



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much to all those of you who donated food for Chelmsford Foodbank this harvest time.

They rely completely on donations from the public to be able to provide emergency food for those in our local community who need it. Sadly, due to the increased cost of living, there has been a 45% increase on the numbers of food parcels given out this April – September (2023) compared to the same period last year; and last year saw the largest number of people ever fed by Chelmsford Foodbank.

Despite the crisis we are living through, the public have been so generous and we have seen an incredible response to our harvest appeal. We are so grateful and appreciative of the kindness and compassion of the people of Chelmsford.

If you are able to donate, the foodbank will be collecting Christmas donations at their warehouse by mid-December to give them time to get them out to people through their centres

Please look on our website for any further information – www.chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact us through info@chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk

Many thanks again for your support and donations.

Mrs Hands has arrange for Year 5 to visit **Imperial War Museum Duxford on Wednesday 8th November**. Unfortunately, we have only had a few parents pay for the trip so far, if we do not receive any more payments we will have to cancel the trip. If you are able to make payment please do so via ParentMail. Thank you.

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.



Poppy Appeal – Thank you again for helping Maltese Road support the poppy appeal again this year, the slap bands and wrist bands are now all sold out. Poppies and remaining items will still be available next week.

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.

Thank you all for your continued support this half term and have a wonderful break.

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: **Bumblebee Class**

Maltese Road Values

- Respect
- Resilience Usman, Serah, Daisy, Aryan
- Responsibility Harvey
- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Compassion
- Courage Remy, Fatima

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th November • 14th November • 15th November • 21st November • 22nd November • 27th November • 1st December • 7th December • 11th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 Trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford • Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Chelmsford Cathedral • Reception Class September 2024 Parents Presentation – 1:30pm • 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 – Details to Follow • Christmas Dinner Day – Details to Follow • Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at Church – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12th December • 13th December • 14th December • 15th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Autumn Term • Christmas Holidays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th December • 21st December – 3rd January 2024 • 4th January 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Spring Term

Reminders

As with the start of any new year it takes us all a while to get back into the routine of things. Here are just a few reminders to ensure the smooth running of our school. We appreciate your support with these.



It has been brought to our attention by a number of residents that parents are parking 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. Please also do not let your children sit, or walk along the garden walls.

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	
• 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 Stage 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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