

MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWS BULLETIN 23rd January 2023

Dear parents and carers,

There is much to be happy about in school at the moment. We have received some very positive feedback following our recent phonics workshops and reading breakfasts, so we know that they were well received and hopefully beneficial to parents too. Our nursery is flourishing now. After starting with 7 children in September, there are currently 15 children on roll in the nursery and we have many children on the waiting list for Easter and September. Enormous credit goes to the EYFS staff who have moved Heaven and Earth to make it the great provision that it is. Please look out for more opportunities to engage with the school so that we can work together to give every child the best at Magdalen Gates.

Mr Hutchinson

Care Rangers at Magdalen Gates

Our Care Rangers meet ups are continuing with the help of Sarah from The Garage, who has helped organise some excellent activities last half term including a trip to see Operation Save Santa just before Christmas. The dates and permission letters for this term have now been sent out. Remember – if you think your child is a Young carer (somebody who cares for or is affected by someone else at home – usually a parent or a sibling who suffers from physical or mental ill health) and they would like to join us on Wednesdays then please email the office who will put you in touch with one of the Care Rangers Team or you can speak direct to Carrie Brown, our Parent Support Advisor.

EAL Parents' Welcome

Thursday 26th January at 2:30pm

We are pleased to invite parents of KS2 EAL students into school. It is a chance for you to look at the children's work; meet other parents, and ask any questions you may have.

Mrs Lynn

Flu, Covid and Scarlet Fever- Information provided by the UK Health Security Agency - It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved. 'Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading. 'Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent. 'Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection.

Popcorn challenge

Popcorn reading winners this week were year 2, year 3 and year 6. Year 3 and year 2 enjoyed their popcorn with their Reading for Pleasure session Monday, year 6 are looking forward to theirs next week. We need you to support your child by completing their reading diaries when they read, the results were very close, it could be your child's class to win the popcorn next week!

Feb half term holiday club

Holiday club will be open Mon 13th,
Tues 14th and Wed 15th Feb.
Call the out of school club on the number below for more information.

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

Diary Dates

January

20th – Yr3 Reading Breakfast 8:30-9am
26th – EAL Family Drop in 2:30-3pm
27th – Yr4 Reading Breakfast 8:30-9am
30th – Bikeability Course

February

3rd – Yr5 Reading Breakfast 8:30-9am
6th – Childrens Mental Health Week at school
10th – Year 6 – Reading Breakfast
Last Day before school breaks for Half term
13th to 17th - HALF TERM
20th – Hearing & Vision checks for EYFS
21st – Yr4 Food Discovery

Current School Attendance 95.6 %