



## Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all of the parents and children this week for supporting us during an intense couple of days during our Ofsted inspection. I would like to give a big shout out to all the staff at Maltese Road for going above and beyond, not only every day, but during the inspection.

### Change of School Times

From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024, we will be trialling the new finishing times to monitor the parking congestion. Gates will open at 8.30am, as we already do, (learning starts at 8:40am) and Year groups will finish school at the following times:

### New Times

- Reception Class start 8:40am to 3pm
- Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 Start 8:40am to 3:10pm
- Year 5 and Year 6 start 8:40am to 3:15pm



Following on from their performances last week, our semi-finalists performed their poems in front of the whole school on Thursday morning. Congratulations to everyone that took part, the teachers found it really hard to decide on the winners. They are:-

- **Reception Class** – Yashwitha
- **Key Stage 1** – Cameron
- **Lower Key Stage 2** – Ruby
- **Upper Key Stage** – Pax



**Teacher Run Clubs** – A letter was sent home this afternoon for Summer term teacher run clubs, please return slips by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Club confirmation slips will be sent home the first week after the Easter holidays.

Club	Year Group	Day	Pick Up Time
Nature	Reception – Year 2	Tuesday	4:00pm
Team Building	Reception – Year 2	Wednesday	4:00pm
Computing	Years 3 – 6	Thursday	4:00pm

Clubs will run from the week of 22<sup>nd</sup> April until week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024.



### Reminders for the week

All **class photo money** must be returned by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March to the school office. Any orders after this date will need to be made with the photographers directly.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March is our termly Stay and Share afternoon**, whereby parents can pop in to the classroom before the end of the school day to have a look at their child's work. Reception Class 2:30pm, Year 1 & Year 2 parents are welcome at 2:40pm, Year 3 & Year 4 at 2:50pm and Years 5 & 6 at 3pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

**The Bee Musical Performance – Years 3 & 4** We would like to invite year 3 and year 4 parents to our school production of The Bee Musical which will be taking place on both Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am.

Due to restricted space, we are unfortunately only able to invite up to 2 adults per child for each performance. A costume letter has already been sent home but please can we remind you that these need to be in school no later than Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.



### Other reminders

#### Parent Contributions



Our spring contribution has opened this week on ParentMail. If you are able to add something to the fund, that we can use to benefit all the children, it would be very much appreciated.



#### Internet Safety Tips – Week 3

Following Internet Safety Day, over the next few weeks, we will be sharing some top tips for Internet safety that you can implement at home. We hope they will be useful!

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## Explore parent controls

Find out what you can do to make your home Internet safer.

Access our website to find information around parental controls from Internet service providers. [Click here.](#)





Sometimes apps need updating and by default can revert back to the settings they would prefer you have.

When you update, check the settings are still what you want them to be and no changes have occurred. Please see the Skips flyer below for more online safety information for parents. If you scan the QR code it will take you to further very useful and concisely explained information.



Keeping children safe online


### A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



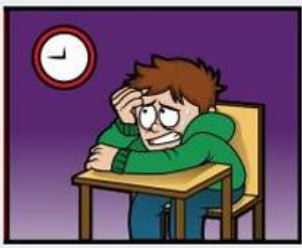
scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

**Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.**

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



**It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.**



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

Mrs White

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.

**Pupil Awards** 

**Attendance Award:** Hedgehog Class

**Maltese Road Values**

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

Caelan, Bonnie, Ezra, Flynn, Poppy, Lily, Theodore, Maddie, Kyreese, Nikitha, Hope, Elizabella

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:** 

Date	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit from Vicky Ford, MP</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Day – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Residential Trip to Essex Outdoors Mersea</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Leavers Performance – 1:30pm – Parents Invited – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
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**2023-2024 Term Dates**

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## Nuts

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.

## Natasha's Law and Birthday Treats



If you are sending treats in for classmates to celebrate a birthday, please ensure that each individual packet has clearly labelled ingredients. If that is not the case, we will sadly have to return the treats to you as we will be unable to give them out under Natasha's Law. Alternatively, purchase a fabulous book for the children to enjoy and keep in their classroom in honour of the birthday. Suggested books for your child's age are listed on the class pages of our website.

## P.E.

Children must not wear any kind of jewellery in PE lessons, including watches and earrings. Our school upholds the Essex policy around earrings, which states that earrings should be removed and that taping is not a suitable substitute, as it does not reduce the risk of the back of the earring puncturing the neck. Children with medium/long hair are reminded to tie it up securely



## SEND News

Autism Central have a range of upcoming events (both virtual and in person) these include; Supporting Toileting, Wellbeing for Parents, Early Language and Communication Support and Understanding Demand Avoidant Behaviours.

Please visit the website link below to find out more information and if you need any support please do not hesitate to ask.

<http://www.autismcentral.org.uk/events> [Events | Autism Central](#)



**SEND Sensation is the provider of short breaks community clubs and activities for children and young people in Mid Essex and North Essex.**



**Disability 4SPORT**



**independence PROJECT**

**InterAct**



**#Local #Accessible #Positive**

As a partnership of trusted organisations, we aim to provide a **local** service that is **accessible** to all. To promote a level playing field and **positive** experiences for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

**"Her confidence has grown each time and continues to do so, and so has mine, thanks to all the amazing staff"**

Short breaks clubs and activities give children and young people the chance to take part in fun activities and try new things, helping them to flourish socially, independently and safely.

Each of our core partners are well established and trusted with a highly trained and experienced network of staff. All staff hold current enhanced DBS checks. If needed, they have access to specialist healthcare training to ensure they can meet all medication, feeding and support requirements for your child.



**"I didn't know how much you had to offer, it's brilliant, there really is such a range in activities for all needs"**

A great benefit of the SEND Sensation partnership is the choices we can offer. With our six core partners we can provide a wide range of venue-based clubs with specialist staff and facilities, as well as many supported mainstream activities and community days out. Sessions run after school during term time, at the weekends and in the school holidays.

With something to suit all ages from early years up to their 19th birthday. Activities include centre-based kids clubs, themed youth clubs, sensory sessions, dance, sports, arts and crafts, cooking, radio, days out, special events, club nights and more.

## **PTA NEWS**

The activity markings for the playground have now been chosen and ordered. They are being painted onto the playground next Thursday, weather dependent.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Easter Design Competition	Thursday 28th March
Easter Bonnet Competition	Thursday 28th March
Easter Egg Hunt	Thursday 28th March
PTA AGM meeting	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
Adult Quiz night	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April (7:30pm)
Parent/Carer celebration BBQ	Friday 14th June (6pm-8pm)
Summer Event	Saturday 6th July
Year 6 Prom	Thursday 18th July (6pm-8pm)