

MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWS BULLETIN 20th MAY 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Summer is finally here! Whilst this can feel like the loveliest time to be in a primary school, it is also the busiest too. As I am sure that you can see in the extensive diary dates section, there is quite a lot going on. So that we can all enjoy the sunny weather that we are having at the moment, these are the school's expectations around sun safety. Children may bring sun cream to school in a named bottle. This will be for personal use only as some children can react badly to the wrong cream. Children should also have sun hats but there is no need for sunglasses. School staff will encourage children to play in shady areas of the grounds and will request that children spend some time cooling down if it appears that they are too hot. Of course, drinking lots of water is always good during hot weather too. Open-toed sandals are not appropriate footwear for school as children often trip over whilst playing outside and vulnerable toes get trodden on more than you might think. For these reasons, they should be avoided.

Thank you for helping keep all the children safe.

Important Dates

Please do have a look at the Diary dates opposite as the Senior Leadership Team have now finalised lots of important dates, including our annual Sports Day on 28th June. As always we would love as many of our parents, carers, grandparents to come along on the day and cheer everyone on. So pop the date in your diaries! More details to follow but we are hope to keep to the previous year format.

Diary Dates

May

21st -Yr6 Park visit

22nd Yr4 Farm Trip

3-4pm Care Rangers trip to Cathedral cafe

23rd 8:30am Yr1 PSC meeting for parents

24th Last day of school before half term

28th – 30 – Holiday club open

June

3rd – School re-opens

6th – Yr4 Food Discovery – Gardening session

7th – Dental consent deadline

18th – Class Photos

Yr6 Sport session Sewell Park

3.30-6pm Yr1-Yr6 Parent meetings

20th – Yr1-Yr6 3.30-6pm Parent meetings

24th Art Week

Dental Screening check

27th – Yr5 Royal Norfolk Show trip

4pm New Intake Parent meeting

28th 1:30-3pm Sports Day

July

1st Art Exhibition

5th – EYFS School reports home

6th – 2pm Music performance

9th – Yr5 Sailing trip

11th Transition afternoon

12th 2-4pm EYFS drop in for parents/carers to discuss reports

15th – New Reception Stay and Play

16th 3:30pm Yr6 Performance for parents

17th Care Rangers Waterloo Park 3:30-4:30 Teddy Bears picnic – New intake

18th 2:30pm Yr6 Leavers Assembly

19th Last day of school

Routine Medical Appointments & Leave of Absence Forms.

We know how difficult it can sometimes be to get routine medical appointments but please do try and make these out of school hours. If appointments need to be made during school time and are really unavoidable, the pupil should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment. Parents must inform the school of these appointments in advance. It is not accepted that a child would miss a whole days schooling unless absolutely necessary.

Just a reminder of the necessity to pop to the school office to complete a leave of absence PRIOR to any holidays/planned absences. Thank you.

Goodbye -Staff Update

As we head towards the end of another half term we need to say a fond farewell to 2 members of staff who are leaving for pastures new.

We have to say goodbye to Mrs Chapman, one of our valued members of our fabulous EYFS team and also a goodbye to Mrs Walker who has held a variety of roles within school including her ELSA role as well as being one of EA's in our KS2 classes and more recently in the Nursery. We thank them both for all their hard work and commitment and wish them both good luck for the future.

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

Morning break – snacks

If possible could we ask parents of KS2 to provide their child with a piece of fresh fruit to eat during their morning break rather than crisps or chocolate bars.

All EYFS & KS1 pupils have fruit or vegetables provided by the School Fruit & Vegetable scheme.

Whole School Attendance

94.4%