

# MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWS BULLETIN 10th October 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

With parents' evenings taking place on Tuesday and Thursday this week, I would like to focus on our school strapline, 'Working together to give every child the best.' Parents' evening consultations at this stage of the school year are intended to be an opportunity for teachers and parents to really work together to give your child the best in school. As our website states, the best means the best start in life, the best educational opportunities and the best chance at succeeding beyond Magdalen Gates as they move through their lives. All of this starts at 8:45am every day when the children arrive at school ready to learn, with the school staff ready to teach them. This parents' evening is happening so that everybody can work together a little better every day, to give your child the best. In the spirit of working together, our Co-Chairs of Governors will be present in the hall on Tuesday and Thursday after school as we are always keen to use the talents and experience of our parents who may want to get involved in the governance of the school. Please stop to chat with Sue and Nonnie before your appointment with the teacher in case this is something that you might be interested in.

**TAPESTRY** is used across the whole school to enable parents/carers to see their child/children's learning in school.

Currently 67% of relatives are regularly accessing their Tapestry account and engaging in homework and class observations that are regularly posted. Our aim is to have at least one parent for each child accessing Tapestry on a weekly basis.

If you are having difficulties accessing your account or require assistance in operating Tapestry, please email [tapestry@magdalengates.co.uk](mailto:tapestry@magdalengates.co.uk) or ask to speak to Miss Annison at the school office.

### Flu Vaccination -14<sup>th</sup> October

An email was sent to all parents on 26<sup>th</sup> September from the flu Vaccination team. A reminder that the online link where parents can submit a consent form closes on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

### Safeguarding – Everyone's Responsibility

Remember if you are concerned about a child or vulnerable adult in Norfolk and want to speak to someone Contact 0344 800 8020

### Teacher/Parent Appointments

Parents should all have received an invite text message to use the on-line booking system which went live last week. Please remember to book your parent/teacher appointment ASAP to ensure you get the best time for you.

If you have any difficulties in making your appointment, please ring or pop into the office as we can manually book you an appointment.

**If you are unable** to attend on any of the designated days that the class teacher has available **you will need to speak with the teacher direct** who will arrange an alternative, mutually convenient appointment to see you

### Spooky Day and School Disco

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October all pupils are welcome to come into school in their Spooky outfits. 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.

We are holding a School Disco on the last day of term. Cost will be £1 per child. More information including times for each key stage on the attached flyer. Look out for Pint Pots - coming home shortly

### School Contact Details

School Office hours –  
8:15am – 3:30pm  
Telephone 01603 622675  
Email [Office@magdalengates.co.uk](mailto:Office@magdalengates.co.uk)  
**Out of school club contact - 01603 343881**  
**3.30pm-5.30 pm only**

### Late Arrivals

School is open from 8:30am. **ALL** pupils are expected to be in school by 8:45am for registration. If your child arrives after 9am please ensure they are signed in by the school office.

### Magdalen Gates Open Days

The admission round for entry to Reception classes for the School Year 2023-2024 opened on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept and closes on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

We are pleased to invite parent/cares of children starting in September 2023 to our Open sessions on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from r 4pm to-6pm and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 9am to 10am.

### Yr6 High School Open Day

We are sending out any information we receive from the local High Schools but we would suggest parents check High School websites or contact High Schools direct to check dates and times for their Open Days.

### October Diary Dates

11<sup>th</sup> Yr2 - Visit to Mousehold  
3.30-6pm Parent evening  
13<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5.30pm Parent evening  
14<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Vac ALL years  
19<sup>th</sup> Yr1 Cathedral visit  
20<sup>th</sup> Yr5/Yr6 Cathedral concert visit (by invite)  
21<sup>st</sup> Spooky Day & School Disco  
**School closes for half term**

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS –

Current whole school attendance - 6<sup>th</sup> September to 7<sup>th</sup> October 95.99%