



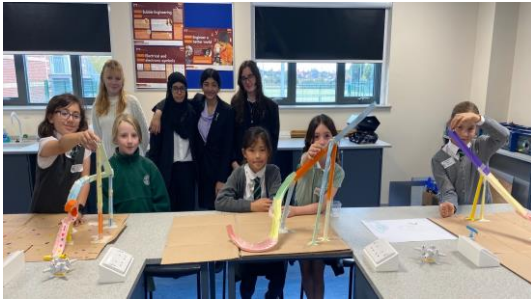
Maltese Road Primary School



NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This week Emily, Ruby, Serena, Kate, Sophie and Kerys were given the opportunity to attend a Most Able Primary Challenge day at Chelmsford County High School for Girls. The girls, with the assistance of Year 12 students conducted several different science experiments.



- **Individual photo orders are due back by Wednesday 18th October 2023. Orders after this date will need to be made directly with the photographer.**

Harvest Festival & Donations – Once again this year the children will be performing at the Church of Ascension on Maltese Road. Reception Class and Key Stage One parents are invited to come along for a 9:15am start on Wednesday 18th October. Key Stage 2 parents are invited to come along on Friday 20th October for a 9:15am start. We will be supporting Chelmsford Food Bank during the Harvest season and ask that you take a look at the foodbank website and bring any donations into school during that week.
<https://chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



Please remember that Prime bottles are not to be brought into school for use as water bottles.

Congratulations to our new School Councillors. The children, as voted for by their peers:-

Year 1	Jake & Freya
Year 2	Cameron & Eliza
Year 3	Sophia & Ava
Year 4	Hattie & Harvey
Year 5	Kylie & Tariq
Year 6	Aksharha & Shri

Iris Pay – Thank you for your patience with getting Iris ParentMail up and running. You are now able to add money for school dinners, the totals showing are now correct. Please download the app, the link can be found on our website, and pay any outstanding balances.

Teacher Run Clubs – Clubs are running until the week of Monday 4th December. **There will be no Puzzles and Games and Art club on Wednesday 18th October, due to Parents Evening.**

Year 6 children must be collected by an adult, they will not be allowed to walk home on their own.

Club	Year Groups	Day	Pick Up Time
Construction with a Twist	1, 2, 3	Monday	3:45pm
Computing	4, 5, 6	Monday	3:45pm
Puzzles & Games	1, 2, 3	Wednesday	3:45pm
Art	4, 5, 6	Wednesday	3:45pm

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.

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: Dragonfly Class

Maltese Road Values

Respect	
Resilience	Atharv
Responsibility	
Creativity	De De
Collaboration	Maddie
Compassion	Isaac
Courage	Cedric

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16th – 19th October • 17th October • 18th October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Bikeability – Selected Children • Parent Consultations – Reception Class & Year 2 – 3:30pm – 6:30pm • Reception & Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival – 9:15am Church of Ascension - Parents Invited • Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 6:30pm • Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 6:30pm • Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival – 9:15am Church of Ascension – Parents Invited • PTA Halloween Trail & Pumpkin Carving Competition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th October • 20th October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 6:30pm • Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival – 9:15am Church of Ascension – Parents Invited • PTA Halloween Trail & Pumpkin Carving Competition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd – 27th October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30th October • 31st October • 8th November • 14th November • 15th November • 22nd November • 27th November • 1st December • 7th December • 11th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day to Return Christmas Cards • PTA Halloween Dress Up Day • Year 5 Trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford – Details to Follow • Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Chelmsford Cathedral – Details to Follow • Reception Class 2024 Parents Presentation – 1:30pm • Reception Class 2024 Parents Presentation – 1:30pm • Flu Immunisations – Details to Follow • Year 4 & Year 6 Trip to Layer Marney Towers – Details to Follow • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in School Hall – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Autumn Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th December – 3rd January 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Holidays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	
• 4 th & 5 th September	• Non Pupil Days
• 6 th September	• First Day of Autumn Term
• 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 meet with Mrs White last week 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

Friday 20th October	Family Halloween Trail Evening (5pm-6.30pm)
Friday 20th October	Pumpkin Carving competition (free to enter)
Monday 30th October	Last day to order Christmas cards and gifts
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



Pumpkin Carving Competition



Entrance to the competition is Free

Friday 20th October (last day of term)

The children always love taking part in this competition and looking at each other's creations, therefore we have decided that this year we will again run the Pumpkin carving competition. Please bring your pumpkins into school with you on the morning of **Friday 20th October (last day of term)** and leave at the front of the school. The winners will be picked that day. Please ensure you put your name on your wonderful creations. There will be a Reception/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 winner.

The Pumpkins will all then be used on our pumpkin trail event that night. The PTA will put lights in all the pumpkins ready for the trail. After the trail, please feel free to take your pumpkins home with you.



**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