



Welcome to the start of a new academic year – We have had a really great start to a new academic year at Malmesbury Park. The children have all returned looking smart in their school uniform, eager to learn and full of enthusiasm. Everyone has settled well into their new classes and are already showing very positive attitudes towards their learning. Last academic year saw further improvements in our results and we are certain that this will continue this coming year.

Works over the summer holiday – We believe it is really important to ensure that the working environment is high quality and therefore we undertake a lot of works during the main summer holiday. Over the holidays we undertook the following:

- Deep clean of carpets and classrooms
- Replacement of wall coverings in some areas of the school
- Continued work on the replacement of the flat roof
- Replacement of the toilets in nursery
- New hand dryers in Y2 toilets
- Wooden railings installed outside two Y2 classrooms

Welcome to the following staff – We have been joined by several new staff this academic year and we would like to extend a warm welcome to them:

Lucy Robertson – Teacher Y1 Badgers
Katherine Stracey – Trainee Teacher
Kane Orchard – PE Student - Bournemouth Uni
Ben Evans – PE Student – Bournemouth Uni
Jack Mullens – PE Student – Bournemouth Uni
Danny Watts – PE Student – Bournemouth Uni

Curriculum and Learning – In order to ensure that parents know what is happening within the school's curriculum and our view on learning, we will be having a regular update slot on each newsletter. We hope that you find this useful. Please remember you can find detailed information on the school's website.

At MPPS we have an integrated curriculum. This is designed to ensure the children cover the National Curriculum in an engaging and motivating way, which makes sense for them and helps them to make connections between the different subjects they have to learn. Our curriculum is built on 5 Learning Values (Thinking, Independence, Collaboration, Emotional Intelligence, Creativity, Spirituality) designed to give the children life-long skills which they will use at MPPS and beyond. Each of our projects is carefully designed to ensure the children understand what they are learning and why. Each project begins with a hook designed to engage the children and create interest in what is to come and ends with an outcome which showcases their learning. The outcomes are planned and delivered by the children for a real audience – look out for invites to some of your child's outcomes over the coming year.

Safer Schools Team – At MPPS we work closely with the Safe Schools and Communities Team (SCCT) across the year, to ensure our children know how to keep themselves safe when out and about and on-line. The Safe Schools & Communities Team (SSCT) is a partnership between Dorset Police and the Dorset Combined Youth Offending Service, who work with schools to prevent and reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and wrong-doing amongst children and young people, along with helping to keep them safe in a digital world. Across this academic year we will be working with SSCT on anti-bullying, on-line safety, keeping safe on bonfire night and citizenship. Y2 and Y5 will also be visiting Streetwise to learn about and reinforce safety on the roads and when travelling. This is an important part of both our curriculum work and our commitment to ensuring our children are able to keep themselves safe and know how to seek help when about and about in the community.

'Meet the Teacher' Sessions – These will be taking place for each year group. They are an opportunity for you to come to find out some general information about the year group, to meet the teacher and see your child's classroom.

Y2 – Friday 15th September at 2.30pm
FS2 – Monday 18th September at 2.30pm
Y1 – Tuesday 19th September at 2.30pm
Y3 – Wednesday 20th September at 2.30pm
Y4 – Thursday 21st September at 2.30pm
Y5 – Friday 22nd September at 2.30pm
Y6 – Monday 25th September at 2.30pm



Parents' Evenings – These will be on Wednesday 15th November (3.30 – 6.30pm) and Thursday 16th November (3.30– 7.30pm). Access to the electronic booking system will be made available after the October half term – detailed information will be sent out in a future newsletter. This is an important opportunity for you to come and see your child's work, speak to the teacher about progress being made and receive a copy of your child's learning targets. We have changed the date and timings following a parent focus group discussion last year. Please note we have now extended each appointment from 10 minutes to 15 minutes – we hope that you find this beneficial.

Class assemblies – We believe that it is really important that children learn to speak and perform to a large audience, as it is a key life long skill. Each class will undertake a class assembly twice across the academic year. Please make a note of the date and time (see dates for your diary, below) and come along to join us. This is a really special occasion where the children are able to show you about their learning or about a specific event they are looking at. We look forward to you joining us.

Reading books and home learning books – The children will be coming home with these over the next week. You will notice that all children have a home reading diary – please do try to encourage your child to read to you or another family member on a regular basis. All children can change their reading book as and when they need to, as there is a wide selection of books on the reading corridor.

Inset days – We will be holding inset days on the following days:
Friday 20th October 2017
Monday 30th October 2017
Monday 19th February 2018
Friday 6th July 2018
Monday 9th July 2018

When the school holds an inset day this means no children attend school for that day.

100% attendance – Did you know that last academic year 80 children attended school every day? That is a fantastic achievement. We are hoping that even more children will achieve this during our new academic year.

Bournemouth In Bloom Competition – Just before the summer holiday we took part in the Bournemouth In Bloom competition against a significant number of other schools in the area. This has involved a lot of work for our gardening club who have worked incredibly hard to prepare for the judging which took place during early July. We are really pleased to announce that we did very well at the awards ceremony and achieved a Bronze Award for our Wildlife Garden.

Triangle of Land in Asham Road – Preparation work to extend the nursery playground onto part of the paved area at the junction of Lowther Road and Asham Road continues. We now have legal authority to take part of the footpath out of use although this will still leave a walking area approximately 5 metres wide alongside Asham

Road. The footpath alongside Lowther Road will be the same width as it is, further along the front of the school.

The next step is to have the land transferred to the school and to apply for planning permission to enclose the area with fences and hedges. We believe that there may be objections to this and we may need to ask for parents' support if the matter has to go to a planning meeting. If this is necessary, we will tell you how you can help us.

Incidentally, we now have funding to replace all the boundary fences to give better security, improve safeguarding and make the site look better. We hope that work will start in the next few months.

Website – Please do look at our website on a regular basis as we do keep it up-to-date. The address is www.malmesburypark.com

Naming Uniform – Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. We accrue a lot of lost property during the year, and it is impossible to reunite items with their owner if items are not named. Thank you.

No Nut School – We are a strict no nut school in order to ensure the well-being of all our children as we have several children with severe allergies.



Found – Black buggy, in Methuen Road, opposite school entrance. Has been put in the driveway of number 30 for collection.

Admission to Nursery - September 2017

If your child was born between 01.09.13. and 31.08.14 and you would like her/him to be considered for a place in our Nursery commencing in September 2017, please complete and return an application form (available from the office) to school as soon as possible to enable your son/daughter's name to be added to the waiting list.

Dates for Your diary

Fri 15th Sept – Y2 Meet the Teacher at 2.30pm
Mon 18th Sept – FS2 Meet the Teacher at 2.30pm
Tue 19th Sept – Y1 Meet the Teacher at 2.30pm
Wed 20th Sept – Y3 Meet the Teacher at 2.30pm
Thurs 21st Sept – Y4 Meet the Teacher at 2.30pm
Fri 22nd Sept – Class Assembly at 9.00am – UCL
Fri 22nd Sept - Y5 Meet the Teacher at 2.30pm
Mon 25th Sept – Y6 Meet the Teacher at 2.30pm
Fri 29th Sept – Class Assembly at 10.00am – Otters
Fri 6th Oct - Class Assembly at 9.00am – Cambridge
Fri 6th Oct - Class Assembly at 10.00am – Owls
Tue 10th Oct – International Day
Fri 13th Oct – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Durham
Fri 13th Oct - Class Assembly at 10.00am - Hedgehogs
Thurs 19th Oct – Break for half term
Fri 20th Oct – Inset day
Mon 30th Oct – Inset day
Tue 31st Oct – Return to school
Fri 3rd Nov – Class Assembly at 9.00am - Glasgow
Tue 7th Nov – Open Morning 'A' classes
Fri 10th Nov – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Southampton
Fri 10th Nov - Class Assembly at 10.00am - Kestrels
Tue 14th Nov – Open Morning 'B' classes
Wed 15th Nov – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Thurs 16th Nov – Parents' Evening (3.30 – 7.30pm)
Fri 17th Nov – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Liverpool
Fri 17th Nov - Class Assembly at 10.00am - Badgers
Tue 21st Nov – Open Morning 'C' classes
Fri 24th Nov – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Warwick
Fri 24th Nov - Class Assembly at 10.00am – Kingfishers
Fri 1st Dec – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Edinburgh
Fri 8th Dec – Class Assembly at 9.00am - Bristol
Fri 15th Dec – Christmas Y1 outcome to parents at 10am
Fri 15th Dec – Christmas Y2 outcome to parents at 5pm
Mon 18th Dec – KS2 Carol Concert at St. Andrew's Church 6.30pm
Tue 19th Dec – FS2 Nativity at 10am and 2pm
Wed 20th Dec – Christmas parties
Wed 20th Dec – Last day of term
Thurs 4th Jan – Return to school
Fri 12th Jan – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Durham
Fri 19th Jan – Class Assembly at 9.00am – York

Fri 19th Jan - Class Assembly at 10.00am – Ladybirds
Fri 26th Jan – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Oxford
Fri 2nd Feb – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Southampton
Fri 2nd Feb - Class Assembly at 10.00am - Bees
Mon 5th Feb – Y6 residential trip to Shrewsbury
Fri 9th Feb – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Liverpool
Fri 9th Feb - Class Assembly at 10.00am – Kingfishers
Fri 9th Feb - Break for half term
Mon 19th Feb – Inset day
Tue 20th Feb – return to school
Wed 21st Feb – Parents' evening drop in (no appointment necessary)
Thurs 1st Mar – World Book Day
Fri 2nd Mar – Class Assembly at 10.00am - Dragonflies
Tue 6th Mar – Open Afternoon 'A' classes
Fri 9th Mar – Class Assembly at 10.00am – Owls
Tue 13th Mar – Open Afternoon 'B' classes
Fri 16th Mar – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Bristol
Fri 16th Mar – Class Assembly at 10.00am - Bees
Tue 20th Mar – Open Afternoon 'C' classes
Fri 23rd Mar – Class Assembly at 9.00am - Glasgow
Thurs 29th Mar – Break for Easter
Mon 16th Apr – Return to school
Fri 20th Apr – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Oxford
Fri 27th Apr – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Warwick
Fri 27th Apr – Class Assembly at 10.00am – Ladybirds
Fri 4th May – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Edinburgh
Fri 4th May – Class Assembly at 10.00am - Otters
Mon 7th May – Bank holiday – school closed
Mon 14th May – Y6 SATs week
Fri 18th May – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Manchester
Fri 18th May – Class Assembly at 10.00am - Dragonflies
Mon 21st May – Y2 SATs week
Fri 25th May – Class Assembly at 9.00am - York
Fri 25th May – Break for half term
Mon 4th June – Return to school
Fri 8th June – MAD week exhibition to parents
Wed 13th June – Y5/6 Production 7pm
Thurs 14th June – Y/6 Production 7pm
Fri 15th June – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Cambridge
Fri 15th June – Class Assembly at 10.00am - Kestrels
Sat 16th June – Black tie Production Y5/6 – 7pm
Fri 22nd June – Class Assembly at 9.00am – UCL
Fri 22nd June – Class Assembly at 10.00am - Badgers
Mon 25th June – FS2 sports afternoon
Tue 26th June – KS1 sports afternoon
Wed 27th June – KS2 sports afternoon at Winton Rec
Wed 27th June – FS2 Induction evening at 6.30pm
Fri 29th June – Class Assembly at 9.00am – Manchester
Fri 29th June – Class Assembly at 10.00am - Hedgehogs
Fri 29th June – FS1 sports morning & afternoon
Wed 4th July – Y2 residential trip to Swanage
Fri 6th July – Inset day
Mon 9th July – Inset day
Wed 11th July – Y4 residential trip to Hooke Court
Mon 16th July – Reports to parents
Wed 18th July – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Thurs 19th July – Parents' Evening (3.30-7.30pm)
Mon 23rd July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.30am
Tue 24th July – Whole school picnic at 2pm
Wed 25th July – Last day of term

ADVERTS - Malmesbury Park School places all adverts in good faith. It should be noted however that the quality of products or services being offered have not been checked by the school nor are the school aware whether necessary DBS checks have been carried out. Malmesbury Park is neither encouraging nor discouraging any advert placed.

1st Wessex Scout Group

We meet every week, on a Monday, at Richmond Hill United Reformed Church, St. Stephen's Road, Bournemouth. If you would like to join the 1st Wessex, please contact scouts@1stwessex.org for more information or see Mrs. Baugh in the school office. You can also visit the school website and find us under the 'Community/Useful Links' tab. Take a look at some of the exciting things that we do!





RECRUITING NOW



Beavers - Are aged 6-8.

They make up our youngest section of the Scout Group. This is the start of the adventure, having fun and making friends



Wolf Cubs - Are aged 8-10 1/2.

They enjoy making new friends, passing Wolf Cub tests and gaining badges. They camp, explore and take part in other outdoor activities. Most importantly they do their best.



Scouts - Are aged 10 1/2 to 15.

They take part in a wide range of traditional Scouting activities. These are camping, cycling and hiking. They develop skills in teamwork, leadership and can make lifetime friends.



Senior Scouts - Are Aged 15-18.

They are the most experienced members of the Scout Group, they can plan their own expeditions, adventurous activities and visits.



**1st Wessex Scout Group Meeting at Richmond Hill St Andrews URC,
St Stephens Road, Bournemouth**

Please Contact: scouts@1stwessex.org or search for 1stwessex on Facebook

