



## Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we welcomed Reverend Simon and Reverend Mark to our Whole School Assembly, giving a talk on achieving our dreams and goals.

It was lovely to see Year 1 went out on a local walk yesterday, using their senses to see, hear and smell what is in the local environment.

**Parent Governor Vacancies** – Please remember that the closing date for applications is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Please complete the form and return to [admin@maltese.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@maltese.essex.sch.uk)

**Teacher Run Clubs** – Reminder that slips are due in by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> for club selections. Please note that Construction with a Twist is now full.

**PE Days** – This half term please note the following PE days. Children in Years 2 – 6 should come to school wearing their PE kits. Children in Year 1 should come dressed in school uniform and will change into their PE kits.

- **Year 1** – Wednesday and Thursday
- **Year 2** – Wednesday and Thursday
- **Year 3** – Monday and Tuesday
- **Year 4** – Monday and Tuesday
- **Year 5** – Monday and Friday
- **Year 6** – Monday and Friday
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### 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.

### 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>Great Baddow High School</b>	<b>Tuesday 26th September 2023</b> <a href="https://www.gbhs.co.uk/641/open-evening">https://www.gbhs.co.uk/641/open-evening</a>
<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>St John Payne</b>	<b>Thursday 28th September 2023 from 5.30-8.00 p.m.</b> <a href="https://www.sjp.essex.sch.uk/admissions/admission-procedures/">https://www.sjp.essex.sch.uk/admissions/admission-procedures/</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** – We are pleased to say that Iris ParentPay is now up and running. Please make dinner payments via the app, if you are having trouble please contact the school office.

### 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>• 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>• 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>• 27<sup>th</sup> November</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>• Flu Immunisations – 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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 1 &amp; Year 2 Nativity in School Hall – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<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:**

**Butterfly & Hedgehog Class**

#### **Maltese Road Values**

Respect

Abhay

Resilience

Cayson

Responsibility

Rosie, Freya, Joseph, Edward, Umar

Creativity

Collaboration

Compassion

Astrid

Courage

Oscar T

## 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