle or use the ‘park and walk’ facility, parking at the park or the church, on each day that week.

This year, we are changing the format of our Walk to School Week. We will be holding a house competition to see which house has the highest number of children who travel to school sustainably [by walking, using the park and walk facilities or cycling]. Each class will collect data over the week and the Year 5 house captains will collate this on Friday. The winning house will be announced in the Friday assembly, and all members of that house will be invited to wear a small accessory of their house colour on the following Monday, e.g. socks, hair accessory, hat.

New Parents Afternoon Tea

Just a reminder, that this informal event will take place on Friday 29th September from 2.15pm-3pm in the school hall or outside weather permitting. We do hope you can join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Best wishes

Keira Ainsworth Head Teacher, 27th September 2023

