



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



Bulletin: 10th January 2022

Message from Mr Hutchinson Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all members of the school community.

In school, we are starting our journey through 2022 with a focus on being positive and always looking for the upside in every situation. As we have seen over the last 18 months, we never know what is going to come our way in life, but what we can do is to meet it with a can-do attitude and to make the best of whatever situation we are in. In the leadership team we say that 'The obstacle is the way'. When we identify a problem or an obstacle in the road, we flip it over and look for the advantage that can be gained and the progress that can be made as a result of what has happened. We believe that you cannot control what happens around you, but you can control how you react to it. In school, we are choosing to react positively to every situation, and we believe that this will lead to progress and achievement for all in 2022.

In this newsletter you will find information about opportunities such as football club (Y5 & Y6) and support that is on offer from Mr Turnpenny on the subject of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) as well as reminders about the things that we all need to do to help things to run smoothly and to comply with the guidelines that are currently in place. Some of the Covid rules will change (nationally) tomorrow so there is some guidance on that attached to this newsletter. In school, things are pretty much the same as they were before Christmas. Thank you to everyone for respecting others by keeping a social distance and by using the one-way system. Staff are still wearing masks indoors and all of the windows are open! Children can keep warm by wearing extra layers under their uniform or wearing coats in class if they like. Ventilation is the key.

I hope that you all have a happy and healthy 2022.

Week beginning 5th January

Late arrivals - 14

Whole school attendance – 94.12%

Absences - IMPORTANT

Reporting
Absences



It is very important that all parents/carers inform the school office as soon as possible if your child will not be attending school for any reason – remember to provide details about the reason for absence and not just “unwell or sick” as we will then have to call you back and ask for more clarification. School needs to be informed before 9am. Please contact the school office direct on 01603 622675 or you can email the office - office@magdalengates.co.uk. As attendance is part of our safeguarding duties it is really important that we are kept informed of all absences. We thank you for your co-operation.

Covid 19 reminders

- If your child has any Covid symptoms (temperature, cold like symptoms, cough, loss of taste/smell) book a PCR test for them and ensure they stay at home until you receive their results.
- If someone in your household has tested positive for Covid, so long as your child is displaying no symptoms they can continue to come into school as normal.
- As an adult, if you have had contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid and you are not double vaccinated, you need to isolate for 10 days. If you are double vaccinated, you can continue as normal but should complete a lateral flow test for 7 days just like your child.
- Adults and secondary school pupils are encouraged to use a LFT test regularly to pick up any asymptomatic cases of Covid.
- We will be continuing to limit the number of parents and visitors into school. If you do need to come into the school building for any reason, please **wear a face mask** (unless you are exempt).
- All children should have extra layers on underneath their uniform due to the need for windows to be kept open so that the building is well ventilated. It is difficult to keep the school warm as the weather gets colder.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please make contact with us on 01603 622675 and we will do our best to help.

Please see attached letters with updated guidance which comes into effect from Tuesday 11th January.

NEW PE DAYS FOR CLASSES

There have been some slight changes to the class PE days –

EYFS	Friday
Yr1	Tuesday and Friday
Yr2	Thursday
Yr3	Tuesday and Friday
Yr4	Tuesday and Thursday
Yr5	Wednesday
Yr6	Wednesday and Friday

Swimming

Yr2 Mondays

Yr5 Fridays

STAFF NEWS

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Foster (Educational Assistant) who has recently joined the Magdalen Gates Primary School team. Many of you may know her as a parent of children at the school.

SEN SUPPORT SLOTS

As you may already know, I am the school's SENCO - this stands for special educational needs coordinator. This means that I oversee our provision for children who, for one reason or another, might be struggling with their learning. A special educational need means when someone needs help which is **additional to** or **different from** the support generally given to all children of the same age. Special educational needs can

occur for all sorts of reasons; they can crop up at any time. With the right support, we can help children overcome these needs and make good progress.

We work very hard to identify these needs early and come up with creative ways to help our children access their learning. One of the most important aspects of this is our work with families - you know your children better than anyone! If you are concerned about your child's learning, I am available to discuss how we can help your child. I am making every Monday afternoon between 1:30 and 4:00 free for parents and carers to book appointments to speak with me. This is open to all parents and carers, whether your child already is already receiving support or not. If you'd like to book a slot to talk with me then please email office@magdalengates.co.uk. If Monday afternoons are not convenient, please get in touch anyway, and I am sure we can find a time that works. - Will Turnpenny, Assistant Head Inclusion

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PE KITS

Back in November (Bulletin dated 22/11/21) we informed parents/carers about how teachers would be tightening up with PE and school uniform checks in the New Year. The expectation is that all children wear the correct uniform because it helps to make everyone feel part of the school community and has a positive effect on the children's behaviour. If your child comes to school out of uniform, we will phone you to ask you to bring their uniform in so that they can change. It is great that most children are now wearing the correct uniform

It is also important that our pupils wear the correct PE kit on their allocated days as it creates a sense of belonging and ensures that children look smart during the school day as well as being ready for their sport.

From this week the school office has been asked to contact parents in order for you to bring in the correct school uniform or missing PE kits for your child. Please help us by ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform – this includes not wearing trainers in school on a non PE day.

School Uniform Ordering Information – Stevensons

You can order and pay for school uniform online from Stevensons in Norwich. Simply go to their website address and register and log in and order.

Don't forget - Second Hand Uniform and Spares can be collected **free of charge** from the Silver Rooms on Silver Road every Thursday from 10.00 to 13.00.

Y5 / Y6 Football Club

Information was sent out recently regarding our Yr5 and Yr6 Football Club. This will run every Thursday from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. Our first session starts this Thursday so if your child is interested in joining remember to get your slip back as soon as possible as places will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

CHANGE OF LUNCH MENU - 20th January

We hope that all parents had the chance to read the email sent last week regarding the change of lunch menu on 20th January. Unfortunately, we are unable to show this change on the Schoolmoney lunch options. If parents can remember that if they order the hot main meat dish for that day, your child will be served with Beef burger (or veggie burger -Vegetarians option) fries, baked beans with ice cream for pudding.

Thank you to parents/carers who have been booking and paying promptly for their trips, clubs and school lunches.

Attachments

Online Safety Newsletter – January
Census day lunch flyer lunch menu
Key changes to Covid guidance
Isolation requirements flowchart