



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2023



Dear Parents and Carers



**Congratulations to HOPE in Key Stage 2 and from Key Stage 1 KING,
for winning the PTA pumpkin carving contest**



It was fantastic seeing so many parents turn out this week to watch the children performing at the Harvest Festivals. They have been practicing for the last couple of weeks and did themselves proud. We would also like to thank everyone that contributed donations for Chelmsford Foodbank, which we delivered today and they were really appreciative and overwhelmed by the amount of items.

Voluntary Contributions – This week a letter was sent out from Mr Joe Figg, CEO of The Eveleigh Link Academy Trust, asking for voluntary contributions from parents to help us continue to support the children with resources needed in class. We would like to reassure you again, that all funds donated made online via ParentMail will go directly to Maltese Road School. We can't thank you enough for supporting us in these difficult times.

Christmas Cards – The children will have brought home this week, their Christmas card order forms. These must be paid for online directly with the card company, but the paper forms must be returned to the school no later than **Monday 30th October**.

Mrs Hands has arranged for Year 5 to visit **Imperial War Museum Duxford** on **Wednesday 8th November**. Letters were sent home this week with permission slips. Please return them after half term and make payments 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 – After half term our Poppy Lady, Mrs Ireland, will be once again selling items on behalf of the Royal British Legion in aid of the Poppy Appeal. Items will be on sale for £1 per item from Monday 6th November.

Essex Activate Holiday Vouchers – As the half term programme is smaller and offers less days, you will not book on with your Holiday Activities voucher, but book on through this webpage instead, by simply finding your area below and booking on the link provided, or contacting the club directly.
<https://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/october-half-term-clubs-with-essex-activate/>

Secondary School Applications

The new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday 12th September 2023, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024. The statutory national closing date for applications is **31st October 2023**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents applied online last year. All the information required is available on the website above and the website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies. Parents must apply for places as, even with an application, your choice of place is not guaranteed.

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	Darcy
Resilience	Joel
Responsibility	Kate
Creativity	Louie, Anabia, Michael
Collaboration	Mishika
Compassion	
Courage	Neda

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:



Date	
• 23 rd – 27 th October	• Half Term
• 30 th October	• Last Day to Return Christmas Cards
• 31 st October	• PTA Halloween Dress Up Day
• 8 th November	• Year 5 Trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford
• 14 th November	• Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Chelmsford Cathedral
• 15 th November	• Reception Class September 2024 Parents Presentation – 1:30pm
• 21 st November	• Teddy 'Lympics – Selected Children – Details to Follow
• 22 nd November	• Reception Class September 2024 Parents Presentation – 1:30pm
• 27 th November	• Flu Immunisations – Details to Follow
• 1 st December	• Year 4 & Year 6 Trip to Layer Marney Towers
• 7 th December	• Reception Class Nativity at Church – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow
• 11 th December	• Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in School Hall – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow
• 12 th December	• Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in School Hall – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow
• 13 th December	• Cinderella Panto – Towngate Theatre – Details to Follow
• 14 th December	• Christmas Dinner Day – Details to Follow
• 15 th December	• Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at Church – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow
• 19 th December	• Last Day of Autumn Term
• 20 th December – 3 rd January 2024	• Christmas Holidays
• 4 th January 2024	• 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	
• 23 rd – 27 th October	• October Half Term
• 19 th December	• Last Day of Autumn Term
• 20 th 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

Welcome back to a new year at Maltese Road Primary School. We are very excited to be running some amazing events this term. We are all very busy this term leading up to Christmas so we have put all the dates of events below so you can pop in your diaries now!

Resources for the school

I met with Mrs White and the school have asked us if we could help raise money to replace all the old wooden benches with new recycled plastic benches (these have a 10 year guarantee). In addition some of the benches you can buy have board games as the top of the bench, we are currently looking into purchasing these in the new year for the school.

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

Monday 30th October	Last day to order Christmas cards and gift
Tuesday 31st October	Halloween Dress-up day
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



Halloween Day

Dress up

Tuesday 31st October 2023

We would like to invite all the children to come into school on Tuesday 31st October Dress up in a Halloween costume.

Dress code for the day

As all the children will be dressing up could you be mindful that there are younger children at the school, therefore could costumes

- Not be of a scary nature
- **No** scary face or body make-up and masks
- **No** costume accessories are to be bought to the school

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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