



**Maltese Road Primary School**  
 NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 29<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

On **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** the school photographer will be in taking the children’s individual photos. Please make sure that all children are wearing full school uniform. Children with siblings in school will have photos taken together, unfortunately we are unable to accommodate nursery age children/babies.

**Teacher Run Clubs** – Confirmation slips were sent home yesterday, please check your child’s bag. Clubs are running from next week, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, until the week of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no Puzzles and Games and Art club on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> October we will be celebrating Hello Yellow with lots of well being activities planned for the children. The children are invited to come 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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> November or Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 1:30pm. Please pop along on either date to meet our staff and find out all about the EYFS curriculum.

## Secondary School Open Evening

If your child is due to transfer to secondary school in the next year, and to help you make a more informed decision, most schools hold an open evening where prospective families can visit, tour the site and speak to staff and pupils. Schools generally advertise these on their website. Some schools also offer tours during the normal school day and families should contact schools directly for more information regarding these.

Open evenings being held at more local secondary schools include:

<b>The Sandon School</b>	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b> <a href="https://www.sandon.essex.sch.uk/1698/school-tours-1">https://www.sandon.essex.sch.uk/1698/school-tours-1</a>
<b>The Boswells School</b>	<b>Wednesday 4th October 2023 5.30-8.00pm</b> <a href="https://www.boswells-school.com/open-days/open-days.htm">https://www.boswells-school.com/open-days/open-days.htm</a>
<b>Beaulieu Park School</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 from 6pm-8pm</b> <a href="http://www.beaulieuparkschool.com/455/open-morning-evening">http://www.beaulieuparkschool.com/455/open-morning-evening</a>

**Iris Pay** – Thank you for your patience with getting Iris ParentMail up and running. You are now able to add money for school dinners, but we are aware that there are still issues with the balances that are showing.

## 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

Mrs White

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> October</li> <li>• 13<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> October</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual Photos</li> <li>• Hello Yellow Day – Dress Down, Wear Something Yellow</li> <li>• Year 6 Bikeability – Selected Children</li> <li>• Parent Consultations – Reception Class &amp; Year 2 – 3:30pm – 6:30pm – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> October</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 6:30pm – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> October</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Consultations – 3:30pm – 6:30pm – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half Term</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> November</li> <li>• 27<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> December</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 5 Trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Reception Class 2024 Parents Presentation – 1:30pm</li> <li>• Reception Class 2024 Parents Presentation – 1:30pm</li> <li>• Flu Immunisations – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Year 4 &amp; Year 6 Trip to Layer Marney Towers – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Reception Class Nativity at Church – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Year 1 &amp; Year 2 Nativity in School Hall – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cinderella Panto – Towngate Theatre – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Christmas Dinner Day – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at Church – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Day of Autumn Term</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Holidays</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Day of Spring Term</li> </ul>

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:** Fox Class

**Maltese Road Values**

Respect	Olive, Penny
Resilience	Maryam
Responsibility	Georgia
Creativity	
Collaboration	
Compassion	Layla, Jessica
Courage	

**2023-2024 Term Dates**

Date	
• 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> September	• Non Pupil Days
• 6 <sup>th</sup> September	• First Day of Autumn Term
• 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October	• October Half Term
• 19 <sup>th</sup> December	• Last Day of Autumn Term
• 20 <sup>th</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	• Christmas Holidays
• 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	• First Day of Spring Term
• 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	• February Half Term
• 28 <sup>th</sup> March	• Last Day of Spring Term
• 29 <sup>th</sup> March – 12 <sup>th</sup> April	• Easter Holidays
• 15 <sup>th</sup> April	• First Day of Summer Term
• 6 <sup>th</sup> May	• May Day Bank Holiday
• 27 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	• May Half Term
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	• Non Pupil Day
• 19 <sup>th</sup> July	• Last Day of Summer Term
• 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	• Non Pupil Days



Ruth

**Sunday 1st October 4pm**

**at St Andrews Church**

**Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford CM1 2DT**

**Craft, Activities, Singing,  
Refreshments and more!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



**St Andrew's Church**

Seeking God Together