



Maids Moreton C of E School

Small enough to care, large enough to inspire



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Dear Parents,

December is fast approaching and will be upon us before we know it! I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the important dates and events in school leading up to Christmas as well as feeding back on other recent events.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you for supporting this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. During the last month, the children have been learning the importance of Remembrance Day at a national and local level. On November 10th we gathered in front of our Tommy statue and laid wreaths to remember the soldiers from the village who died in the First and Second World Wars, and listened to the Last Post. We then observed a Two Minutes' silence. Our Robins class made some lovely poppies which we displayed in front of our soldier, and our KS2 children made some wonderful soldier silhouettes. Our Sparrows class also visited Stowe to see the "walking with giants" exhibition, as well as doing some fantastic poppy art work.



Latest News

Children in Need

We supported "Children in Need" by wearing spotty and Pudsey themed clothes. The children all enjoyed taking part and supporting this worthwhile charity. Thank you for your generous donations.



Events coming up:

Tuesday 28th November –Christmas nativity DVD recording.

Tuesday 28th November-Year 5 football tournament at the Royal Latin School for those children who have signed up.

Friday 1st December-Mince pie making. [children to wear a Christmas jumper with the rest of their school uniform.

Monday 4th December—Grandparents' nativity performances 2pm [Robins and Sparrows]

Tuesday 5th –Sparrows' nativity performance 2.15pm. [see details below]

Wednesday 6th-Robins' nativity performance 2.15pm [see details below]

Thursday 7th December-Robins' visit to Waddesdon.

Thursday 7th December-Year 3 children to visit Maids Moreton Hall.

Friday 8th December - Kestrels' parents' cake sale after school.

Thursday 14th December-Kestrels' class to visit Buckingham Upper School for matinee performance by their Performing Arts Department. Kestrels to bring a packed lunch.

Thursday 14th December-Christmas dinner day-order as normal. [Robins, Sparrows + Magpies]

Friday 15th - Christmas party food lunch supplied by Bourton Meadow-order as normal. [all classes]

Friday 15th-Choir to perform at Maids Moreton Hall.

Friday 15th-School Council Movie Night

Monday 18th-KS2 Carol Service 2pm at St Edmunds. Santa float for Robins and Sparrows.

Tuesday 19th-Break up for Christmas and Christmas party afternoon. [children to wear a Christmas jumper with the rest of their school uniform.

Christmas Post

The post box will be placed in the entrance hall for the children to post their Christmas cards from Monday 4th December. Year 5 children will be responsible for making deliveries at the end of each week. Please make sure that envelopes are clearly addressed with names (and surnames please!) and class names, to help the children identify the correct recipient! Thank you.

Upcoming News and Events



EYFS and KS1 Christmas Productions

All the children are excited about the forthcoming Christmas productions. The timetable below shows when the productions will be taking place.

Performance for Grandparents: [maximum 2 grandparents per family]:

Monday 4th December at 2pm - Sparrows and Robins productions for grandparents only. [doors open at 1.40pm]

Performances for Parents/Additional Grandparents/other family relatives: [max 2 parents and 2 grandparents/other relatives per family]:

Tuesday 5th December –Sparrows production 2.15pm. [doors open at 2pm]

Wednesday 6th December-Robins production 2.15pm. [doors open at 2pm]

For all performances, audience members will enter and leave the building via the kitchen side entrance to the school [by pre-school] not the front door. Refreshments will be available to purchase on arrival in the kitchen area, then audience members will be able to make their way through to the hall.

On the afternoon of 4th December, both performances will take place. We ask that a **maximum of 2 grandparents per family** attend this performance to keep hall numbers within health and safety limits. Where children have 4 grandparents who would like to attend, the second set of grandparents are invited to the class productions on 5th and 6th December where overall seating capacity will be higher as the classes will be performing separately.

If your child does not have a grandparent or their grandparents live too far away, you can nominate another relative or family friend to attend the performance on 4th. Parents should attend the performances on 5th or 6th.

The children have been working hard to learn all their songs and words and are eager to show off their talents. It can often be, for such young children, quite a daunting experience performing to a hall full of adults and they can easily be unnerved if confronted with a lot of background noise and disruption. This can spoil, what would otherwise be a confidence building experience for them and an enjoyable event for parents and visitors. It is unrealistic to ask young children and babies to remain silent for the length of the performance therefore we politely request, for the sake of the children performing, you make alternative arrangements where possible.

At the end of each class production the children will return to their classrooms to get changed. Parents should then collect their child/ren from the playground entrance as normal. If another designated adult is collecting your child the class teacher must be informed.

Following the production, the children will be allowed to leave school if accompanied by their parents/grandparents or a named adult. Any unaccompanied children will remain in school until the usual finishing time.



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Carol Service

Our KS2 children Carol Service will take place at St Edmund's Church on Monday 18th December at 2.00 p.m. We do hope our Key Stage 2 parents will be able to join us. Due to the capacity within church, attendance is restricted to 2 adults per household. 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.

Children will be able to go home directly after the service with parents. Any unaccompanied children will return to school with the staff to be collected from school at the normal time.

Special Visitor!

On the afternoon of Monday 18th, whilst the KS2 children are at the Carol Service, the EYFS and KS1 children will have a special visitor who will greet the children from outside on his float, thanks to the Buckingham Table. Please keep this a secret from your children so that it is a lovely surprise on the day!



Christmas Party

On the afternoon of 19th December, class teachers will organise a class Christmas party for each class. Children can come dressed in Christmas jumpers on this day, with the rest of their school uniform.

PTA gifts for the children.

PTA has also kindly purchased a Christmas gift for each child which they will receive on the last week of term.

Best wishes, Keira Ainsworth

Head Teacher

