



## Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome to Mrs Ellis and Mr Pagan, who are our new School Governors. I look forward to working with them in the coming year.

**Head Lice** - This is a reminder to please check your 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.

Parents of SEN children are invited to come along and meet with Mrs Almond and 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.**

**Prospective Parents Reception September 2024 Intake** – I would like to thank Charlotte, Georgia, Elsie and Hope for giving a talk and to Tyler, Max, Dylan, Freddie and Catherine, who took the time to show the parents around the school that came to this week's open afternoon.

We will be welcoming prospective Reception class parents to our second presentation on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 1:30pm. Please pop along meet our staff and find out all about the EYFS curriculum.

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.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

**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 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 & Owl Class

**Maltese Road Values**

Respect	
Resilience	Erica
Responsibility	
Creativity	Peter
Collaboration	Ruby, Dylan
Compassion	
Courage	Alvina, Sophie, Sindy

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:** 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> November</li> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> November</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• 27<sup>th</sup> November</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teddy 'Lympics – Selected Children – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Reception Class September 2024 Parents Presentation – 1:30pm</li> <li>• PTA Non-Uniform Day – Christmas Gift Donations – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Flu Immunisations – Details to Follow</li> <li>• SEND Coffee Morning 8:45am – 10:00am in the School Hall</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reception Class Nativity at Church – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Year 1 &amp; Year 2 Nativity in School Hall – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 1 &amp; Year 2 Nativity in School Hall – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cinderella Panto – Towngate Theatre</li> <li>• Christmas Dinner Day</li> <li>• Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at Church – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Day of Autumn Term</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Holidays</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Day of Spring Term</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>• 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 purchased items from the Tuck Shop last night, you raised £55.

### PTA upcoming events

Friday 24th November	Non-Uniform day in exchange for Christmas Stall gifts
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

A Child Psychology beginners course is being hosted by Larkrise School and is now available to sign up to. This is a fascinating topic which helps build an understanding of children's development and why they may exhibit certain behaviours. Don't worry, there are no exams, however, it could lead on to a higher level course if you wanted to pursue the subject further.

Please follow the link for further information and to sign up. The course does require a minimum number of attendees to make it viable, so please sign up asap. Feel free to invite family members and friends.

Venue: The Hive, Larkrise School, Dorset Ave, CM2 9UB

Dates: Thu 23rd Nov, 10:00 to 14:00 (Both dates must be attended)

Thu 30th Nov, 10:00 to 14:00

<https://www.wea.org.uk/courses/skills-work/education-childcare/23-november-schools-parenting-and-child-development-child>



### [Schools, Parenting & Child Development: Child Psychology | WEA](#)

Part of our Skills for Work range of Adult Learning courses, delivered online or in-person. This course runs between 2023-11-23 and 2023-11-30  
[www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk)

Melanie Pointon, Family Support Worker, 07562 111 932

# 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)