



## Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Maltese Road Families



### Anti-Bullying week 2024 - Choose Respect

This week, our theme in school has been Choose Respect. To launch our Anti-Bullying week we had an assembly to demonstrate how our actions, words and tone of our voices can show respect or disrespect to others. It has been lovely to see how the children are showing respect to each other. We will continue with the theme Choose Respect next week.



### Changing in weather

As the days are becoming colder, especially from next week, please ensure the children come to school appropriately dressed with warm coats and jumpers. The children will be participating in outdoor PE lessons so extra layers may be required.

This week it has been slightly colder than usual in school due to a problem with one of the boilers. We are hoping to get this fixed next week, but in the meantime please make sure the children come to school with a jumper or fleece as it may feel colder in their classroom.

Year 4 have completed their Viking Longships and they look fantastic! They worked extremely hard designing and making the boat, sail and shields.





Congratulations to KS2 for taking part in England Rocks on TTRS this week. Each class worked hard to earn as many points as possible and we came 35<sup>th</sup> out of 450 schools in our region! Super effort!



Dear Maltese Road,

Thanks to all of your help, we raised £198.50 for Children in Need.

Yours sincerely,  
School Council

### Measles

We have been advised by Essex County Council that measles is circulating in Essex. Most cases of measles have been in school children and preschool children not protected by a full course of the MMR vaccine.

Measles is very infectious and spreads easily amongst people who are unvaccinated. It can be a very serious illness and can sometimes lead to hospitalisation – and in rare cases, can cause death.

If you or your child have symptoms of measles, seek medical attention. Be sure to phone ahead before you visit your GP surgery or other healthcare setting. This allows arrangements to be made to prevent others from being infected. Do not send a child with these symptoms to school unless they have been medically assessed and told they can go to school.

### **Measles signs and symptoms**

- cold-like symptoms (runny nose, sneezing or coughing)
- sore, red eyes
- a high temperature (fever)
- A few days later, a red-brown blotchy rash will appear. This usually starts on the head or upper neck, before spreading outwards to the rest of the body.

**NO TT ROCKSTARS, PERFORMING ARTS, or CHOIR CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

For the next two weeks Choir club has been moved to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Club	Year Groups	Day	Pick Up Time
Step by Step Drawing	Years 1 & 2	Tuesday	4pm
TT Rockstars	Years 3 & 4	Wednesday	4pm
Performing Arts	Years 1 & 2	Wednesday	4pm
Choir	Years 3 – 6	Wednesday	4pm
Homework Club	Years 3 – 6	Thursday	4pm
Book Club	Years 3 – 6	Thursday	4pm

All Year 6 children must be collected by an adult.



It has been brought to our attention by a number of residents that parents are parking irresponsibly along Maltese Road, especially on the corner near the Church. **IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE to park over driveways or double yellow lines.** Please make sure that you are respectful to the residents. Please also do not let your children sit, or walk along the garden walls.

**Prospective Parents Reception September 2025 Intake** - We will be welcoming prospective Reception class parents to our presentation on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 1:30pm. Please pop along on either date to meet our staff and find out all about the EYFS curriculum.

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

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:**

Hedgehog Class

**Maltese Road Values**

- Respect
- Resilience
- Responsibility
- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Compassion
- Courage

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:** 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• 27<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• 29<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flu Immunisations</li> <li>• Year 3 &amp; Year 4 Trip to Chelmsford Cathedral</li> <li>• Year 6 Residential Meeting in the Year 6 Classroom at 3:15pm</li> <li>• Key Stage 1 Stay and Read – 8:30am – 9:30am</li> <li>• Reception Class Nativity – Parents are Invited to the Church on Maltese Rd at 9am</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Stage 2 Panto Workshop</li> <li>• Year 2 Great Fire of London History Day – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Stay and Share Afternoon – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 13<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Stage 1 Nativity – Parents Invited 9:15am in the School Hall</li> <li>• Key Stage 1 Nativity – Parents Invited 9:15am in the School Hall</li> <li>• Snow White Pantomime – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day</li> <li>• FOM Christmas Craft and Shopping – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Key Stage 2 Carol Concert – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Year 4 Viking History Day – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Year 6 Tudors History Day – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Last Day of Autumn Term</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non Pupil Day</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Day of Spring Term 2025</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> February</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 4 Superstars Event at CSAC – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half Term</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> April</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Day of Spring Term</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Holidays</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> April</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Day of Summer Term</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank Holiday</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half Term</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> June</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non Pupil Day</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Residential to Essex Outdoors Mersea</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 2 Mini Games CSAC – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
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## 2024-2025 Term Dates

Date	
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	• Non Pupil Day
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	• First Day of Autumn Term
• 28 <sup>th</sup> October to 1 <sup>st</sup> November	• October Half Term
• 19 <sup>th</sup> December	• Last Day of Autumn Term
• 20 <sup>th</sup> December	• Non Pupil Day
• 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	• Christmas Holidays
• 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	• First Day of Spring Term
• 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February	• February Half Term
• 4 <sup>th</sup> April	• Last Day of Spring Term
• 7 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	• Easter Holidays
• 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	• First Day of Summer Term
• 5 <sup>th</sup> May	• May Day Bank Holiday
• 26 <sup>th</sup> May – 30 <sup>th</sup> May	• May Half Term
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	• Non Pupil Day
• 18 <sup>th</sup> July	• Last Day of Summer Term
• 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	• Non Pupil Days



### 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.**

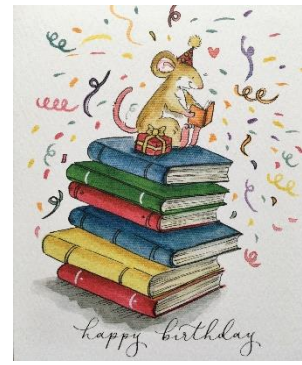


**We are a nut aware school; we have children and adults with nut allergies, which could be very dangerous for them to be in contact. Please ensure that you check ingredients of all foods sent into school, even items you buy regularly, as there can be changes, to ensure there are no issues.**

## Birthday Sweets and Treats

Your child's birthday and other special celebrations are very important to us and we want to celebrate!

Here at Maltese Road, we want to shift the focus of celebrations to enjoyment, rather than food! In school, we have a fantastic way of celebrating children's birthdays by singing to them and making them feel special – without all of the sugary cakes and sweets! As a way of celebrating, you child's birthday, you could donate a book or some colouring pencils, a jigsaw puzzle or even a board game to the class, rather than bringing in cakes and sweets, as this is a lovely way for the children to enjoy something that will last, and will benefit the class for the rest of the year. There is no requirement to donate a book, colouring pencils, jigsaw puzzles - it is purely voluntary.



The reason for this note is that we have a number of children that have very severe food allergies and must avoid certain foods. This makes these children very vulnerable and it is important that they do not consume foods that may contain items that may cause an allergic reaction.

I am sure you will agree that maintaining these rules is another important aspect of keeping children safe particularly in relation to allergies.

# **PTA NEWS**



## **Dates for your Diary**

5<sup>th</sup> December                      Wreath Making  
13<sup>th</sup> December                    PTA Christmas Craft and Shopping

## **FOM Survey Results**

A huge thank you to everyone who completed our recent survey. Your feedback and suggestions will help shape our events over the coming months and ensure that the Friends of Maltese is inclusive and accessible for everyone while raising money to fund important projects for our school.

### **Events and fundraising**

The most popular family events enjoyed by adults have been the summer fetes, inflatables afternoon and the family BBQ. The Halloween Trail was also a popular event, along with Christmas fetes.

Events most enjoyed by the children: top of the list were non-uniform and fancy-dress days, family BBQ events and inflatables afternoon. Children also enjoy discos, Halloween trail, summer fete, movie nights, Christmas market/present buying.

New ideas included activities that promote environmental awareness and sustainability as well as more creative workshops. More social events for adults were requested including wine tasting, curry nights, casino and quiz nights, along with sponsored initiatives.

Weekday events are preferred but for wider family events many expressed a preference for weekends. We will be incorporating these ideas into our planning over the next year – watch this space for more detail!

### **Resources**

When asked what sort of resources you would like to see provided at the school using the Friends of Maltese Road Primary School funds, 75% would like to see the money used for school trips, 65% for musical and performing art resources, 62% wanted additional sports equipment. Other suggestions included more craft and creative supplies, getting external visitors in, IT provisions and SEN resources.

### **Communication**

When asked about how parents/carers prefer to be communicated to about the Friends of Maltese events, the most popular platforms were using the class WhatsApp groups, through the school newsletter, and on Dojo. The majority of our community use Facebook and Instagram – more news on this to come! 96% of respondents said they would like more regular updates about what the FOM funds are being used for and we will incorporate this into our comms moving forward.

### **Volunteering**

Most participants felt offering incentives would encourage more people to volunteer to help at events. A free drink or a family ticket to the event were amongst suggestions. We are keen to encourage more Dads to help with volunteering and there were some helpful suggestions on how to build this. If you would like to volunteer at any of our upcoming events, please do contact your FOM class rep who will add you to the group. The more the merrier!

### **Transferrable skills**

Lots of great transferable skills were put forward, what a talented bunch we have at the school! Accountants, legal advice, copywriters, bakers, events coordinators, marketers and more. We hope to be able to use these as we move forward. If anyone else has any skills that would be of help to FOM or the school, do let your class rep know.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for FOM, we would love to hear these. Do contact your class representative.

Thank you!

**Friends of Maltese (FOM)**



# Elfridges

Each year we hold a sale at school, just before Christmas, where all the children are given the opportunity to purchase gifts for their loved ones.

So, please raid your cupboards at home for your unwanted (and unused) male, female and unisex goods.

## Donation Ideas:

Socks	Key rings
Mugs	Mini multi tools
Unused toiletries	Chocolates & sweets
Books	Picture frames
Games	Hats & gloves
Candles	Plants

The more you donate, the merrier our shop will be! Plus the class that donates the most will receive a contribution to a class celebration.

Also, if you have any wrapping paper, Christmas craft items (glitter, paper chains or anything), books or decorations (including any unwanted trees) we'd greatly appreciate those too!

From 8.30am, on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November, Friends of Maltese will be outside the link classroom (between year 1 & 2) to collect the gifts.

Thank you for your support.





FRIENDS OF MALTESE  
ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open to all - bring a  
friend/family member  
and make an evening  
of it!

Includes wreath,  
materials and a glass of  
Prosecco or hot  
chocolate!

Please reply before 21st  
November - limited  
tickets available!  
Act now to secure  
your spot!

If you have a pair  
of secateurs, please  
bring them with you to  
help create your  
masterpiece!



£30  
pp

Join us for an evening of wreath making in the school hall:  
Thursday 5th December 2024, 6-9pm

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To reserve your space, please complete the form and drop into the FOM box or  
email us at: [Friendsofmaltese@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsofmaltese@gmail.com):

Name:

Number of tickets required:

Childs name and year:

Contact number:

Cash or BACS?

Please make payment in cash or via BACS by 21st November: Maltese Road Primary  
School PTA, reference: Wreath making: A/C: 4472 7068 S/Code: 30 98 97

## **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.