

# MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

## NEWS BULLETIN 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The electrical incident last week reminds us of how lucky life can be sometimes. What happened was a serious event and could have led to significant damage to the school, we are very fortunate that it did not. I know that closing the school at short notice will have been inconvenient for parents and for that I apologise. When there is no electrical supply to the school, there is also no fire alarm, no phones to contact parents in an emergency and the kitchen does not work either. These are the reasons why it was necessary to close. I hope that you understand. I am also aware that this event set off our fire alarms and the intruder alarms too. For an unknown reason the key-holders were not contacted in the usual way, so the alarms were not silenced until the caretaker arrived at 7am, causing disturbance for local residents. Please accept my apologies. Thank you to the staff who adapted so quickly to provide online learning and help me to resolve the problem. We are lucky to have such a dedicated staff team at Magdalen Gates.

Mr Chris Hutchinson

### Parent Teacher Consultations Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – 3:30pm-6pm

Parents should now have received an invite text message to use the on-line booking system. Please remember to book your parent/teacher appointment as soon as possible to ensure you get the best time for you. If you have not received the invite text message, please contact the school office. The on-line system is very easy to use but if you have any difficulties please speak to one of the office staff who will be happy to help you book your face to face meeting with your child's class teacher.

Please could parents use the main hall door to enter the school building for their appointments and then wait in the hall for the teacher to call you through to the classroom. The school Governors will also be attending and the PTA will be serving tea and coffee in the main hall.

These are important meetings, a valuable chance to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how they have settled in since the start of the new term, review their progress and consider next steps in their learning.

### Flu Vaccination

The nursing team came in on Friday to do the flu vaccinations in school.

They will be back in December if your child missed out this time around. Keep an eye out for a link to book in. Please note school does not have access to booking children in for this.

### October - Traffic Warden Visits

Mandy Lollipop advises that there will be spot checks in the local area. Please remember to be considerate of our neighbours when parking and no stopping on the zig-zags at any time. Mandy asks that parents ensure their children dismount and walk their scooters/bikes across at the crossing. This ensures everyone's safety. Thankyou

### Uniform – Silver Rooms

Don't forget the Silver Rooms on Silver Road has good quality 2<sup>nd</sup> hand free school uniform. Available Thursdays 10-30-12:15pm & Saturdays 11- 12:15pm

### Magdalen Gates Nursery

If you have a child or know of a relative, neighbour or friend who has a child who is turning 3yrs old between 1/1/2023 and 31/8/23 then please contact the office to find out more information.

### 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

Whole School Attendance 95.4%

### Diary Dates

#### October

2<sup>nd</sup> – EYFS & Yr6 – School Nurse

Child Measurement Programme

3:30-6pm Parent Consultations

5<sup>th</sup> – 3:30-6pm Parent

Consultations

6<sup>th</sup> – Yr2 Trip to Mousehold

10<sup>th</sup> – Yr3 & Yr4 Reading Breakfast,

And year 1 stay read and phonics

workshop 8:30-9am

parents/carers welcome.

17<sup>th</sup> – Yr5 & Yr6 Reading Breakfast,

and year 2 stay and read plus

phonics 8:30-9am parents

welcome

18<sup>th</sup> – EAL Sit & See 8:45-9:15am –

19<sup>th</sup> Spooky Day & School Disco

5pm-7:30pm – Details to follow

20<sup>th</sup> -Last day

HALF TERM

30<sup>th</sup> – Return to school

#### November

1<sup>st</sup> 9am-10:30am Open Day

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4pm-5:30pm Open Day

15<sup>th</sup> School Photographer

(individual)