

MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY

Bulletin: 11th October 2021

Message from Mr Hutchinson

Dear Parents and carers,

We have a new website! You can find the new website at the old web address <https://magdalengates.norfolk.sch.uk/> It is not perfect yet and we are working hard to update as many of the pages as possible, so please ask if you think that something needs a refresh. We will also be looking to get some new photos for the front page that will involve lovely images of children learning. Please look out for consent forms if your child is in one of the proposed photos.

Our school motto is, 'Magdalen Gates Working Together to Give Every Child the Best.' Our brand-new school website explains what this means to us. This is an extract from the front page: *The best means; the best education, the best support, the best opportunities and the best start in life... To help them to get there, we believe that the working partnership between school and home needs to be consistently strong and effective so that your child can flourish in their primary education.* This working partnership is crucial to our work in school with the children every day.

It was great to see so many parents attending the phonics workshops that took place with the Reception and Year 1 classes over the last two weeks, and there will be one for Year 2 on Thursday this week. Also happening this week will be the Autumn term parents' evenings. We have set up a hybrid model this time based on the feedback from parents from last year which suggested that some liked an in-person meeting with the teacher whereas others found that a phone call was just as effective and more convenient for them too. I hope that you have been able to make one of these appointments for this week.

So that we can work together in an effective way to support your child's learning and progress at school, we expect that all parents will attend/engage in a parents' evening consultation this week or at a mutually convenient time as arranged with the class teacher. This is so that we can really work together to give your child the best.

Attendance

Week beginning 27th September

Late arrivals - 26 late arrivals for this week!

Whole school attendance - 93.78%

Week beginning 4th October

Late arrivals – 27 late arrivals this week!

Whole school attendance - 96.71%



Road Safety

IMPORTANT KS2 PARENTS

We would urgently request that **ALL PARENTS** who allow their children to walk home on their own after school to speak with their child about road safety. It has been brought to our attention that some of our pupils in KS2 have been seen “messing about and dancing” in the road!



Open Sessions for new parents

We welcome all families and children who will be joining EYFS (Reception) in September 2022. Come and join us for a tour around our school on either of the following dates.

- Tuesday 2nd November
- Thursday 4th November.

We will have three different appointment times, 9am, 2:30pm and 4pm. Please call the school office (01603 622675) or email office@magdalengates.co.uk to let us know your preferred date and time.

Safeguarding – Everyone's responsibility

Remember: If you are concerned about a child or vulnerable adult in Norfolk and want to speak to someone, contact us on 0344 800 8020.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/keeping-children-safe/report-concerns>

Parent Teacher appointments – this week

If you were unable to make an appointment, for example due to work commitments, you must speak directly to the class teacher to arrange an alternative time.

The expectation is that all children will have an adult making an appointment with their class teacher to discuss how they have settled in since the start of the year, to review current progress and consider the next steps in their learning.

Thursday 21st October is ... *Spooky Day!*

On the last day of term, *for a donation of £1* (which will go to the Parent Teacher Association) children are welcome to come into school in their Spooky Day costumes.

Remember that as much fun can be had with making your own home-made creations to show you don't have to spend large amounts of money on a costume.

Sadly, we will not be participating in a pumpkin carving competition this year.



EYFS – Teddy Bear Hospital

On Wednesday 20th October the Reception children will be visited by some medical students from the UEA.

The children are invited to bring a teddy bear or soft toy to school on that day. They will take part in a range of activities all linked to our science curriculum such as healthy eating, naming body parts and talking about the role of doctors and nurses. Please can you ensure you name your child's soft toy. Thank you - Mrs Callaghan.

Dancing Shoes Ready – SCHOOL DISCO!

The Magdalen Gates Parent Teacher Association are pleased to announce they will be holding a school Spooky Day Disco on Thursday 21st October from 5pm-6pm for KS1 children and 6.15 pm-7.30pm for KS2 children. Please see the attached flyer for more information

Your child will also be coming home tonight with an empty plastic pint pot. We ask if possible, that you fill these up with small treats or sweets (or anything small that you know a child would like) and send back to the school **as soon as possible**. These pint pots will then be for sale at the school disco for £1 – in the past the pint pots have been very popular with the children so we hope parents/carers will help us with the filling the pint pots up!

DIARY DATES

- Monday 11th
School Nursing team – flu vaccination
Parent/Teacher appointments this week
- Thursday 14th 9am
Yr2 R/Winc Workshop – please attend if you can
- Monday 18th
EYFS & Yr6 National Child Measurement Programme
- Wednesday 20th
EYFS – Teddy Bear Hospital
- Thursday 21st
Spooky Day - £1 donation to come to school non uniform/spooky costume
5pm – 6pm Spooky disco KS1
6.15pm-7.30pm Spooky disco KS2
- Thursday 21st
School Closes for Half Term
- Monday 1st November 8:45am
School Open

Attachments

Magdalen Gates Primary – Parent Teacher Association flyer – PLEASE READ

Light Party Flyer

Spooky Day Disco flyer



SPOOOOKY DAY DISCO

Parent Teacher association of Magdalen Gates presents

THURSDAY 21st OCTOBER

KEY STAGE 1 5:00pm till 6:00pm

KEY STAGE 2 6:15pm till 7:30pm

All Children £1 entry on the door

Come in your spooky day costumes

Parents to drop off and pick up at The After School Club/PE Hall

Hot Dogs - £1

Sweets Pint pots - £1

Crisps - 50p

Tattoos - 50p

Cakes - 50p

Drinks - 50p

Glow sticks - 20p

An alternative to Halloween
for children in school Years 1-6

Saturday 30th October

5pm - 6.30pm

Mousehold Hub, Mousehold Ave NR3 4RS

£2 per child

Fun, food, games, prizes!

Wear bright clothes!

Download a booking form from

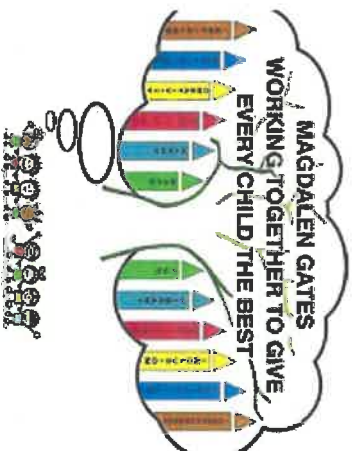
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Night Party



The Parent/Teacher association of Magdalen Gates needs your help

We understand that some of you may feel it awkward or find it difficult to join the association as you don't know what it's about?

It's all about finding ways to help fund our kids school projects and buying equipment they get to use, from books to playground equipment or even funding school trips

You may feel like you have nothing to contribute? But just some of your time is as important as ideas and skills, enthusiasm is one of the things we need most!

Helping to supervise or operating a stall at an event, even dropping letters into local businesses asking for donations is great. Perhaps you have a professional skill you could help us out with?

Maybe you run or know someone who runs a local business who could help in some way?

We always try to vary the times of our meeting to accommodate as many parents as we can, some after drop off, some before pick up. Even if you have younger siblings/babies with you we are more than happy for you to bring them along. For our newer parents this could be a good way to meet other new parents

We welcome ALL parents/carers and we all can contribute. We are such a wonderfully diverse school and being able to tap into that diversity helps to makes us better

Without the effort and support of parents we literally cannot function

All the funds we raise go towards supporting the school and our children



Please if you think you could help or contribute in any way and would like to help your child's school buy things they otherwise couldn't afford then email PTA@magdalengates.co.uk or say hello through the window at the main office, even just mention to your child's teacher that you would like to get involved in some way

