



Maids Moreton C of E School

Small enough to care, large enough to inspire



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Dear Parents

As we now approach half term, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some of the events planned for November and early December.

Harvest

We hope you enjoyed attending our Harvest Festival Service in Church, the first event of the school year in the Christian calendar. The children really rose to the challenge and performed wonderfully in front of the audience. We were very grateful for your generous donations which were delivered to the Buckingham Food Bank.

Winter Uniform

In the second half of the Autumn term, children should wear their **Winter uniform**. This includes a **white school shirt and tie for all pupils**, rather than the Summer polo shirts or Summer dresses which should no longer be worn. All children also need a **pair of wellies and a coat** to wear at playtimes during the Winter months, and a hat and gloves if necessary.

Activities with Maids Moreton Hall

We have 3 events planned with Maids Moreton Hall after half term. Our Year 2 children will be doing Remembrance crafts on Tuesday 7th November at 2pm and our Year 3 children will be doing Christmas crafts on 5th December. Our Key Stage 2 school choir, who will begin rehearsing after half term, will also visit the Care Home to perform Christmas carols. Our Robins class enjoyed their first visit earlier this month, where they took part in a music session with the residents.



In School Individual Photographs

The photographer will be in school to take the children's individual photographs on the morning of Tuesday 14th November. Children with siblings in school will be photographed separately and together. We are not in a position to offer photos with siblings who do not attend our school.

PTA AGM

The PTA AGM will take place on Monday 6th November at 7.30pm in the school hall. Please come along and support. All welcome.



Poppy Appeal

When we return after half term, we will be selling poppies in school to support the work of the Royal British Legion. Children will have the opportunity to buy a poppy to support the appeal. We will be explaining the meaning behind Remembrance Sunday through a series of assemblies in school.

Mr Troup's paternity leave

Mr Troup will be taking paternity leave for 2 weeks from 30th October to 10th November. The Magpies class will be in the very capable hands of Mrs Wood and Mrs Pallett, who will be teaching the class in his absence. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Troup and his wife and the birth of their new baby daughter.

Village Scarecrow competition

We were delighted to hear the news that our entry "Harry Styles" won second prize in the village scarecrow competition. The children involved in making the scarecrow very kindly chose to donate the cash prize to the Milton Keynes Homeless shelter to purchase Winter clothing for the homeless. I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Gibbs for organising and planning our entry for the competition.





Children in Need

On Friday 17th November it is Children in Need. We would like to offer the children the opportunity to dress in spotty clothes/Pudsey related clothing in return for a small donation which should be paid directly to Children in Need. We will send you a link nearer the time. Many thanks for your support.

PE days this half term

Robins: Friday

Sparrows: Thursday and Friday.

Magpies: Tuesday and Wednesday.

Kestrels: Mon and Friday

PTA Mufti Day

On Friday 24th November the PTA are holding a mufti day. As it is the same day as our mince pie making, we would like children to get into the spirit by wearing a Christmas jumper with a skirt or trousers of their own choice. In return for dressing in non-uniform we would like each child to bring in an item for the Christmas hamper. Further details will follow from the PTA. Many thanks.



Mince Pie Making

On Friday 24th November, all the children will be involved in our traditional making of mince pies to be served to guests at our Christmas productions. The children will also be able to try one at lunchtime. Could I please ask you to provide your child with an apron for this occasion. We also require some rolling pins and cutters to borrow if you have these available. Please ensure all items are named to enable us to return them to the rightful owners. In order for this activity to run smoothly, we will require volunteers. If you are able to help on the morning, please speak to one of our PTA members. I know the children really enjoy being involved in this Christmas preparation and it has also proved quite an experience for parents! Many thanks.



Here are a selection of photos of the highlights of the first half of the Autumn term, including the Magpies Romans visit, the Kestrels Stone Age visit, the Sparrows Pregos visit and photos from the first inter school sports competitions of this year.



Best wishes, Keira Ainsworth Head Teacher

