



Maltese Road Primary School



NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers



It has been brought to our attention that there has been an error with the Essex County Council term dates for 2023/2024.

We will now be finishing on **Wednesday 20th December** and not Tuesday 19th December as originally put out.

We apologise for any confusion and realise that some of you may have booked holidays, which will be authorised for this day only.



Can parents please not park irresponsibly along Maltese Road, especially on the corner near the Church. IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE to park over driveways or double yellow lines. Please make sure that you are respectful to the residents.

Year 1 and Year 2 will be walking to Chelmsford Cathedral, on **Tuesday 14th November**, to take part in a Christmas workshop. Please remember to hand permission slips in.



On Friday 17th November come to school wearing your pj's to school. Wear trainers, no slippers. Years 5 and 6 will be doing PE in their pyjamas. Please bring a £1 donation.



Imperial War Museum Duxford on Wednesday 8th November. Even though it was a wet and windy day Year 5 had a fantastic day at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford. They got to see all of the old War planes and learn about the missions that they would have flown. They got to try on gas masks and sit in model cockpits.

Prospective Parents Reception September 2024 Intake – We will be welcoming prospective Reception class parents to our presentation on Wednesday 15th November or Wednesday 22nd November at 1:30pm. Please pop along on either date to 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. 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	Olivia
Resilience	Jaxon
Responsibility	Max
Creativity	Charlie, Hannah
Collaboration	Emilia- Mae, Alayna
Compassion	
Courage	Rocco

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th November • 15th November • 17th November • 21st November • 22nd November • 27th November • 1st December • 7th December • 11th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Chelmsford Cathedral • Reception Class September 2024 Parents Presentation – 1:30pm • Children in Need – Wear your PJ’s to School for a £1 Donation • Teddy ‘Lympics – Selected Children – Details to Follow • Reception Class September 2024 Parents Presentation – 1:30pm • Flu Immunisations – Details to Follow • Year 4 & Year 6 Trip to Layer Marney Towers • Reception Class Nativity at Church – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow • Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in School Hall – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow • Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in School Hall – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow • Cinderella Panto – Towngate Theatre • Christmas Dinner Day – Details to Follow • Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at Church – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow • Last Day of Autumn Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12th December • 13th December • 14th December • 15th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Holidays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th December • 21st December – 3rd January 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Spring Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th January 2024 • 24th – 26th June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential Trip to Essex Outdoors Mersea – Details to Follow

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

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



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 th December	• Last Day of Autumn Term
• 21 st December – 3 rd January 2024	• Christmas Holidays
• 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
• 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

PTA NEWS

New reception parents

In the next few weeks we will arrange a cake and coffee morning/afternoon for all new reception parents. This will give new parents to the school the opportunity to meet PTA members and have a chat about becoming a PTA volunteer, if they would like too. Any new ideas or members are very welcome to the PTA.

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

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

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