



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



Bulletin: 13th September 2021

It was lovely to see the children return to school last week. I am always amazed by how much taller and more mature the children seem to be after just a six week break from school. I can't believe that the children who were in Reception when I started at Magdalen Gates are now the mature and hard-working children in Year 2. The new Year 6 children have taken on the mantle of being the oldest children in the school and the children that all the younger ones look to for guidance. In the first week back, the new Year 6 have been fantastic role-models and I am sure that this will continue throughout the year. Well done Year 6!

We have returned to school under somewhat different guidelines from the government than we were working under in the Summer term. In school we are still washing hands a lot, giving each other a bit of space, and maximising the ventilation in the classrooms and around the school. It is clear that the Covid-19 pandemic is still very much with us, so we all need to continue to do what we can to help to keep everyone else safe. This is particularly pertinent for those families in which a family member is more vulnerable to Covid or other diseases. Please be extra vigilant for all symptoms of Covid as well as common childhood diseases such as chicken pox, measles or slap cheek etc... Whilst we cannot share information about any cases, I know that there are families that would like to know about these diseases. If a member of your household develops a contagious disease, please let the school office know so that we can alert those families who need this information to keep those vulnerable people safe.

At the end of last year, I asked all stakeholders to complete a survey on lots of areas of school life. The results from the survey were clear and copies can be acquired from the office if you would like to see them. The key areas that I would like to remind all parents of at this point are:

- Children should be wearing the school uniform to school. Supermarket versions are OK if in the correct colours.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Children should be wearing appropriate, black school shoes. Trainers are for PE days only.
- The PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. A black tracksuit can be worn when the weather is colder.
- We are keeping the one-way system.

Thank you all for supporting such a successful return to school. I hope that your child(ren) enjoyed visiting Dippy at the Cathedral today and I look forward to another successful school year together.

Kind regards,

Chris Hutchinson
Head Teacher

ATTENDANCE

Please ensure all children arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.45am. Registers will be taken at 8.45 am

Last Monday all parents should have received a copy of the school's legal intervention letter sent to them via email. If you have not received this letter, please let the office know as we may need to check that we have the correct contact email address for you. Please be reminded that no holiday requests during term time will be authorised.

If your child is going to be absent from school, we ask that you advise the school as soon as possible.

Parents/carers are able to leave a message on the schools absent line 01603 622675 – Option 1, or email the office@magdalengates.co.uk direct. Please do leave us some detail about why your child is absent. This is more important than ever this year when dependent on symptoms we may suggest your child requires a PCR test. The office has previously been left messages where they have had to ring parents back to clarify why a pupil is “absent”. For example - “my child is sick” – Could be through vomiting or ‘sick’ in has a temperature or cold symptoms. Thank you for your help in this matter.

CARERANGERS

Calling all potential CareRangers!

At Magdalen Gates we have an amazing group of pupils we call our CareRangers. We meet regularly for a range of fun activities and are always on the lookout for more members. If you think you have a CareRanger or more than one in your family, please let us know.

How will you know? Also known in the wider world as Young Carers, family life will be a bit different due to the health needs of a close family member. These can be physical health issues or through a range of other causes including mental health, addiction or a parent caring for another relative even if they don't live in the same house.

We don't want to miss anyone out as we DO HAVE LOTS OF FUN!

Please don't be put off by thinking we talk about personal health issues publicly – we absolutely don't. CareRangers is a space to have fun and a break from any worries. The CareRangers staff are always able to spare some one-to-one time for our members if they would like a quiet chat, but that is just one aspect of what we do. We also celebrate the importance of the role of being part of a family where the caring side of life means another family member may need more time and attention than most people. Young Carers are awesome and we like to recognise that!

What to do if you think there's a CareRanger or two (or more!) in your midst - Call us! Speak to us! Wave or offer a virtual high five! CareRangers staff are – Mrs Chapman, Miss Arnall, Mrs Humphrys and Liz Howard

Liz Howard, who is also our school Parent Support Advisor, is at the school gate every Monday and Wednesdays or is available Monday to Thursday on 07944934976. Liz is always happy to set up a meeting/phone call.

Important - *Even if your child or young person would prefer not to join in our activities, it's a great idea just to let us know of any extra challenges which affect family life so that we can be there for them if needed *

LIBRARY NEWS

Hello Everyone! Welcome back. I hope you all had a nice summer.

The library will be closed for a few weeks, whilst we level up and band the books in the KS2 library. We are matching all the library books to the banded books your child(ren) will be coming home with, so they are reading books at their correct level. But this does take a little while to do as we need to scan every book and we have over 3,000 books at Magdalen Gates, so please be patient with us.

Because books are important and fun to read, I understand that with the library closed you may be a bit frustrated with not getting a book to take home. We have found this amazing free app called “Epic Books for kids”. This app has a wide range of stories to read and listen to. Please have a look through and find a story or comic to read. Please be aware that when you click on a book it will tell you the age rating of the story. Please keep this in mind and only read books that are age appropriate. The highest age rating is 12 years old. To log on:-

- Click on the student/educators section
- Enter class code gye8229
- Click on your year group
- Enter the pin (this will be found on your Tapestry page)

Please either leave a message on Tapestry or send the office a message if you need help in any way to access it. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

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LIBRARY FOR OUR NEW EYFS PARENTS

Just to let you know, you are not forgotten! We will start up library sessions for your child after the October half term. But we have also set up a link for you to use on the Epic Books for Kids app.

ASTHMA IN SCHOOL

If your child suffers from asthma and you have not received an asthma letter, please can you speak to the school office and we will send your child home with one for you to sign and return. It is really important that your child has their inhaler in school at all times and please remember to check that it is in date. All inhalers must be sent into school in a named box (Tupperware container for example)

MORNING AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB –

We wanted to remind parents about the Morning club at Magdalen Gates. For £2 per day, children can be dropped off at the main school hall from 7:45am and will be taken to their classes at 8.30am. Please note there is no breakfast provided.

The After School Club operates in the packed lunch hall from 3:15 to 5:40pm. All children are collected from their classes and walked to after school club together. A full session is from 3.15pm to 5.40pm, and we offer a stay and play session from 3.15pm to 4.15pm which is £3.75.

Please press the buzzer on arrival and a member of staff will bring your child out to you.

To book a place, parents are required to register their child first. There are paper copies of the Registration Form available from the school office. Once registered you will be able to book via Schoolmoney.

If you have any queries or questions about either of the clubs you can always email Karen Orford direct at [magdalengatesoutofschoolclub55@yahoo.com](mailto:magdallengatesoutofschoolclub55@yahoo.com)

DIPPY ON TOUR

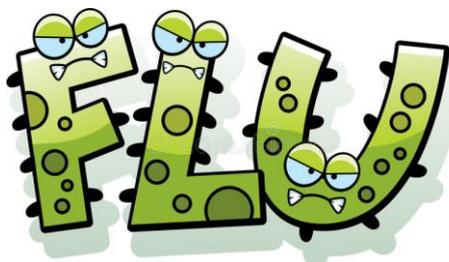


This Monday, all pupils from Yr1 to Yr6 will be walking to Norwich Cathedral to see Dippy! We are sure you will hear all about it this evening! We would especially like to thank those parents and grandparents who after a “can you help?” call out, volunteered to come along and enabled this visit to happen – THANK YOU EVERYONE.

LOST PROPERTY

We have had many requests for lost jumpers and hats already and it’s only the start of week 2! EYFS and KS1 parents - PLEASE, please label all your child(ren)s clothing that comes into school. There is a much better chance that clothing can be reunited with its rightful owner if it is named and labelled.

IMPORTANT ALL PARENTS/CARERS - FLU VACCINATION FOR ALL YEARS



Nurses from the school flu Immunisation team will be visiting Magdalen Gates Primary School on the afternoon of Monday 11th October.

On Tuesday of this week (14th Sept) ALL PUPILS will be bringing home an information letter provided by the immunisation team seeking parental consent for your child to have the nasal flu vaccination.

The consent form is also available on NHS England’s website www.schoolvaccination.uk – In addition, more information about the vaccine can be obtained using the link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine-questions-and-answers/>

Whether you consent or not to your child having the nasal flu vaccine, it is the expectation that all parents/carers should sign the form as requested- Yes OR No and return to school. It is important that you return the form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccine.

We will send out reminders for the consent return, but would hope that the office staff will not have to use precious work time on chasing parents for these. Thank you for your co-operation.

Attachments

Dippy on Tour

NM Government/NHS information for all parents – Taking your child to primary school

2021-2022 Calendar