



# Maids Moreton C of E School

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**Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."**

## *Newsletter 10th April 2024*

I would like to wish you a warm welcome back to school following the Easter break. I hope you enjoyed the holiday and have had a relaxing break with your families. As we embark on the final term of this academic year I would like to bring to your attention some of the events which are due to take place before half term.

### **May Day Celebrations**

The May King and Queen will be crowned in traditional fashion on Wednesday 8th May at our May Day celebrations. Children are already busy practising dances. We look forward to parents joining us for this occasion which starts at 1.30pm. On the day girls should wear their school summer dresses and white socks, and the boys should wear their yellow polo shirts and grey trousers or shorts with grey socks. Children in all classes should wear their normal black school shoes. Teachers will speak to the parents of the May King and Queen [Year 2], attendants [Year 2] and flower girl and boy [Reception] regarding their clothing requirements, once the elections have taken place. If the weather is looking uncertain, a decision will be made early on Wednesday morning and the event rescheduled for the following day.

### **Secondary school transfer, 11+ and Sex Education Presentation for Year 5 parents.**

We will be holding an information evening for parents on the above on Monday 20th May at 7pm in the school hall. We strongly advise all Year 5 parents to attend. We are giving you lots of advanced notice of this meeting so that you can prioritise this, as this will be the only opportunity to receive this important information. NB this event is not suitable for children, so alternative arrangements should be made.

I will also be sending a separate letter and information presentation to parents of Year 5 children regarding sex education.



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## School Uniform

As we are now in the Summer term, the children should attend school dressed in the school Summer uniform as described below. Please note we have made some small changes from previous years to allow for greater flexibility for older girls.

### Girls:

- Burgundy school cardigan
- Yellow checked summer dress. [KS1 and EYFS]. Girls in Key Stage 2 can wear the summer dress [preferred option] or yellow school polo shirt/white, short sleeved shirt, with a grey skirt or grey shorts].
- Low heeled school shoes (dark colour) with closed fronts [no trainers, boots or open toed sandals]
- White plain school socks

### Boys:

- Grey trousers or shorts.
- Burgundy school jumper.
- Yellow school polo shirt.
- Sensible school shoes (dark colour) with closed fronts [no trainers or boots]
- Grey plain school socks

**NB –all socks must be school socks and not patterned socks or those in other colours.**



### **Clubs and extra curricular activities**

This year we have introduced some very popular and successful lunchtime clubs for KS2. These have included to date, the KS2 choir with myself and Mrs Littlewood, the KS2 chess club with Mr Troup, and the KS2 touch typing club with Mrs Black, as well as various sporting clubs designed to prepare the children for the various sports competitions on the interschool sports' calendar. [netball, basket ball, tag rugby etc]

This half term, we will be running some new lunchtime clubs for KS1 children [Sparrows]. This includes a Monday lunchtime singing club with Mrs Reece and a Thursday lego club with Mrs Bristow. After half term, Mrs Griffiths will be running a story telling club. As per the Key Stage 2 clubs, parents do not need to sign up, and all children wishing to attend, can do so. As part of learning about commitment, all we ask, is that children must commit to the whole half term.

Mrs Littlewood will be leading our KS2 production of Alice in Wonderland, and will send out a separate email giving details of after school rehearsal times for specific groups of children.

This half term, we will also be taking children to the following sporting competitions: [further details to follow]-

20.4.24-Cross country at Wing

25.4.24-Y5/6 Hockey tournament

2.5.24 -Y1/2 racquet sports

7.5.24 -Y3/4 dodgeball

14.5.24 - Y5/6 tennis

We are the only school to have attended every sports competition so far on the calendar, which for a small school, with a limited number of staff and children, is a great achievement and acknowledgement of the dedication of our staff, the support of our parents and the enthusiasm of our pupils.

S4A and Miss Sharon also continue to provide a range of before and after school clubs for children to attend this term. Please see the S4a website for more details.

### **Curriculum forecasts**

The teachers are currently preparing information sheets for you, outlining the content of each curriculum area to be studied this term. These are accessible via the Curriculum section of the school website, where you will also find this term's knowledge organisers.

### **Winning House from Spring 1**

Well done to Shamrock House who achieved the most house points last half term. Children in Shamrock house are invited to dress in their house colours on Monday 15th April.





## Latest News

### Walk to School Week – 20th-24th March

“Walk to School Week”, will take place on the week beginning 20th May. This is the time of year when we encourage you to abandon your cars and walk to school each day! For those families who live outside the school’s designated area, we would request that you use the “park and walk” facility (parking points are at the church and the playing fields) so your children can fully participate. 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.

### Reminders

Magpies will attend their first swimming session at the Swan Pool on Monday. Please make sure your child has their swimming kit on the day.

The children previously selected for the cross country team will be attending the re-scheduled competition on Saturday 20th April at Ascot House, Wing. See original parentmail for further information.

The Robins class will be visiting Cotswold Wildlife Park on Tuesday 23rd April.

The Sparrows class will visit the church in Maids Moreton on Thursday 25th April.

Children from Kestrels and Sparrows classes will be visiting Maids Moreton Hall on Friday 10th May to demonstrate their May Day dances.

The Sparrows class will visit Holdenby House on 15th May.

The Kestrels class will attend the Royal Latin School science festival on 21st May [more information to follow once received].

Reminder-All children will require a packed lunch on Friday 24th May, as Bourton Meadow are closed due to an INSET day.

The Year 2 cake sale will take place after school on Friday 24th May.

### PE Days

PE days this half term are as follows: Kestrels-Mondays and Fridays. Sparrows-Thursdays and Fridays. Robins-Fridays. Magpies-Wednesdays. Magpies children should wear their normal Summer school uniform [not PE kit] on swimming days. For the first week only, there will be a cross country practise for all KS2 on Wednesday 17th April, so please wear your PE kit and bring your cross country footwear on this day.

*Best wishes Keira Ainsworth Head Teacher*