

MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Talk to us!

At Magdalen Gates, we are very proud of our school motto, "Working together to give every child the best". This little phrase captures so much: our determination to get things right for **every** child in our school, our aspiration to achieve the **best** for our children and importantly our focus on **working together**. When making decisions in school, we work together with different parts of our community to understand their views and ideas. For the children we do this in chats or classroom discussions as well as through School Parliament. We often get families' views in similar ways, through informal chats around school or through more formal things like our stakeholder survey. We want to improve this further by hosting a coffee and discussion morning where we talk about a specific issue to understand the different viewpoints in school to help us make better decisions. We are calling this "Talk Together". Our first Talk Together is being held in the school hall at 9:00 am on Wednesday 13th December, and we will be discussing sports in school. We hope to see you there!

Sickness and Diarrhoea - If your child has vomited at school, we will contact you and request that you take your child home. In all cases children should not return back into school for a full 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting- even if this is just once. We appreciate that this could be inconvenient, you may be at work or at an important appointment and you may not believe your child is actually ill. Norovirus can start very quickly although often children may complain of feeling nauseous and may have stomach cramping before an episode starts. If your child is ill by everyone doing the right thing this will hopefully reduce the risk of infection for all the other children and staff in school, especially as we have a few vulnerable children in school. Vomiting and diarrhoea can spread easily and can start suddenly, especially in schools. It is important that everyone follows this advice. Thank you.

Christmas Holiday Club

Don't forget holiday club will be open on Thursday 21st December. We have lots of festive fun planned for the day. You can book a morning session from 8:15am-1:15pm or a full day from 8:15am to 5:30pm.

For more information and further details please email:-

magdalengatesoutofschoolclub55@yahoo.com

Thank you

Every book purchased last week at the **Book Fair**, all helped to raise extra funds for our two school libraries. We are very grateful for such a wonderful turnout each afternoon. There was certainly a great selection of books to choose from.

Children In Need – The children looked fabulous and we raised a massive £180.

Well done everyone!

Christmas Lunch- 13th December

On Wed 13th Dec the whole school will be having a Christmas Lunch (with crackers) Please note that there will only be the Christmas lunch offered (and a vegetarian option) However, for those children who are **eligible for FSM** we will be able to offer a sandwich.

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

December

1st - Decoration afternoon plus Christmas hampers
6th – School Dentist -by invite
11th – Christmas Music concert for those who play instruments/choir 2:15pm
12th – Flu Nasal vaccination (revisit)
12th Yr3+Yr4 Pinocchio performance at The Garage
12th EYFS & KS1 Christmas performance -3:30-4:30pm
13th – School Christmas lunch
14th EYFS & KS1 Christmas performance – 9:15-10:15am
14th – KS2 Christmas Carols in the playground 3:15-4:15pm
15th – Golden Assembly-Class Hamper winner announcement.
18th – Yr2, Yr5, Yr6 Carols at Doughtys
20th – School closes at 3:15pm for Christmas Holiday
School re-opens 8:15am
Wednesday 4th January 2024

The Big Ambition – Survey

Dame Rachel De Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England, has asked all schools in England to ensure they share the following link to parents so that they can have a say in the National Campaign called the Big Ambition-the link to use is www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition.

The Big Ambition provides children the opportunity to tell political decision makers what is important to them.

Whole School Attendance - 95.5%

Late Arrivals = 14 last week