



## Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic week we have all had! There has been a positive, happy atmosphere around the school. This week, we have welcomed our new starters to the Reception class. They have made a confident start to the term.

### Welcome Talk

The teachers will be giving a Welcome Talk for parents in the school hall on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**.

- Years 1 and 2 at 2:30pm
- Years 3 and 4 at 2:45pm

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

- Years 5 and 6 at 3:00pm

Please come along to meet the teachers.

**Parent Governor Vacancies** – A letter was sent via InTouch this afternoon regarding two parent governor vacancies on our local governing board. Should you wish to apply, please complete the form and return to [admin@maltese.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@maltese.essex.sch.uk) by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**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

**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.



### Exciting News!

We are delighted to share the fantastic news that Mrs Beaney and her husband are expecting a baby in the New Year. Mrs Beaney's intention is to continue teaching her class for as long as possible before starting her maternity leave. This should give us plenty of time to appoint a teacher for the rest of the school year. We will keep you informed of any developments.

## 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

## Uniform

The children arrived looking very smart this week, showing off their new uniforms. Staff have had to admire many pairs of new, and shiny, shoes and it is lovely that so many of the children seem so proud of their Maltese Road uniforms. Please make sure everything that comes into school is labelled with your child's name, we have a huge number of items, which are unnamed and end up in lost property. They are very hard to reunite with their owners, but named clothes we do try to return wherever possible.

**Mrs White**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> September</li> <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>• Welcome Talk 2023 – Parents Invited in the School Hall – Yrs 1 - 4</li> <li>• Welcome Talk 2023 – Year 5 &amp; 6 Parents</li> <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> </ul>
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<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>• 7<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cinderella Panto – Towngate Theatre – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Dinner Day – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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:** Hedgehog Class – 100%

### Maltese Road Values

Respect  
Resilience  
Responsibility  
Creativity  
Collaboration  
Compassion  
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