

MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWS BULLETIN 12th December 2022

As we approach the end of the Autumn term and the end of 2022, it is natural to reflect on what has happened and what is yet to come. I think that it is important to recognise the great progress that the children have made both academically and socially since September and even more so since the start of the year. This has come due to hard work and consistency from the children, their parents and the staff in school, and I think that we should all be very proud of what has been achieved. The school is going from strength to strength! In 2023, we will share and consult on our new behaviour policy and will continue to embed all of the practices that are leading to the achievements already mentioned. Thank you again for working with us to give every child the best at Magdalen Gates.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Hutchinson

PARKING NEAR SCHOOL

The Highway Code states that you must not stop and wait or park on double yellow lines.

Mandy Lollipop has had several comments from parents and our neighbours about parents parking (or dropping off) outside school on both the double yellow and the yellow zig zag lines. The local Council can issue Penalty Notices for any parking contravention - Please can we remind everyone to park considerately, not only for our neighbours but also importantly the safety of our children as they walk/cycle to and from school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

NUTS – IMPORTANT

We have recently seen an increase in children being provided with Nutella in sandwiches and nutty cereal bars in packed lunches and for snacks. We would kindly ask that you do not send these into school.

Reporting School Absence

As we enter into the season for coughs, colds and respiratory illnesses, including Covid, we would like to remind parents of the need to contact school each day your child is absent. We ask that you provide information regarding the symptoms which your child is displaying. This can help us identify particular illness or viruses

Library News

As from January 2023, Miss Dodson will be the school's new librarian as Miss Austrin will be taking up a EA role within school. Please note Library days will be on Thursday and Fridays only

Class Christmas Hampers

There is a buzz in the school now that every child has now been given a raffle ticket for the opportunity to win their class hamper. Wow have we had some wonderful donations. The winners of the hampers will be announced in assembly today!

ORDERING LUNCHES

We would like to remind all parents about the importance of ordering your child's lunches via Eduspot - in advance. If you are struggling to log on or have any problems ordering, we ask that you please seek advice and help from the school office.

SATS WEEK – MAY 2023

Schools have now been advised about the additional Bank holiday in honour of His Majesty King Charles which takes place on Mon 8th. SAT's tests will take place the same week but will start 1 day later on Tue 9th finishing on Friday 12th May. Please could parent/carers note and ensure no holidays or other planned absences take place that week.

Wellbeing – Parental Support

We are aware that the current cost of living is having an impact on many of our families. Don't forget that Carrie Brown our Parent Support Advisor can be contacted here at school.

Upcoming Diary Dates

12th – Winners for class hampers announced
13th Yr2 & Yr6 Christmas carol singing at Doughtys 1:30-2:30pm
14th Yr2 & Yr6 Christmas carol singing at Thomas Tawell
15th – Whole School Visit Puppet Theatre
16th PM - All Classes Christmas DVD
School closes for Christmas returning Wednesday 4th January 2023

Reading Breakfast

Thank you to those parents who have been able to attend our Reading Breakfast sessions. From feedback we are really pleased you have enjoyed coming into school again. We hope to do something similar in the New Year.

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