



### Class Assemblies are back!

This week in school we have held our first class assembly since the start of the COVID-19 lockdown. It was lovely to see so many parents, friends and families in school supporting their children. Class assemblies are a great opportunity for children to learn the skills of presenting, speaking aloud and maintaining the interest of a large audience. Our first class certainly managed this today!

What a fabulous job Durham class did this week, presenting our first Class Assembly since 2019!!!! The children shared with the packed hall of KS2 children and parents their thoughts and tributes about Remembrance Day. They spoke clearly and shared their knowledge and understanding through a range of work they had completed on top of their usual work—well done Durham Class, you have set a high bar for the upcoming assemblies!

### Curriculum News

Over the last two weeks we have been busy developing and improving our Science skills in KS1 by studying Autumn and Winter and Everyday Materials, whilst in KS2 we have explored Rocks and Fossils and Classification. We have also been developing the skills we need to be historians through our studies of Roman Britain in Year 4 and the Vikings in Year 5. Alongside this, we have also been developing our musical and computing skills and widening our vocabulary in French. And on top of all this, we have still completed our daily reading work through our Reading Masters programme, our daily Maths Mastery lessons and our daily writing work which involves spelling, handwriting, grammar, punctuation and extended writing!! In the EYFS, FS1 have been finding out about light and dark, whilst FS2 have been developing their writing in the project 'Dear Zoo'. One thing is for certain, we are busy, busy, busy learning lots of new things every day in school!



### 'Anti bullying' update;

Next week is Anti bullying week with the theme 'Reach out' which links really well with our ethos values and our whole school ELF 'Catch me being kind' stickers.

We have a lot of activities planned;

- Whole school Anti bullying assembly on Monday morning
- Participating in 'Odd socks day' on Monday
- Anti bullying alliance lesson plans during our RSHE sessions
- We will introduce our new 'Anti Bullying ambassadors' in training
- We have been fortunate to have received a 'Positive Post box' from the Diana Award to empower our children to channel positivity either by writing a letter or drawing a picture which will then be posted through the Positive Post Box and sent to another child somewhere in the UK at a partner school. In line with The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly children will be invited to send and receive their letters, teaching them it's cool to be kind and promoting mutual respect and proactive kindness to others from a young age. Children across the school will be participating in this.



Odd socks day – What is it?

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their **uniqueness. There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!**

### Useful resources:

**Anti bullying alliance parent/carers toolkit - <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/Anti-Bullying%20Week%202021%20-%20Parent%20Pack%20-%20FINAL.pdf>**

**The Diana Award crisis messenger – if a young person is experiencing a crisis this messenger offers free 24/7 text support by trained volunteers – Text DA to 85258**  
**[Anti-Bullying - From The Diana Award - The Diana Award \(diana-award.org.uk\)](https://www.diana-award.org.uk) and**

**<https://www.antibullyingpro.com/> for a wealth of resources, support, advice and guidance for parents/carers**

### Pupil Premium Funding

Pupil Premium is funding we receive from the government to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in school. Evidence shows that disadvantaged children may face additional challenges in reaching their potential and often do not perform as well as other pupils. We believe every child irrespective of their starting points, family circumstances or barriers to learning, should leave school excited about learning, resilient to set-backs and determined to succeed. There is a three-Stage approach to meeting the needs of disadvantaged children at Malmesbury Park. We integrate what we do to create whole school 'Pupil Premium Friendly' practice. These stages are; creating a language rich learning environment, building excellent learning practice in each classroom and linking interventions with class teaching to close the attainment gap. We have children working across the school in small groups and one to one with teachers and teaching assistants on different intervention programs to support their reading, writing and maths. If you would like any more information regarding applying for pupil premium funding and to find out if your child would be eligible, please contact the school office.

### RWInc Phonics

Learning to read is one of the most important things your child will learn at our school. As so many things depend on us being able to read, we put as much energy as we possibly can into making sure that every single child learns to read as quickly as possible.

Here at Malmesbury Park, we teach phonics using the Read Write Inc. synthetic phonics scheme. This means words are broken down into the smallest units of sound. We start by teaching the children how to 'read' the sounds in words and how those sounds can be written down. This is essential for

reading, but it also helps children learn to spell well. We teach the children simple ways of remembering these sounds and letters.

The children also practise reading (and spelling) what we call 'tricky words', such as 'once,' 'have,' 'said' and 'where'. The children practise their reading with books that match the phonics and the 'tricky words' they know. Children then have the belief that they can read and this does wonders for their confidence.

Children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 have a phonic session everyday in school. We split the children into groups which are based on the phonic assessment (these are carried out every half term) so that they are working at the right level. During the session, the children practice, sounds, read their phonic books and practice writing the sounds that they are familiar with. In order to help us support your child, please do read with them daily and share the books they are bringing home.

### **Attendance**

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.93% , This is in-line with national expectations. Well done everyone for coming to school on time every day!



**Special Congratulations to Cambridge class** who this week had 100% attendance. They were excited to have their extra playtime as their reward. Which class will be our next attendance stars?

**Hello from FOMPPS** -a reminder that all parents and carers and staff are part of FOMPPS (Friends of Malmesbury Park Primary School) We come together to raise money and build our school community. We have cake sales, craft kits, have coffee mornings etc and all are welcome to attend and help out. Monies raised are used to buy extra things for the children at school.

We held our AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and voted in our new committee ( Fiona, Caroline, Tanya and myself Francesca ) . We are all delighted to go forward to organise exciting events to help raise money for the school. A recording of the AGM is on our facebook page if you want to find out more.

We are finalising plans for cake sales, coffee mornings, Christmas events and so watch this space! If you would like to get involved please contact us on facebook, via the office or on our email:

[FOMPPS@malmesburypark.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:FOMPPS@malmesburypark.bournemouth.sch.uk).

You can also join our whatsapp Group where we send out info on what is going on so please get in touch if you would like to join.

One of our biggest fundraisers is the **Bags2School project** Please bring in any old clothes in a bin bag and drop them outside the office. (No uniforms/ duvets/pillows/pieces of fabric). The bags will be collected at 9am on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We are paid by the weight and want to break our record this time!!! A clear out pre Christmas! Please drop your bags off from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November - lets aim for a mountain of bin bags!!!

We are busy preparing for the grand Christmas raffle, sourcing prizes from local businesses and attractions. If you or someone you know can donate a prize, please email [FOMPPS@malmesburypark.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:FOMPPS@malmesburypark.bournemouth.sch.uk).

Keep up to date with all our latest news and events by following FOMPPS on facebook here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2680149785579986/?ref=share>

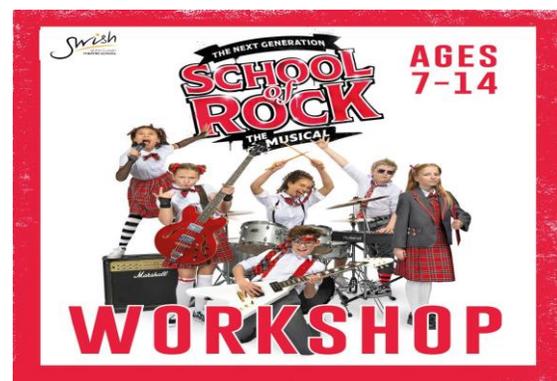
We appreciate all your support and look forward to meeting you at our next cake sale or coffee morning!

### **Dates for your diary**

15<sup>th</sup> November – School Council Trip to London  
16<sup>th</sup> November– Live and Inspired Music Performed  
18<sup>th</sup> Novemebr – FOMPPS Bags2School Colleciton  
22<sup>nd</sup> November –Christmas Choir Performance (Bournemouth Pavilion)  
23<sup>rd</sup> November – Music workshops (EYFS/Y1/Y2)  
24<sup>th</sup> November – Can Do Sports Event (Y5/6)  
25<sup>th</sup> November – FOMPPS Pantomime!  
5<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Concert – St Andrews Church  
13<sup>th</sup> December – FS2 Nativity  
14<sup>th</sup> December – Y1 Christmas outcome  
14<sup>th</sup> December – Y2 Christmas outcome  
15<sup>th</sup> December – FS1 Nativity  
16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas parties  
16<sup>th</sup> December – School finishes for Christmas Holidays  
3<sup>rd</sup> January – INSET Day for staff  
4<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school  
17<sup>th</sup> January – Open Morning 'A' Classes (09:00-10:30am)  
24<sup>th</sup> January – Open Morning 'B' Classes (09:00-10:30am)  
31<sup>st</sup> January – Open Monring 'C' Classes (09:00-10:30am)  
7<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day  
8<sup>th</sup> February – International Day  
9<sup>th</sup> February - School finishes for half term

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### **Swish 'You're in the band' 🎸**



**Swish** are hosting a FREE School of Rock workshop at Talbot Heath on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 🎸

This is exclusively for new students to see what Swish is all about!

Students will be learning material from the show & perform at the end of the session. All sign ups will also be in with a chance of winning two FREE tickets to our Half Term Show, 'School of Rock' at the Pavilion Theatre.

