

MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWS BULLETIN - 26TH September 2022

We are now very much back into the swing of things in school again. I am so impressed by the way that all of the staff and children have settled back into the year and just got on with the job. The new Reception and Nursery children are enjoying their new learning spaces and are really starting to flourish. I hope that all parents and wider stakeholders of the school can see all of the hard work that has gone into the changes over the Summer and the positive effect that it is having on the children too.

Looking ahead into the term ahead, there are many things being planned. These include the ever-popular Spooky Day and Spooky Day Disco, educational visits in Year 1 and Year 2, football matches and some Christmas events too as we reach the end of the term in December. There is a lot to look forward to and much learning to be done. I look forward to working with all of you to make this term the best one yet for Magdalen Gates.

Mr Hutchinson

Reading Volunteers

With reading at the heart of our curriculum we are always pleased to welcome in our parent volunteers (or even grandparents) to read with our children. A DBS would be required but this is free for our reading volunteers.

Care Rangers

Young Cares should have received their invitations to attend Care Rangers sessions. If you think your child might be a young carer and would like to access our Care Rangers provision, please contact the school office who will pass the details on. Thank you – Mrs Humphreys

Communication & forms

The start of the Autumn term is always very busy and we apologise if there seems to be a constant stream of emails and consent forms to fill in. Please do help the ladies in the office and reply to any requests promptly.

Bikeability Yr4, 5 & 6

This will take place week beginning 30th January. There is no charge for this and takes place during the school day. An email was sent out at the end of last term and we thank those who have already responded. We do have a few spaces so if you would like your child to participate in this, please follow the link or pop to the school office <https://forms.office.com/r/SGppaQB31P>

School Contact Details

School Office hours – Open 8:15am – 3:30pm

Telephone 01603 622675

Email Office@magdalengates.co.uk

**Out of school club contact number
01603 343881 (only after 3:30pm)**

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter!

Attendance

We are aiming high – 97%
Current whole sch = 95.62%

Free School Meals

Children in EYFS, Yr1 and Yr2 are entitled to free school meals. For those pupils who have now moved into Yr3 they will no longer be eligible for the Universal School Meal Programme (UFSM). However, any parent of a Y 3, 4, 5 or 6 child who are on a low income, may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). Schools receive added funding to support all pupils who are identified as pupil premium. If you are unsure if your child is eligible, please do come and speak with Mrs Armstrong in the office. We would like to reassure parents that any information regarding FSM is confidential.

Upcoming Diary Dates

3rd Oct – Black History Month
EYFS & Yr6 School Nurse
(Height/Weight)
11th & 13th Parents Evening
11th - Yr2 Mousehold Visit
14th October – Flu Vac ALL years
20th Oct – Yr5/Yr6 Cathedral visit
21st – Spooky Day (non-uniform) &
School Disco – more info to follow

WEATHER GETTING COOLER

Please ensure your child (ren) have a warm coat in school. Thank you