

MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWS BULLETIN 12th December 2023

Dear parents and carers,

This will be the last newsletter of 2023 as we are in the final week and a half of the school term. A lot has happened in school that we can be rightly proud of and, as ever, we always have more to do too. One thing that is on the horizon for the end of this year is our first Talk Together session which is taking place on Wednesday 13th December at 9am. The topic for the first discussion is school sport. Please let the school office know if you are planning to attend so that we can make sure that we have enough chairs for everyone. It would be great to be able to hear as many viewpoints as possible.

I wish you all a happy holiday and am looking forward to starting 2024 together in January.

Mr Hutchinson

Medication in School

Just a reminder that any medication that comes into school should be handed into the school office and the appropriate paperwork completed. Prescription medication needs to be in the original pharmacy container/packaging which must include the child's name and the required dosage and instructions. If school is not provided with this information, then school staff will be unable to administer.

Foodbank-Financial Hardship

If you are not already aware Magdalen Gates is able to refer families in need of Food bank vouchers.

Please do not hesitate to speak with Carrie Brown our Parental Support Advisor or contact the school office if you need help. **All support is confidential.** Please do have a look at the attachments to the newsletter which includes information on Norfolk County's Client Hardship Service which combines the Norfolk Assistant Scheme and the Money Support Service.

Free school meals can be applied for at any time if your circumstances change.

Sept 2024 places

Don't forget if you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024 you can apply for places up until 15th Jan 2024.

Contact the office for a viewing of the school.

Diary Dates

December

12th – Flu Nasal vaccination (revisit)

12th Yr3+Yr4 Pinocchio performance at The Garage

12th EYFS & KS1 Christmas performance -3pm-4pm

13th – Talk Together – all welcome 9am in School Hall
School Christmas lunch & Accessory Day

14th EYFS & KS1 Christmas performance – 9:30 am-10:30

14th – KS2 Christmas Carols in the playground. Gates open from 3pm for refreshments, singing 3:30 pm-4 pm

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

THURSDAY 4th January 2024

Note for Yr6 Parents

SATS for 2024 will take place week beginning Monday 13th May.

Staffing Update

A warm welcome to Suzy Budds who we recently appointed as our new EAL Educational Assistant.

We also wish Jess Edwards, our Music teacher and Voice squad coach best wishes as she starts her maternity leave. Jess's replacement, whilst she is on maternity, will be advised shortly.

We will also be welcoming back Mrs Kingston and Mrs Chapman 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
outofschool@magdalengates.co.uk

School Punctuality and Holidays

At Magdalen Gates we are committed to providing all children with the best education possible. In order to do this, we need all children to attend regularly and punctually. We are still seeing children arriving late for registration and we would ask parents to ensure that children are in their classes for 8:45am.

A reminder that the Department for Education are very clear that parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission from schools to take their children out during term time.

Whole School Attendance - 94.8%

Late Arrivals - 24 last week.