



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2024



Dear Maltese Road Families

What another busy week! We had the whole school going to see the pantomime, KS1 nativity performance, Christmas dinner and the wonderful Elfridges.



Thank you so much to our fantastic FOMS and volunteers who made Elfridges a very magical experience for the children. A lot of hard work and organisation went into making the day special. All the money raised is going to support the school and the children's learning, thank you. The FOMS will keep parents updated of how your contributions will be spent to support the school.



Christmas Dinner



Thank you so much Mrs Kirk, Mrs Flynn and Mr North for the yummy Christmas dinner. They worked so hard to ensure the children had a special lunch. The children were so excited to see the tables festively decorated, pulling a Christmas cracker and telling a few Christmas jokes. It was so pleasing to see the children enjoying the Christmas dinner.

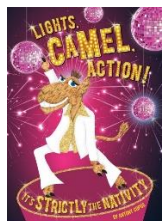


PE KITS in school from January

As we are aware, this term we have been trialling changing for PE in school. Thank you to those who have supported the school's decision and have prepared the children for the change in January. From the 6th January it will be **compulsory** for **ALL** children to come to school in their school uniform and will change for PE in school. Provisions have been made for single sex changing for KS2. When speaking to the children, they have found the experience of getting change not as scary as they thought and they are happy changing in school. As you are aware the reasons for doing this is to promote our school values of independence and responsibility as well as supporting children's physical development. This also allows more flexibility within their PE timetable, if needed, and supporting our upper KS2 children with transition into secondary school and the schools' expectations.

December Interim report

This year, I would like to introduce an interim report at the end of each term to inform parents of their child(ren) progress. The report will give parents an understanding of your child(ren) progress for that term. The outcomes will relate to teacher judgement and end of term assessments. The outcome of your child(ren) progress is measured against the curriculum that is taught that term. If your child(ren) attainment has changed from their previous end of year report, this possibly could be because of a significant change to the curriculum across Key Stages *eg Reception to Y1 and Year 2 to Year 3* or to the change in expectations across year groups. You will receive these reports by Wednesday 18th December.



On Monday and Tuesday, we invited parents to watch Key Stage One's Nativity performance, Lights, Camel, Action. The children have worked so hard this half term practicing their lines, learning song lyrics and dances. They put on a brilliant performance and all showed great determination, courage and resilience. We are so proud of each and every one of them. We hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did.

Thank you to all Key Stage One parents for your support with this over the last half term.



This week, we visited the Chelmsford theatre to watch the performance of Snow White. The children were amazing and presented Maltese Road brilliantly when walking to the theatre. The children loved the performance. It was a pleasure taking the children and seeing the smiles on their faces.

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert – Reminder to all KS2 parents, come and join us on Tuesday 17th December for a 9:15am start at the Church of Ascension with All Saints on Maltese Road. It would be lovely to see you there. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers with their uniform.

Staff Update

From January I am pleased to welcome back Mrs Beaney who will be teaching Year 3 on Thursday's and Friday's. I would also like to welcome Mrs Biggs to Maltese Road, who will be teaching Year 3 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I would like to thank Mr Samra for teaching our year 3 class this term. Mr Samra has gone above and beyond for the children at Maltese Road. He will be missed.

We know that parking at Maltese Road Primary is challenging, especially during pick up time. This week I have had numerous phone calls, emails and visits from neighbours on Westfield Ave, their main complaint is parking across their driveways, preventing them from leaving/arriving, and parking on the pavement causing an obstruction to pedestrians.

If you are choosing to park on Westfield Avenue then please park considerately by:

- Not parking on the pavement.**
- Not parking over residents drop curbs and driveways, even if you are staying in your car**

Please be aware there is a car park available on Rectory Lane West, which is a 5 minute walk from school and costs 50p for 30 minutes.

Thank you for your support in this matter and the consideration of our residents.

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 4th November 2024**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2025**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

A note from the Governors

Impact of the Meeting 27.11.24

The Maltese Road Primary School Local Governing Board met for the second meeting of this academic year on 27th November 2024. We wanted to provide parents with an update on the main points of impact from this meeting as follows:

- Governors heard about how the school will be issuing interim reports at the end of this term, to give a brief overview on how children are doing this school year so far. This will also provide an update on attendance information for your child. This has been acted upon following feedback from parents who completed the last parent survey.
- We were delighted to hear about the hugely positive feedback given on the school and its pupils following the prospective new parents open days. Thank you to all the staff and pupils involved.
- Governors completed a skills audit during this meeting and we were pleased that this concluded that collectively we are a well skilled team of governors able to serve the school community. We continue to look for another Trust Governor.
- This term staff underwent training which focussed on the different learning needs of children, so staff are best able to teach for all different learning styles (e.g. visual learners verses practical learning etc).

Thank you for reading and please let us know if you have any queries.

Lucy Lerpiniere (Chair of Maltese Road Primary School Local Governing Board)

Important messages:-

- ✓ If there is a change in circumstances when collecting your child from school at the end of the day, **you must telephone the school office by 2:30pm at the latest.**
- ✓ If you need to contact your class teacher at any time please feel free to use ClassDojo, or the class email address found on our website.
- ✓ Please ensure that if your child is not attending school that you phone the school office every day of the absence on (01245) 357 860 to inform us by **9:00am.**
- ✓ Please note that any urgent messages must be contacted by telephone and not email, as these messages may not be seen until the following day.

Attendance Award:

Maltese Road Values

Respect
Resilience
Responsibility
Creativity
Collaboration
Compassion
Courage

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th December • 18th December • 19th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stage 2 Carol Concert • Year 4 Viking History Day • Year 6 Tudors History Day • Last Day of Autumn Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th January 2025 • 11th February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Spring Term 2025 • Year 4 Superstars Event at CSAC – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th – 21st February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th April • 7th – 21st April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Spring Term • Easter Holidays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22nd April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Summer Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th May • 26th – 30th May • 2nd June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Holiday • Half Term • Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th – 13th June • 2nd July • 18th July • 21st & 22nd July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to Essex Outdoors Mersea • Year 2 Mini Games CSAC – Details to Follow • Last Day of Summer Term • First Day of Summer Holidays

2024-2025 Term Dates

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Autumn Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd December – 3rd January 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Holidays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th January 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Spring Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th – 21st February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th April • 7th – 17th April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Spring Term • Easter Holidays
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18th July • 21st & 22nd July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Summer Term • Non Pupil Days

2025-2026 Term Dates

Date	
• 1 st September	• Non Pupil Day
• 2 nd September	• Non Pupil Day
• 3 rd September	• First Day of Autumn Term
• 3 rd October	• Non Pupil Day
• 27 th – 31 st October	• October Half Term
• 19 th December	• Last Day of Autumn Term
• 22 nd December – 2 nd January 2026	• Christmas Holidays
• 5 th January 2026	• First Day of Spring Term
• 16 th – 20 th February	• February Half Term
• 27 th March	• Last Day of Spring Term
• 30 th March – 10 th April	• Easter Holidays
• 13 th April	• First Day of Summer Term
• 4 th May	• May Day Bank Holiday
• 25 th May – 29 th May	• May Half Term
• 1 st June	• Non Pupil Day
• 17 th July	• Last Day of Summer Term
• 20 th July	• Non Pupil Day



Healthy snack -

Most children require a snack at morning break to keep them going through the day. We encourage children to bring in healthy snacks.

Many of these will help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert and help them concentrate.

Children in **EYFS and KS1** have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided for free by the government, so additional snacks for these ages may not be required.

If you are intending to send in healthy snacks with your child please limit them to the list below.

Vegetables/ vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot.

A piece of cheese (cheddar cheese or Babybel).

A piece of fresh or dried fruit – pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.

breads are also good snacks Bread sticks, plain pretzels, banana bread, malt loaf, oat/rice cakes and small pitta.

We are aiming for a common-sense approach, with the key being to keep it healthy and no chocolate, sweets or crisps during breaktime.



We are a nut aware school; we have children and adults with nut allergies, which could be very dangerous for them to be in contact. Please ensure that you check ingredients of all foods sent into school, even items you buy regularly, as there can be changes, to ensure there are no issues.

PTA NEWS

Dates for your Diary



Maltese Road Primary School Uniform and PE Kit

A reminder for the new school year that all children should be coming to school in the correct school uniform and PE kits. Here's a reminder of our uniform:-

Our uniform supplier is One Stop School Gear, Unit 1 Beehive Business Centre, Beehive Lane, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9TE Telephone number 01245 214084

The school uniform is; grey trousers or skirts/pinafores,
plain white shirts,
school grey jumper or cardigan with school logo
school tie.

In the summer: girls may wear the green and white checked summer dress, girls socks should be white and may be knee length or ankle.

Boys may wear grey school shorts.

Plain, black shoes only. No flip-flops, high heels, boots or open-toed sandals.

The PE kit is; white polo shirt with logo or plain white t-shirt, no slogans,
green shorts, or green, black or dark grey tracksuit bottoms/leggings in the winter, no slogans,
trainers (Reception class are required to wear plimsolls).
All items should be clearly named.

For pierced ears – very small studs only please - this is an Essex County Council ruling to comply with safety regulations.

No hoops or dangling earrings.

1 small stud only per ear.

Child must be able to remove their own earrings for PE lessons.

Tape is no longer permitted.

All other jewellery, including rings, bracelets and necklaces are forbidden.

No make-up or nail varnish to be worn at school and extreme hair styles / colours are not permitted. Children are not permitted to wear hair accessories that are non-school uniform colours and they should not wear extreme or overly large hair accessories.