



Maltese Road Primary School
 NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Parent consultations

Appointments are now open for bookings and will close on Tuesday 10th October at 6pm. You will find the booking system on our school website under Parents, Parents Evening Booking System. When logging in please make sure you use the email address that you receive school communications to, and your child's details as held by the school.

If you have any problems please contact the school office.

- Tuesday 17th October – Reception Class, Year 2
- Wednesday 18th October – Reception Class, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
- Thursday 18th October – All Classes

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/>

Congratulations to our new House Captains:-

Hawking: Walking on sunshine
 Max and Charlotte

Jemison: Roar by Katy Perry
 Georgia and Toby

Lovelace: I'm still standing
 Charlie and Zach

Marconi: Waka Waka
 Astrid and Tyler

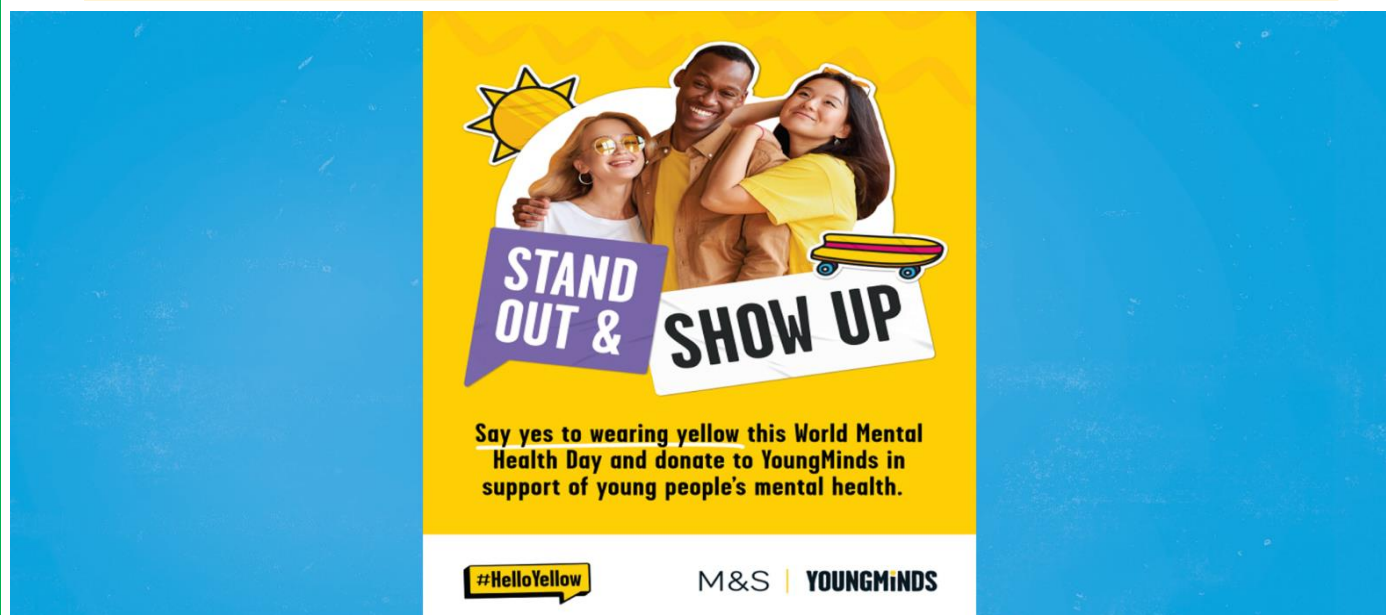
Iris Pay – Thank you for your patience with getting Iris ParentMail up and running. You are now able to add money for school dinners, the totals showing are now correct. Please pay any outstanding balances.

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

On Friday 13th October we will be celebrating Hello Yellow with lots of well being activities planned for the children. The children are invited to come to school in dress down and wearing something yellow.



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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13th October 16th – 19th October 17th October 18th October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hello Yellow Day – Dress Down, Wear Something Yellow 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19th October 20th October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23rd – 27th October 30th October 8th 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 Year 5 Trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford – 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 13th December 14th December 15th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Autumn Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19th December 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

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	Grace
Resilience	Hallie, Blaze
Responsibility	Ameera
Creativity	Zehra, Hannah
Collaboration	
Compassion	
Courage	Demi

Reminders

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

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



Halloween Trail

Friday 20th October

5:30pm – 6:30pm

@ Maltese Road Primary School

All children must always be accompanied by an adult