

MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWS BULLETIN 19th MARCH 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Winter is over and springtime is here! It is so nice to see the pretty flowers in the school grounds and the leaves growing on the trees again. Very soon the playground will be awash with colour when the trees will be covered in blossom. Springtime is also the time for rebirth too. I hope to be able to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection with you soon. Once I have the final report, I will write to all parents, staff and governors to explain the outcome and where the school needs to go next. As ever, we will use this time to work together to give every child the best. Thank you for everything that you do.

Mr Hutchinson

Whole School Dental Check – 24th June 2024

Over the last year we have become aware of more children coming into school with pain in their mouths and some with tooth decay. We know that many of our parents/carers are finding it really hard to get appointments through a shortage of NHS dentists taking on any new patients and cannot afford to go private. J Plummers & Associates, a Norfolk based dentistry already run a service called the Happy Smile Club. This involves giving talks in schools about good oral hygiene, but until recently they have never been involved in actually examining teeth.

We are pleased to advise that in partnership with J Plummers, we have secured a date where every child at Magdalen Gates can have a free screening and oral health check. The dentists will then offer (at a future date) an appointment for treatment for any children requiring it, and who do not have access to an NHS dentist. After Easter we will be sending out paper consent forms as no screening check will be made without the prior consent of parents/carers.

Tapestry

We use the Tapestry online learning journal to share our observations, photos, videos and documents key moments of your child's learning and progress at school. We actively encourage all our parents/carers to look regularly at Tapestry. Remember you can add your own observations of your child(ren) to share progress and milestones at home. If you are struggling to log-on to your Tapestry account, please let us know so we can help you access this.

Late Items

It would be very much appreciated if everyone could make sure that their child comes to school fully equipped with everything they need for their school day.

Mornings are very busy times in the school office and items that are forgotten and/or brought in late will be taken down as soon as the office staff get the opportunity to do so.

New Lunch Menu from April

If you want to order your child a school meal orders have to be placed before 11:59pm the previous evening. If you have not set up your account and need assistance, please speak to the school office.

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

Whole School Attendance-92.8%

Reminder to all -: It is a parent/carers responsibility to notify the school if their child is absent from School or Nursery and a reason must be provided.

Diary Dates

March

19th – Yr1 Trip to
Bridewell Museum

22nd – School Reports
Home Yr1-Yr6 (EYFS &
Nursery receive reports
in July)

26th - Report based
Parent/Teacher apts 3:30-5pm

22nd – School Nurse
revisit – EYFS Hearing &
Vision

27th – School Closes for
Easter

April

15th – School re-opens

30 April – Yr5 Sailing at Ludham