

# MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

## NEWS BULLETIN 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, I would like to wish you and your families a happy new year! I hope that 2024 brings you contentment, peace and the achievement of the goals that you are aiming for in life. In the first assembly of 2024, I spoke to the children about the targets that I was aiming for and achieved in 2023 and invited them to identify one thing that they will aim to improve in 2024. These are now on the wall of my office so that they can come and place a big tick in the box and tell me about how they achieved it. I look forward to hearing their stories of personal success. On the training day, I spoke to the staff about the importance of every interaction that takes place in school. It is the intention of the school to engage fully in every opportunity that might affect a child's outcomes and to do this with calm consistency, compassion and understanding. To truly **work together to give every child the best**, we need to make sure that **every interaction counts**. Children only have 7 years (or 1,330 days) at primary school, and therefore we need to make sure that each one makes a difference. Thank you for everything that you are doing on this journey.

Mr Hutchinson

### Wellbeing – Parental Support

January can always seem a bit of a tough time for many and we are also aware that the current cost of living is having an impact on some of our families. Carrie Brown, our Parental Support Advisor is available and can be contacted via the school office or she can be found most Wednesday mornings at the school gate. Carrie can help with many common parenthood challenges, including behaviour at home or school, or help in finding services available to you. Carrie is very approachable and always available just for a chat to help with any worries you may have.

### School Uniform

You can order and pay for school uniform online from Stevensons in Norwich. Simply go to their website address and register to log in and order.

Don't forget that second hand uniform can also be collected free of charge from the Silver Rooms every Thursday from 10-12:15pm and on Saturdays 11am-12:15pm. Remember labelling all uniform with your child's name helps to ensure it comes home to the rightful owner.

### PE Days & Reminders

We hope that everyone received a text last Wednesday about PE days for the Spring term. There have been a couple of classes with changes to their PE days.

Please ensure your child comes into school on their class PE days with the correct kit on. If your child wears earrings, please remove or have them covered with a plaster. Sorry, staff are not able to remove or provide plasters so if your child is not able to do this themselves we would be very grateful if you could ensure this is done in the morning before school.

Nursery – Monday

Reception- Wednesday

Year 1- Tuesday and Thursday

Year 2- Monday (PE and Swimming) and Thursday

Year 3- Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4- Thursday and Friday

Year 5- Thursday and Friday (PE and swimming)

Year 6- Monday and Wednesday

### School Money - Lunches

Please could we ask that any outstanding dinner money is settled up on the Schoolmoney portal, especially if there is an amount owed from last term. If you are experiencing difficulties with paying please do speak with Mrs Armstrong or contact her confidentially at [finance@magdalengates.co.uk](mailto:finance@magdalengates.co.uk)

Please note there will be a change of menu on Thursday 16th of January when we will be holding a Winnie the Pooh themed lunch – please check the attachment with this newsletter for the full menu details.

### Diary Dates

#### January

11<sup>th</sup> – Yr1 Puppet Theatre – Puffling Percy

15<sup>th</sup> Bikeability Course starts (by invite Yr5 & Yr6)

22<sup>nd</sup> – School Football league at the Nest – more details to follow

#### February

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – Hearing & Vision screening for EYFS pupils

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> – Dental Oral Health

Talk – EYFS & KS1

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Last day before Half Term

### Communication and Feedback

If you have any questions on how we can communicate more effectively with you as parents or about any other area of school life, please do let us know. We always welcome and value your feedback.

### SATS WEEK-Year 6

Just another quick reminder that SATS for all year 6 pupils are the week beginning the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

### 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-5:30pm

Whole School Attendance- 90.3%