



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024

Dear Maltese Road Families

What a great first half Autumn term, it has been long but fun! I would like to wish you all a happy half term to spend time with family and friends, and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4th November.



Harvest

Thank you to everyone that supported the Chelmsford food bank. Mrs White kindly delivered your donations this morning. They were most welcomed, especially with the school holidays approaching. Thank you to all the parents who came to our annual harvest festival at the church. It was lovely to see so many parents supporting the children. Both KS1 and KS2 children performance were wonderful, full of confidence.



This year Diwali falls on 31st October 2024
Maltese road would like to wish our families a
Happy Diwali

Please note that the Year 3 & Year 4 visit to Chelmsford Cathedral has changed to Monday 25th November.



Congratulations to the children that won the pumpkin carving competition.

The Maltese Road football team played Meadgate in an exciting game. The team played well and even though we conceded some goals, we always kept our heads up and carried on going.

By Yusuf, Year 6



Year 1 went for a walk in our local area and took a traffic survey as part of our geography this half term.



In Year 2 this half term we have been learning about The Great Fire of London in our topic lessons and Jackson Pollock within Art.

We have put all our learning together and created brilliant art pieces inspired by all our learning. We are very proud of our Art Gallery!



Clubs – Slips were sent home in book bags this afternoon for teacher clubs after half term.

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



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.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal After half term, we will be selling poppies and related merchandise in school in support of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal 2024. Children will be able to donate in return for a poppy which they can wear on their uniform. We will be observing a period of silence on Friday 11th November, as we usually do, to show respect and gratitude to the armed forces past and present who have lost their lives fighting for their country.



Thank you.

Prospective Parents Reception September 2025 Intake – We will be welcoming prospective Reception class parents to our presentation on Wednesday 13th November or Wednesday 20th November at 1:30pm. Please pop along on either date to meet our staff and find out all about the EYFS curriculum.

Secondary School Applications – September 2025

Secondary school admissions for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025 **closing date for applications is 31st October 2024.**

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions 99% of parents applied online last year. All the information required is available on the website above and the website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies. Parents must apply for places as, even with an application, your choice of place is not guaranteed.

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 Max, Ruby
- Responsibility Sofia-Louise
- Creativity Alfie, Efina
- Collaboration
- Compassion
- Courage Poppy, Erik

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
• 28 th October – 1 st November	• Half Term
• 11 th November	• SEND Coffee Morning
• 12 th November	• Year 5 Trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford
• 15 th November	• Children in Need
• 25 th November	• FOM Movie Night – Yes Day
• 29 th November	• Flu Immunisations – Details to Follow
• 4 th December	• Year 3 & Year 4 Trip to Chelmsford Cathedral
• 6 th December	• Key Stage 1 Stay and Read – 8:30am – 9:30am
• 9 th December	• Reception Class Nativity – Parents are Invited to the Church on Maltese Rd at 9am
• 10 th December	• Key Stage 2 Panto Workshop – Details to Follow
• 11 th December	• Year 2 Great Fire of London History Day – Details to Follow
• 12 th December	• Stay and Share Afternoon – Details to Follow
• 13 th December	• Key Stage 1 Nativity – Parents Invited 9:15am in the School Hall
• 17 th December	• Key Stage 1 Nativity – Parents Invited 9:15am in the School Hall
• 18 th December	• Snow White Pantomime – Details to Follow
• 19 th December	• Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
• 20 th December	• FOM Christmas Craft and Shopping – Details to Follow
• 6 th January 2025	• Key Stage 2 Carol Concert – Details to Follow
	• Year 4 Viking History Day – Details to Follow
	• Year 6 Tudors History Day – Details to Follow
	• Last Day of Autumn Term
	• Non Pupil Day
	• First Day of Spring Term 2025

2024-2025 Term Dates

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

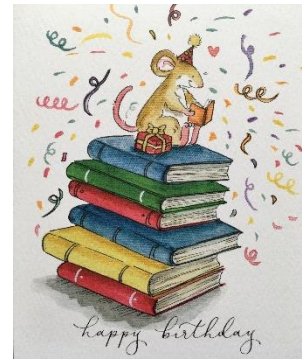


We are a nut aware school; we have children and adults with nut allergies, which could be very dangerous for them to be in contact. Please ensure that you check ingredients of all foods sent into school, even items you buy regularly, as there can be changes, to ensure there are no issues.

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.



SEND Coffee Morning



I am very pleased to be able to invite you to Maltese Road's SEND Coffee Morning.

This will be an opportunity for parents who have children with SEND who attend our school to meet one another and share experiences. Your child does not need a SEND diagnosis to attend, **anyone is welcome!**

There will be hot drinks, cakes and biscuits; as well as the chance to get together in a relaxed and friendly setting.

It is always great to realise that you are not alone on this journey!

This coffee morning will be led by Mrs Almond, SENco, I look forward to catching up with you then! 😊

Our next SEND Coffee morning is

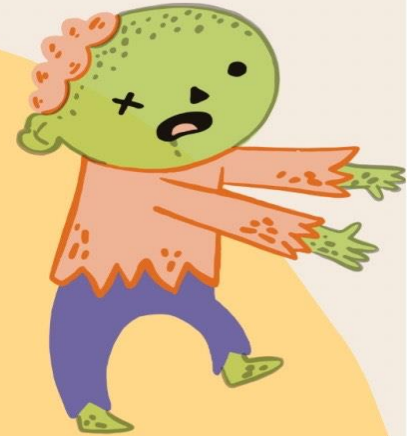
Monday 11th November at 8:30am.

This will be focused on catching up and plans and ideas for this year! 😊

PTA NEWS

Dates for your Diary

5th December Wreath Making
15th November Movie Night – Yes Day
13th December PTA Christmas Craft and Shopping – Details to Follow



THANK YOU FROM
FRIENDS OF MALTESE ROAD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Halloween treat sale and
non-uniform day raised a
spooktacular £410 towards our
Rainbow Room refurb!





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!

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



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

£30
pp

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

To reserve your space, please complete the form and drop into the FOM box or
email us at: 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

FRIENDS OF MALTESE NEEDS YOUR HELP!



The PTA has reformed and is a brand-new committee. Our new name is Friends of Maltese Road Primary School or FOM for short. We are determined to make this academic year the most successful fundraising year yet! There are so many ways you can support us:



Got any time?



We will always appreciate any amount of time you can set aside to lend a hand.

Got any unwanted gifts?

We hope to hold raffles and have stalls at events throughout the year, so any donations of unwanted gifts are always gratefully received.



Got any teachable skills?



We would love to run clubs alongside the teaching staff to give our children experiences they would not ordinarily be able to have in the classroom.

Got any practical skills?

Could you lend us a hand with a project like caring for the garden in the playground or photographing an event?



Got any ideas?



Have you seen a fund raising activity that was particularly successful elsewhere, or have an idea for one?

Got the urge to donate?

If you'd love to help, but find yourself time poor after fulfilling all of life's commitments, then we would appreciate any donations, if you're in the position to do so.



Got employment perks?



We are really keen to talk to any businesses. Not only could you help us by offering your time, money and donations, we would love to discuss gift matching, voucher schemes or similar. Are you able to offer vouchers as prizes or supplies we may be able to use? In return we can offer sponsorship at our events to help raise the profile of your business amongst our school community.

What does the money raised go towards?

Here are some examples of where funds have been spent in the past: New astroturf pitch, library books, playground markings, Year 6 leavers parties and hoodies, picnic benches.

Please email us at friendsofmaltese@gmail.com or send a message via WhatsApp on +447771611035. We can't wait to hear from you!



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.



HALF TERM FUN, GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER **ST. FRANCIS, ELMWOOD AND MEADGATE**

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER **KELVEDON HATCH, ELMWOOD AND MEADGATE**

WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER **SOUTHMINSTER,
CHANCELLOR PARK, ELMWOOD AND MEADGATE**

THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER **PURLEIGH, ELMWOOD AND MEADGATE**

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER **MALTESE ROAD, ELMWOOD AND MEADGATE**

MONDAYS SILENT DISCO • TUESDAYS SUPER CRAFTS

WEDNESDAYS VR EXPERIENCE

THURSDAYS NERF TARGET PRACTICE • FRIDAYS DODGEBALL TOURNAMENTS



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