

MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWS BULLETIN 21st November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Attendance at school is critically important to children's outcomes later in life (According to DfE data). From forms that have been sent into school recently, I can see that some of our children are being provided with exciting and interesting experiences out of school that sometimes fall on school days. Each day of school missed does have a negative effect on their chances of achieving the expected standard at the end of Year 6 and therefore the school will not authorise any term-time absences that do not meet the strict criteria from the Department for Education. I know that this can be disappointing for some parents, however I hope that you understand the reasons behind each decision. Completing the holiday request forms help us to understand why children might not be in school, so please continue completing these for each planned absence. Unexplained absence would certainly be a concern for the school so making sure that we know the reasons for any absence remains very important. All of this approach means that our school attendance level continues to be above Norfolk and National averages, so thank you to everyone involved in getting the children in to school each day, safe, happy and ready to learn.

Mr Hutchinson

HOME PACKED LUNCHES -INFORMATION AND ADVICE

As a healthy school we ask that parents who make their children home packed lunches ensure they are healthy. Fizzy drinks, chocolate, crisps and cakes should therefore *not be included*. Key to a healthy lunchbox includes a balance of appropriate foods from the four main food groups – Breads/cereals, fruit and vegetables, meat (& alternatives) milk/dairy products. Foods within the 5th group containing fat & sugar should be eaten in moderation and certainly not be the main part of a packed lunch. A packed lunch should provide a range of nutrients for children. Their packed lunch should be something they look forward to.

Flu Vaccination – 2nd Visit

The school nurse vaccination team are returning for their final visit on Tuesday 22nd November.

Early Years – Online Safety

Is your child online? It's important that devices are set up with age-appropriate parental controls and access is restricted to suitable apps and content. The school's monthly On-line Safety Newsletter was sent out as an attachment with the previous newsletter. Do take the time to read through as it has a wealth of information, help and advice for parents.

School Readers

Would you like the opportunity to become a reading volunteer? We believe reading is vital to a child's development. We want to ensure all our children are read with as many times as possible. Do come and speak with the school office if interested.

Current School Attendance is 95.22%

Late Arrivals - We are noticing that several children are arriving late for school. Children should be in their classes for 8:45am. Registers close promptly at 9am. Arriving late means a U code in the registers and is unsettling for your child and distracts the other children. Thank you for your support with this.

Book Fair Week

We hope you received the email sent last week advising that our Book Fair dates were changed. Parents/carers now have the opportunity to view and buy books from Thur 24th Nov to Thur 1st Dec. Follow the link sent within the letter, have a browse through some of the books that will be on offer. The letter also contained information on how to pay online. It's all very easy! We are really hoping to beat last year's total of £500 raised, as every book you purchase helps us raise money so we can spend lots on new books for our two school libraries.

School Contact Details

School Office hours – 8:15am – 3:30pm

Telephone 01603 622675

Email

Office@magdalengates.co.uk

Out of school club contact –
01603 343881 3.30pm-5.30 pm only

Cold Weather

The colder weather is here. Sadly, some children are not coming to school with a school jumper or coat on! Please ensure your child is dressed appropriate for the weather.

Upcoming Diary Dates

November

22nd Flu Vaccination Team - 2nd visit
23rd Yr4 Reading Breakfast 8:30-9am
Note – New date! Thursday 24th to Thur 1st December 2:30-3:30pm every day – Book Fair
30th Yr5 Reading Breakfast- 8:30-9am

December

6th EYFS & KS1 Christmas 1st performance – 3-4pm
7th - Yr6 Reading Breakfast 8:30-9am
7th – Christmas lunch – **please order via the email form sent 14th November**
8th - EYFS & KS1 Christmas 2nd performance 9:30-10:30am
KS2 Christmas Carols -330-4:30pm
13th Yr2 & Yr6 Carol singing at Doughtys 1:30-2:30pm
14th Yr2 & Yr6 Carol singing at Thomas Tawell
15th – Whole School visit Puppet Theatre
16th PM - All Classes Christmas DVD
School closes for Christmas returning Wed 4th January 2023



the national
sleep
helpline

**Does your child
suffer with
sleep issues?**

**Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?**

**Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?**

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am



Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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*Survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, Aug 2021

The Lord Mayor's POETRY COMPETITION

On the theme of the River Wensum



CATEGORIES

• Primary schools

Write an acrostic poem using the word WENSUM

• Secondary schools

• Adults (18+)

Write a poem that reflects your thoughts and/or experiences of the River Wensum

PRIZES

Fantastic book voucher prizes for each category – and winning poems printed in Citizen magazine!

Closing date 18 January 2023

Email CivicOffice@norwich.gov.uk with the subject line Poetry Competition

Or send to Civic office, City Hall,
St Peters Street, NR2 1NH

Full details at www.norwich.gov.uk/poetry
#LoveTheWensum

Don't forget to include your name and category when you enter.

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Join the Fab 4
for a yummy
Christmas
lunch

Magdalen Gates Primary School

Roast Turkey with Stuffing

Chipolata Sausage & Gravy

Or

Roasted Veggie Balls with Gravy

Served with

Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Peas

For Dessert

Homemade Chocolate Fudge Cake

Wed.
7th Dec

