



## Maltese Road Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Carers

We have a special mention this week for **Hannah** (Butterfly Class) who made the very big decision to cut her hair and donate her long locks to the **Little Princess Trust**, who make wigs with donated hair for children and young people with hair loss.

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

### Update on Year 1 Class

Dr Simpson will be returning to Maltese Road on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Khandoker will continue to teach the Y1 class until Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April Dr Simpson will be the class teacher for four days a week Monday - Thursday and Mrs Story will continue to teach the children on Fridays.



### PTA Donations

Thank you so much to all parents and our fabulous PTA for our new playground markings. The children are loving them!



### 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.

**Year 3 & Year 4** have been invited to **Chelmsford Cathedral on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024** to take part in an Easter workshop. As the children will be walking to and from the Cathedral, they will need a packed lunch on this day.

## World Poetry Day Competition

Well done to all the children that took part in the first round of the poetry competition heats. Congratulations to the following children for getting through to the next round:-

*Yashwitha, Caelan, Bonnie, Ezra, Theodore, Ruby, Maddie, Hope, Pax, Nikitha, Elizabella.*

The live finals will take place in the hall on **Thursday 21<sup>th</sup> March**, which is World Poetry Day. This is an invaluable experience for children to learn a poem for life, teaching them to enjoy, share, participate and express themselves through language.



## Other reminders

### Parent/Carer Survey – Spring 2024

Thank you so much to those who have already completed the parent survey. There is still time to provide the school with your views. Please follow the link <https://forms.office.com/e/hJkEqUsAy?origin=lprLink>  
The survey will close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 at 9am. Thank you.

**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.

**Termly Donations** - Our spring voluntary contributions are now open on ParentMail, we are hopeful that we will once again be able to make some purchases for the benefit of all the children, so please donate if you are able. Thank you to those that have already generously donated.



**Beat the Street** Well done to all the children and parents that have signed up to take part in Beat the Street. If you are using the mobile app you can keep up to date with our Maltese Road team leaderboard. Play the free fun, walking, cycling and wheeling game in Chelmsford and South Woodham Ferrers! Join our Maltese Road school team and we could win loads of great prizes. Visit [www.beatthestreet.me](http://www.beatthestreet.me) to find out more. It's really easy to either download the app or play along online



## Internet Safety Tips – Week 2

### 2. Check Social Media Sharing Settings

Change profile settings from 'everyone' to 'friends only.'

1. Remind your child that a friend is someone they know in the real world.
2. Remember that most social media apps have an age rating (usually 16+), please consider this before signing up.

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:** **Bumblebee & Fox Class**

**Maltese Road Values**

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| Respect        | Jake, Harry     |
| Resilience     | Freddie         |
| Responsibility | Michael, Maggie |
| Creativity     | Serena, Raphael |
| Collaboration  |                 |
| Compassion     |                 |
| Courage        |                 |

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:** 

| Date   |  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• 26<sup>th</sup> March</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 3 &amp; 4 Easter Workshop at Chelmsford Cathedral</li> <li>• Year 3 &amp; 4 The Bee Musical Performance – Parents Invited at 9:15am</li> <li>• Last Day to Return Class Photograph Money</li> </ul>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup> July</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Day – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Year 6 Residential Trip to Essex Outdoors Mersea</li> <li>• Year 6 Leavers Performance – 1:30pm – Parents Invited – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Year 6 Leavers Performance – 9:15am – Parents Invited – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Last Day of Summer Term</li> <li>• Non Pupil Day</li> </ul> |

**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.



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**#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**

## **Dates for your Diary**

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| PTA AGM meeting              | Friday 21st March (10am)               |
| Easter Design Competition    | Thursday 28th March                    |
| Easter Bonnet Competition    | Thursday 28th March                    |
| Easter Egg Hunt              | Thursday 28th March                    |
| 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)           |



# **EGGCELLENT NEWS**

## **FUN, GAMES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **THIS EASTER HALF TERM**

# **APRIL**

**\*TUES 2ND PURLEIGH • \*WED 3RD ELMWOOD**  
**THURS 4TH ST LUKE'S • FRI 5TH MALTESE ROAD**  
**\*MON 8TH TIPTREE HEATH • \*TUES 9TH MAYLANDSEA**  
**WEDS 10TH CHANCELLOR PARK • THURS 11TH PURLEIGH**  
**FRIDAY 12TH ELMWOOD**

**\*GYMNASTICS ON THESE DATES IN THE AFTERNOON**  
**SOCCER SCHOOLS AVAILABLE ON ALL PM SESSIONS**

**FIRST EVER FULL TIME CLUBS AT**  
**MEADGATE AVAILABLE IN APRIL**  
**2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, 8TH, 9TH, 10TH & 11TH**

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR DATES AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDING**  
**NEW WEEKLY PASSES AND OUR CHILDCARE VOUCHERS SCHEME**

**[www.essexkidscamp.co.uk/activities](http://www.essexkidscamp.co.uk/activities)**



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ESSEX ACTIVATE IS THE FUNDED HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME ACROSS ESSEX, HELPING TO SUPPORT ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND HALF TERM BREAKS THROUGH FREE ENGAGING AND FUN ACTIVITIES.

## FULL TIME VENUE FROM EASTER ONWARDS



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