



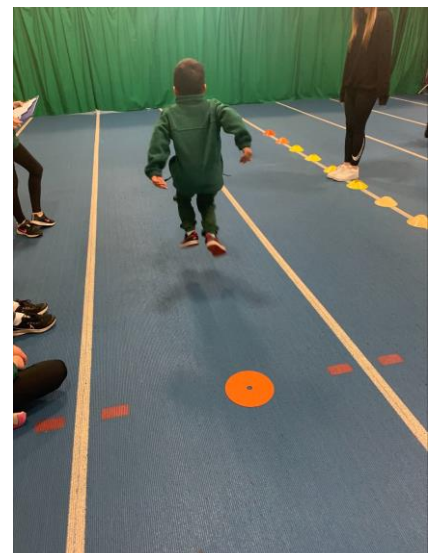
## Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

What's been happening at Maltese Road this week:

- Reception class have been walking to the Church on Maltese Road to practice their lines and songs for the Nativity on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please come along and watch, the performance starts at 9:15am in the Church on Maltese Road.
- Years 1 and 2 are busy practicing for their performance of Prickly Hay, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December in the School hall at 9:15am. Parents are welcome on either date, no booking necessary.
- Key stage 2 are perfecting their songs for the carol service on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December in the Church. Parents are welcome to come along and support the children, it's a 9:15am start.
- I would like to thank the following children for their help on Wednesday with the September 2024 new intake tours and presentation. Astrid, Ella, Hannah and Aksharah for giving a talk and to Zach, Demi, Darcy and Neda, who took the parents on a tour of the school.
- Selected Year 1 children participated at Teddy 'Lympics this week, they had a great time and really enjoyed taking part in different sporting activities. Well done to the 6 children that took part and to the Bronze ambassadors that accompanied the children; Darcy, Demi and Isabella.





We raised a fantastic **£204.56**. Thank you to everyone for helping us support Children in Need.

### Next Week – Week Commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November

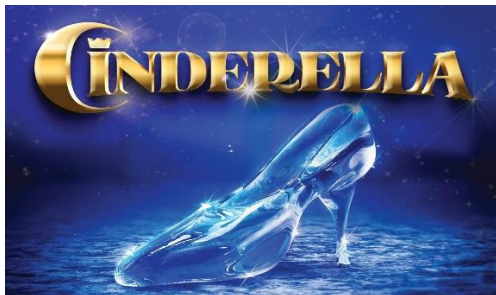
On Monday morning, those children that have been registered will be getting their **Flu Vaccinations**. These are administered by nasal spray.

Tuesday, Mrs Almond is hosting a SEND coffee morning for parents of SEN children, to come along and meet with other parents for a talk given by Amanda Tomkins, who is a GP Carer Liaison Support. **SEND Coffee Morning Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 8:45am – 10am.**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Year 4 and Year 6 Trip to Layer Marney Towers. Children need to be at school promptly at 8:30am, wearing full school uniform with sensible footwear. Please make sure that the children have a warm coat and packed lunch in a named carrier bag.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Year 6 Residential meeting – 3:15pm in the year 6 classroom for parents and children.

### Coming Up



It will soon be time for our trip to the panto at the Town Gate Theatre in Basildon. Please make payment via ParentMail as soon as possible, unfortunately, as of yet we have not received enough payments to make the trip viable.

Every year the children are excited to show off their Christmas jumpers. This year, to co-inside with our school Christmas dinner, the children can come to school wearing their **Christmas Jumper** (with their uniform) on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. We would also like Key Stage 2 to wear their Christmas jumpers on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** for their carol service in the Church



**Head Lice** - This is a reminder to please check yours child's hair for head lice. It is not only the girls that get lice and not only those children with long hair. 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.

Please do check as children can get distressed in class if they are constantly itching and scratching.

**Mrs White**


As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 6 November 2023**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2024**.

**From 6 November 2023**, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

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 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:** **Dragonfly Class**

**Maltese Road Values**

Respect	Percy, Rayan
Resilience	
Responsibility	Kyreese
Creativity	All of Year 3
Collaboration	
Compassion	Monty
Courage	Sofia, Hope

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:** 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> December</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 13<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024</li> <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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flu Immunisations</li> <li>• SEND Coffee Morning 8:45am – 10:00am in the School Hall</li> <li>• Year 4 &amp; Year 6 Trip to Layer Marney Towers</li> <li>• Year 6 Residential Meeting 3:20pm in the Year 6 Classroom</li> <li>• PTA Secret Santa – Key Stage 2 – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Year 6 Walk to Admirals Park</li> <li>• PTA Secret Santa – Reception &amp; Key Stage 1 – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Reception Class Nativity at Church – Parents Invited 9:15am</li> <li>• Year 1 &amp; Year 2 Prickly Hay performance in School Hall – Parents Invited 9:15am</li> <li>• Year 1 &amp; Year 2 Prickly Hay performance in School Hall – Parents Invited 9:15am</li> <li>• Cinderella Panto – Towngate Theatre</li> <li>• Christmas Dinner Day</li> <li>• Christmas Jumper Day</li> <li>• Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at Church – Parents Invited 9:15am</li> <li>• Last Day of Autumn Term</li> <li>• Christmas Holidays</li> <li>• First Day of Spring Term</li> <li>• Sports Day</li> <li>• Year 6 Residential Trip to Essex Outdoors Mersea – Details to Follow</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> </ul>

**Nuts**

**Family Support Worker Melanie Pointon contact Mon-Fri on: 07562 111 932.**

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	
• 20 <sup>th</sup> December	• Last Day of Autumn Term
• 21 <sup>st</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	• Christmas Holidays
• 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	• First Day of Spring Term
• 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	• February Half Term
• 28 <sup>th</sup> March	• Last Day of Spring Term
• 29 <sup>th</sup> March – 12 <sup>th</sup> April	• Easter Holidays
• 15 <sup>th</sup> April	• First Day of Summer Term
• 6 <sup>th</sup> May	• May Day Bank Holiday
• 27 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	• May Half Term
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	• Non Pupil Day
• 19 <sup>th</sup> July	• Last Day of Summer Term
• 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	• Non Pupil Days

### PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone that donated gifts for the Christmas stall sale.

#### PTA upcoming events

Monday 4th December Key Sage 2 Christmas Stall sale  
 Tuesday 5th December Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Stall sale  
 Monday 18th December PTA Christmas Decoration morning

We look forward to seeing you all at the PTA events.

Maltese Road School Chair and PTA

# Free School Uniform

Are you in need of school uniform for your 4-16 year old but struggling with the cost of living at present? Then come along to our event, where you can pick up some **FREE** pre-loved school uniform, provided by charity **Essex Free School Uniform Project**. Open to everybody- do not need to be in receipt of benefits.

**Date:** Thursday 30th November 2023 **Time:** 10.30am-12pm  
**Location:** Chelmsford West Family Hub, Dixon Avenue,  
Chelmsford, CM1 2AQ

## Items available

### Free pre-loved school uniform aged 4-16 years

- > Polo Shirts and Cotton Shirts
- > Jumpers, cardigans & blazers
- > Trousers, shorts and skirts
- > PE Kit- T Shirt, shorts, joggers

Most items will not have logos (e.g plain shirts/jumpers)

**All items subject to availability.**

## What do I need to do?

Pop along between 10.30am-12pm and we will try and help you with getting uniform needed, subject to stock and availability.

## Any questions?

Please get in touch with our Community Engagement Worker

[kirsty.roberts@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:kirsty.roberts@barnardos.org.uk)

The Church of the Ascension with All Saints

Maltese Road

# Advent Fayre



Refreshments

Christmas  
Hamper Raffle

Bottle  
Tombola

Children's games

Good as New

Craft Stall

Cakes

Christmas  
Tombola

And lots more!

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

### 10am – 1pm

**\*\* Free Admission\*\***