

# MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

## NEWS BULLETIN 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you all had a restful holiday. I know that when the children are at home, that things can be busy, but I hope that you managed to spend some time doing nice things as a family at some point. In school, it has been an incredibly busy period of time with many big decisions being made which will affect the course that the school takes over the next year or so. I hope that you have been able to read our Ofsted report. I am proud of the way that the school has grown over my time here and the way that it has met the individual needs of the children. The next step is clear and will be taken on by the new leadership team in September, although the work has already been started. The Summer term is always a busy one. There will be many events taking place as well as statutory assessments too. Please check this newsletter for dates and always feel free to double check things with the school office if necessary.

Mr Hutchinson

### SAT's Information – Year 6

Just a reminder that Year 6 SATs will be the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May. Breakfast will be provided for all year 6 children that week, from 8 am in the hall.

Please check Tapestry posts for information about the SATs and how you can support your child during this time.

### Attendance

Thank you for your continued support in raising attendance at Magdalen Gates. We continue to monitor attendance regularly, advising parents/carers via letter if attendance drops and in some cases holding meetings to see where we can support further.

As you will be aware, the Government has been very committed to improving school attendance across the whole of the UK. From August 2024 there will be some large changes to attendance that schools will have a statutory requirement to fulfil. We will clarify these changes to attendance when we receive more information from the Local Authority. We do know already that there will be an increase with both fine rates and absence thresholds.

Please do come and let us know if you are struggling with your child's attendance or if you believe your child's persistent absence is health related as there is support to help families from Schools Nursing Team.

Current School Attendance is -  
94.3%

### Visit from Harriet Harman MP

On Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April Harriet Harman will be in school from 2.30 pm.

She will be in the playground during collection time if you would like to chat to her. BBC news will also be joining us for coverage of Harriet's visit to the school.

### School Contact Details

School Office hours – 8:15am – 3:30pm

Telephone 01603 622675

Email [Office@magdalengates.co.uk](mailto:Office@magdalengates.co.uk)

Please be aware that the **office email** is not checked regularly after 2:30pm Monday to Thursday and after 12:30 on a Friday. Please remember to call the school office direct if you are informing school of alternative collection arrangements at the end of the day

**Out of school club contact –**

01603 343881 3.30pm-5.30 pm only

Email – [outofschool@magdalengates.co.uk](mailto:outofschool@magdalengates.co.uk)

### Diary Dates

#### April

24<sup>th</sup> – Visit from Harriet Harman MP

25<sup>th</sup> – Yr6 – Mind and Mood session

26<sup>th</sup> – Yr2 SATs meeting  
8:30-9am (in class)

#### May

2<sup>nd</sup> – Yr6 Kooth workshop

6<sup>th</sup> BANK HOLIDAY-School closed

9<sup>th</sup> – Yr4 perform at Norwich Cathedral

13<sup>th</sup> – YR6 SATS WEEK

17<sup>th</sup> – AM Yr6 Cinema trip

22<sup>nd</sup> Yr4 Farm visit

24<sup>th</sup> Last day before half term

27<sup>th</sup> – 31 May Half Term

#### June

3<sup>rd</sup> School Reopens