



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

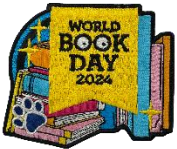
Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all of our families that have made a generous donation to our autumn voluntary contribution fund. With the money, we have purchased an online Active Maths to support the children's well-being and physical development, along with maths. Our spring parental contribution will be open for you to support and we are hopeful that we will once again be able to make some purchases for the benefit of all the children, so please donation if you are able.



Congratulations to Sofia, Kylie & Toby, who all competed for Team Essex in the Sporthall Athletics Eastern regional finals last weekend, in Norwich.

Essex came in 2nd place overall



World Book Day and Book Fair



To celebrate World Book Day, pupils are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book on **Friday 8th March**. Staff will also be joining in! The children will be participating in lots of reading inspired activities throughout the day.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for students. To encourage and help them on their reading journey, every student will receive a £1 book token which can be exchanged for one free World Book Day 2024 book or £1 off a book costing £2.99 or more.

We are also very excited to let you know that we will be holding our annual book fair on **Monday 4th March and Tuesday 5th March 2024**. This event will take place after school, under the Year 6 Canopy. Please note this will be a cashless book fair again and an online payment system will be used.



Reading Challenge 2024 - Readathon

To launch World Book Day, we are inviting the children to complete a readathon. We would like the children to read for a total of hours, but after every hour there is a challenge. The first challenge is to read a book in an unusual place. Take a photo and send it to your teacher. The challenge sheets will be available on the children class pages. Teachers will unload the readathon onto Class Dojo.



World Book Day Dance Shop – Mrs Almond has arranged for the children to take part in a dance workshop relating to different stories as part of World Book Day. The workshop will take place on **Wednesday 6th March** and all children should wear their PE kit to school.

- Reception Class – Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson
- Year 1 – What the Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson
- Year 2 – Tabby McTat by Julia Donaldson
- Year 3 – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- Year 4 – George’s Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl
- Year 5 – Matilda by Roald Dahl
- Year 6 – Little Red Riding Hood poem from Revolting Rhymes book



Lockdown Practice – Tuesday 12th March

There is an expectation that throughout the academic year schools to carry out a Lockdown drills as well as Fire drills. Please be reassured that before the practice, the children will be prepped and informed in a school assembly and class discussions, in a very child friendly manner so that there is no confusion or any child becomes frightened during the lockdown.

Parent/Carer Survey – Spring 2024

Every academic year we seek parents/carers views. To provide your views for this academic year please follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/hJkEqUsAy?origin=IprLink> The survey will close on Friday 22nd March 2024 at 9am. Thank you.



Beat the Streets 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 to find out more. It’s really easy to either download the app or play along online.

Mrs White

2023-2024 Term Dates

Date	
• 28 th March	• Last Day of Spring Term
• 29 th March – 12 th April	• Easter Holidays
• 15 th April	• First Day of Summer Term
• 6 th May	• May Day Bank Holiday
• 27 th May – 31 st May	• May Half Term
• 3 rd June	• Non Pupil Day
• 19 th July	• Last Day of Summer Term
• 22 nd & 23 rd July	• Non Pupil Days

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th March • 5th March • 6th March • 7th March • 8th March • 11th March • 12th March • 19th March • 26th March 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Fair After School in the Year 6 Courtyard • Book Fair After School in the Year 6 Courtyard • World Book Day Dance Workshop – All Children to Wear PE Kits to School • PTA Wonka Bar Day • World Book Day • Class Photos • Lockdown Practice • Year 3 & 4 Easter Workshop at Chelmsford Cathedral – Details to Follow • Year 3 & 4 The Bee Musical Performance – Parents Invited at 9:15am – Details to Follow • Year 3 & 4 The Bee Musical Performance – Parents Invited at 9:15am – Details to Follow
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th June • 24th – 26th June • 10th July • 11th July • 19th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day – Details to Follow • Year 6 Residential Trip to Essex Outdoors Mersea • Year 6 Leavers Performance – 1:30pm – Parents Invited – Details to Follow • Year 6 Leavers Performance – 9:15am – Parents Invited – Details to Follow • Last Day of Summer Term
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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 Coffee Mornings & News

From this week, on a Tuesday and Thursday, we have created a Quiet Space to support children with social interactions and regulating emotions.

Mrs Almond

PTA NEWS

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

Dates for your Diary

Maltese Road Wonka Bar Day	Thursday 7th March
PTA AGM meeting	Friday 15th March (9.30am-10.30am)
Easter Design Competition	Thursday 28th March
Easter Bonnet Competition	Thursday 28th March
Easter Egg Hunt	Thursday 28th March
Adult Quiz night	Friday 26 th April – Timings TBC
Parent/Carer celebration BBQ	Friday 14th June (6pm-8pm)
Summer Event	Saturday 6th July
Year 6 Prom	Thursday 18th July (6pm-8pm)