



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Consultation Evening

Thank you to all those families that came along to consultation evenings this week. It is really lovely to have some time to celebrate the children's successes and be able to work together to support them in areas they find trickier. Teachers have reported that the meetings have been overwhelmingly positive with great support from families at home, which makes all the difference.



Cantonese - *Kung Hei Fat Choy!* or Mandarin - *Gong Xi Fa Cai!*

Congratulations and best wishes for a prosperous New Year! Happy New Year!
2024 is the year of the Wood Dragon. It is revered as a symbol of power, nobility and good luck!
We would like to wish all our families celebrating this weekend a safe and peaceful New Year!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Beaney and her husband on the safe arrival of their baby boy. We wish them lots of happiness and joy.



Cosy Reads With a chilly breeze blowing outside, get cosy with a blanket and explore these brilliant reads as the nights become a little darker... Have a look at some of these recommended reads for different age groups. They might make great presents, but you could also order them from your local library.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/reading-recommendations/cosy-reads/>



Children's mental health week 5-11th February 2024

This year's theme *My Voice Matters* is about empowering young people to use their voices, share what matters to them, and encourage those around them to hear their voices.

WHEN?

Safer Internet Day takes place every February



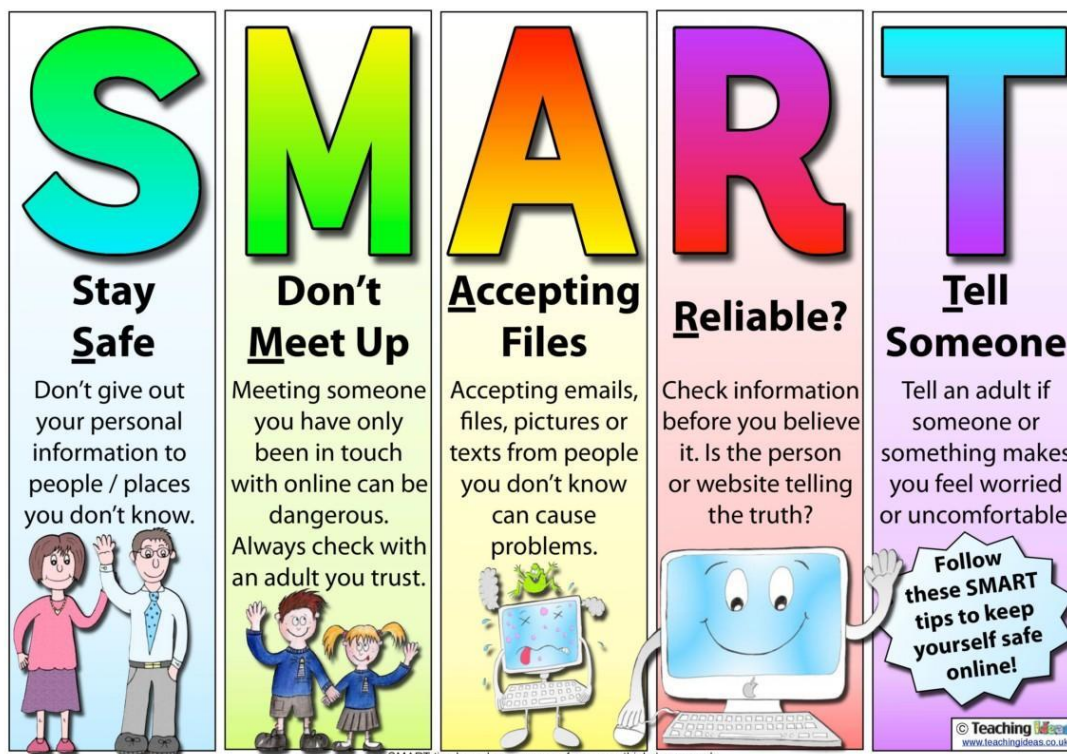
Internet Safety

Although throughout the year, children are taught how to be safe online, we had a whole school assembly dedicated to raising awareness of Safer Internet Day. This special celebration, which takes place in February of each year, aims to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people.

Online safety

It's important that as adults we keep an eye on what our children see as age-inappropriate content can have consequences including sleep issues, mental health concerns, or violent and risky behaviours that might mirror what they have seen on screen. If you have any concerns about this there is a lot of supportive information on the online safety page of our website, or come and see us in school.

<https://www.malteseroadprimary.com/internet-safety-advice/>



The poster features five vertical panels, each representing a letter of the acronym SMART. Each panel has a large, colorful letter at the top, followed by the letter's meaning in bold text, a brief explanation, and an illustration. The 'S' panel shows a man and woman. The 'M' panel shows two children. The 'A' panel shows a computer monitor with a sad face. The 'R' panel shows a smiling computer monitor. The 'T' panel shows a starburst with the text 'Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!' and a copyright notice for Teaching Ideas.

S	M	A	R	T
Stay Safe	Don't Meet Up	Accepting Files	Reliable?	Tell Someone
Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.	Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.	Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.	Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?	Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

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Lockdown Practice

There is an expectation that throughout the academic year schools to carry out a Lockdown drills as well as Fire drills. Within the next few weeks, we are planning to have a Lockdown practice, before the Easter holiday. Nearer the time, a letter will be sent home regarding our lockdown practice. 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.

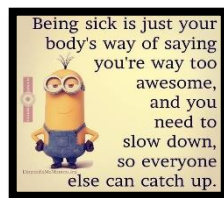


Attendance

Pupils with good attendance generally achieve more and enjoy school more. As you know having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life and regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behaviour. If your child is not in school regularly, they will find it difficult to keep up with the work and then may not want to be in school more, causing upset in some cases. We know that some absence from school is unavoidable or due to unusual circumstances. Illness in young children can be unavoidable and if they are really not well enough to be in school, they should be at home, but it can be surprising how a number of small absences can build up to quite a considerable amount of time throughout the year.

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

We will be shortly sending out letters to some families regarding attendance, where we have concerns that your child/ren are not in school as regularly as they should be, or have long periods of recorded absence. This will enable us to work together to support families to ensure that children are able to attend as regularly as possible. Please note that this is a legal requirement for schools to monitor attendance closely and the letters that will be going out are standard, formal letters that we are obliged to send, from the local authority.



Is My Child Too Ill For School?

There are times when we all feel under the weather and children are no different. As adults we know how we feel and from experience will also be able to make a decision about what our day entails and if we will be able to manage. Sometimes if you get up and get going you feel better, other times getting going isn't an option. Children can't always explain how they feel so it can be difficult to determine if they really are too poorly for normal activities and we often have parents calling into the office to ask us what we would advise. If you are not sure if your child should be in school, the NHS have produced a very helpful guide for reference which will help you in making the decision. As always, we will let you know if they struggle during the day and need to go home. Please click here for the guide. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Remember

Year 4 will be attending the SuperStars event next Tuesday, 13th February 2024, at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics stadium. We have a few outstanding permission slips, please sign and return as soon as possible.

Please check your child/rens hair regularly for headlice. Nit combs are readily available from supermarkets and pharmacies, and are inexpensive. If you find any eggs/nits, you can use either a medicated treatment or conditioner and then comb thoroughly. Even after treatment/conditioner you should comb for at least a week.

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: **Nightingale Class**

Maltese Road Values

Respect	
Resilience	Johan, Thomas
Responsibility	Darcy
Creativity	Kerys, Sophia, Intissa, Kate
Collaboration	
Compassion	Buddy
Courage	Riya, Olivia

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
• 16 th February	• PTA Wear What You Love To School
• 19 th – 23 rd February	• Half Term
• 27 th February	• Year 4 Parents Times Table Meeting – 3:05pm in the Year 4 Classroom
• 1 st March	• Year 1 & Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle
• 4 th March	• Book Fair - Details to Follow
• 5 th March	• Book Fair – Details to Follow
• 6 th March	• World Book Day Dance Workshop – All Children to Wear PE Kits to School
• 7 th March	• PTA Wonka Bar Day – Details to Follow
• 8 th March	• World Book Day – Details to Follow
• 11 th March	• Class Photos
• 19 th March	• Year 3 & 4 Easter Workshop at Chelmsford Cathedral – Details to Follow
• 26 th March	• Year 3 & 4 The Bee Musical Performance – Parents Invited at 9:15am – Details to Follow
• 27 th March	• Year 3 & 4 The Bee Musical Performance – Parents Invited at 9:15am – Details to Follow
• 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 – 24 th May	• Half Term
• 3 rd June	• Non Pupil Day
• 14 th June	• Sports Day – Details to Follow
• 24 th – 26 th June	• Year 6 Residential Trip to Essex Outdoors Mersea
• 10 th July	• Year 6 Leavers Performance – 1:30pm – Parents Invited – Details to Follow
• 11 th July	• Year 6 Leavers Performance – 9:15am – Parents Invited – Details to Follow
• 19 th July	• Last Day of Summer Term
• 22 nd & 23 rd July	• Non Pupil Day

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

2023-2024 Term Dates

Date	
• 4 th January 2024	• First Day of Spring Term
• 19 th – 23 rd February	• February Half Term
• 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
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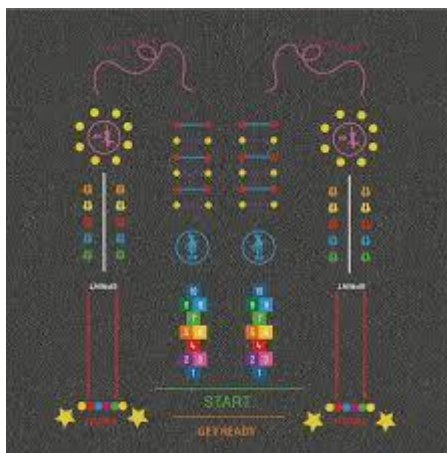
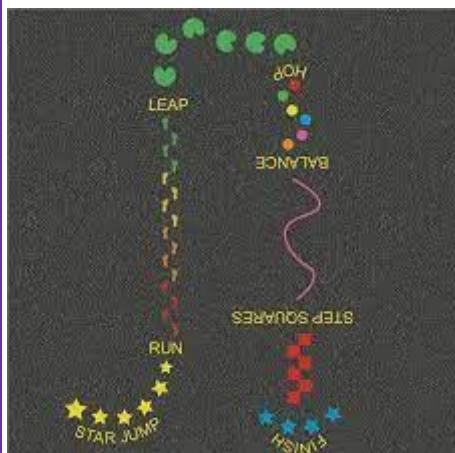
SEND Coffee Mornings

Date Coming Soon

Mrs Almond

PTA NEWS

This term we are raising money to put new activity markings on the school playground. Please see examples below:

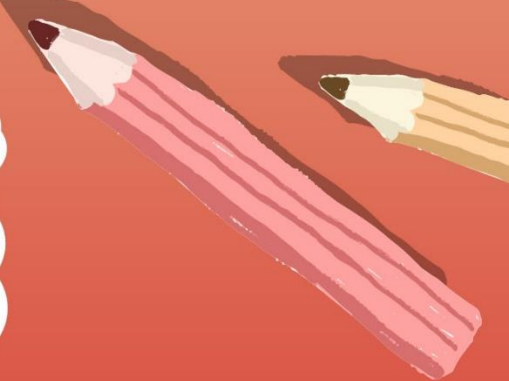


Once the actual designs have been chosen we will let you know.

Dates for your Diary

Wear what you love to school
Maltese Road Wonka Bar Day
PTA AGM meeting
Easter Design Competition
Easter Bonnet Competition
Easter Egg Hunt
Parent/Carer celebration BBQ
Summer Event
Year 6 Prom
Adult Quiz night

Friday 16th February
Thursday 7th March
Friday 15th March (9.30am-10.30am)
Thursday 28th March
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Friday 14th June (6pm-8pm)
Saturday 6th July
Thursday 18th July (6pm-8pm)
Date to be confirmed



HALF TERM FUN THIS FEBRUARY

TECH ROOM • DODGEBALL • FOOTBALL • DECORATION MAKING
ARTS & CRAFTS • SILENT DISCO • PLUS MUCH MORE!



Monday Chancellor Park, Chelmsford AND Maylandsea, Maldon

Tuesday Meadgate, Chelmsford

Wednesday Maltese Road, Chelmsford

Thursday Purleigh (Maldon) AND St Luke's Park (Runwell)

Friday Elmwood (South Woodham Ferrers)

Childcare Available 9-3pm | £32 per child

Book online: www.essexkidscamp.co.uk/activities

Email: info@essexkidscamp.co.uk



@Essex Kids Camp



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

SHROVE TUESDAY

February 13th from 3pm

@ THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION WITH ALL SAINTS,
MALTESE RD, ESSEX, CM1 2PB



May your
Shrove Tuesday be
filled with joy, lots of
laughter, and many
yummy pancakes!

Come and
find our more
about your
local church

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

