



# Malmesbury Park News

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What fabulous fun we had this week during World Book Day. It was great to see so many book characters around school. Thank you to FOMPPS for organising the fabulous Costume Exchange and to all of you who took the time to make and prepare costumes for the children.

### Mother's Day!

How are you going to look after Mum? Breakfast in bed? Making a cup of tea? Tidying your room? Whatever you do to help your Mum out on Sunday we hope you pamper her and look after her for the day. Happy Mother's Day!



### Parent Questionnaire

Your views are really important to us and help us to make positive changes to our school. Our parent survey is now live and you will receive the link to complete it via email or you can click on the link here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4YPRisi4jZ\\_A0yft7IFJnbAMT2qVUP3XfkkITvrE\\_A7o-MA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4YPRisi4jZ_A0yft7IFJnbAMT2qVUP3XfkkITvrE_A7o-MA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Please do log on and share your views, thoughts and ideas with us (the survey is anonymous). We will share the outcomes and actions taken as a result of your input in future newsletters.

### Attendance



**Special Congratulations to Durham class** who have had the highest attendance over the last two weeks with 97.3%.

**Well done Durham class!**



Thank you for all your hard work and support getting your child(ren) to school every day, on time! We are continuing to maintain the improvement made in our attendance last year. So far this year our attendance has been higher than the

national average each week – WELL DONE EVERYONE!

If you have any worries or concerns about attendance, please call the school office to speak with Miss Segouini, Mrs Smith (Head of School) or Mrs Walton our EWO (Education Welfare Officer). We are here to help and support you.

### Parents Evenings



Parents Evenings will take place on:  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening (15:30 – 19:30)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Parents Evening (15:30 – 18:30)  
**ALL** meetings will be **VIRTUAL (on-line)**.

**Booking is now live and can be accessed via the school website.**

### Latecomers

#### IN SCHOOL ON TIME, EVERY DAY

**Thank you to everyone for working really hard to get to school on time.**

We have noticed that a large number of people are dropping off via the school office even though they are not late. The start of the day is a busy time in the office and the number of children arriving through this main door is causing unnecessary congestion and impacting on the support the team can offer to parents. Please remember that **ALL** children should come into school via the gates on Ascham Road or Methuen Road.

Gate times are:

MORNING DROP OFF		AFTERNOON PICK UP	
OPEN	8:40am	OPEN	3:10pm
CLOSE	8:50am	CLOSE	3:25pm

### Y5 Story Writing Workshops at Bournemouth University

Over the last three weeks, Y5 have been visiting Bournemouth University to take part in Story Writing Workshops. They have been busy finding their way around campus, meeting students and being taught by experts in their field, producing some fabulous writing as a result. The children have met many staff from the University and this week, Edinburgh class bumped into John Vinney the Vice Chancellor who took time out of his day to email us to say:

***'It was such a nice surprise to meet the students. They were all so polite and excited to be at BU, they were truly great ambassadors for their school. Kind regards, John'***

Whilst this was no surprise to us back at school, because we know that our children are always polite, respectful and well-behaved, it was really pleasing to hear that we really can take our children anywhere and they will know how to behave and respond in different situations. Well done Y5 – Great Job! You are great ambassadors for our school.

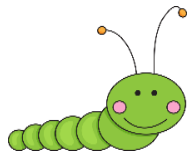


### Curriculum News

FS2 have been learning about different animals that hatch out of eggs, including chicks, turtles and crocodiles! FS2 received a mysterious message in a bottle that they needed to reply to at the start of their pirates project, led by the book 'Pirates are coming'. Year 1 are continuing to learn about transport and travel, looking at the differences between old and new methods of transport. Year 2 are finding out about different habitats, learning about what animals need to survive. Year 3 have been taking a trip around Europe, learning about the diversity of Europe and the different climate zones it has. Year 4 have been developing their classification skills in their new Science project. Year 5 are continuing their work learning about Asia and exploring mountains, volcanoes, and

earthquakes and Year 6 are continuing their science work on evolution and inheritance.

### **FS1/Nursery/Caterpillars**



This half term started with a mystery suitcase arriving in nursery! We looked inside and found: a map of the world, sun cream, woolly hat, binoculars, eggs and a book. The book is Hattie Peck The Journey Home. We spent the first week finding out which animals come from eggs. The children were surprised to find Robins lay blue eggs and that crocodiles also lay eggs! Our learning in nursery is based around a book each half term. All areas of learning are covered using the book as the starting point. Children have been developing their hand and finger strength by using scissors to cut out eggs, playdough to make birthday cakes for Hattie the hen. In maths children have enjoyed exploring the balance scales. Finding out which object is the heaviest and lightest. We focus on numbers to 1-5 counting to and beyond, looking at groups of objects and identifying which has more or fewer. The children are also working hard to identify and read their name, which they do as part of self-registration. Many children are also at the point where they are making more marks and starting to write some letters in their name. We encourage independence in nursery by children taking care of their own belongings. This includes getting their lunchbox at lunch time, putting their coat on their peg, getting their things ready for home and putting on their own coat.

### **Computing**

This term we have taken part in Safer Internet Day. This special celebration, which takes place each year, aims to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people. A great aspect of the website is the support for parents and carers. You can find out more about keeping your child safe online and pick up plenty of useful tips. Follow this link: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

### **FOMPPS**

Thank you for all the fantastic costume donations for World Book Day! The children and staff all looked fantastic.

Mother's Day Gift Sale - Thank you for your support this week, we are yet to finalise the sales but all profits will be used for the pond project.



Coming soon -Easter competition with a chance to win a fabulous prize More details to follow.



Save the Date....  
Saturday 13th July....  
Malmesbury Park Summer Fayre!

Please get in touch if you are able to provide sponsorship of a stall, help on the day or would like to help organising the event.

Check Facebook for our latest updates! [https://www.facebook.com/groups/2680149785579986/?ref=share\\_group\\_link](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2680149785579986/?ref=share_group_link)

### **Please keep your recycling coming into the bins in the office:**

We are currently collecting:

- Bread bags
- Toothbrushes
- Biscuit wrappers
- Kids water bottles and lunch boxes

Please note that we cannot collect all soft plastics and our team have to sift through the donations on a regular basis.

As always, we welcome any ideas or volunteers! Please get in touch or catch us in the playground!

The FOMPPS Team

Tanya, Caroline, Sian, Fiona and Bryony



### **School Vacancies**

For more info about the job roles available and how to apply, please visit:

[www.mynewterm.com](http://www.mynewterm.com) and search under Malmesbury Park.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

15<sup>th</sup> March – Edinburgh Class Assembly (9:00am)  
15<sup>th</sup> March – Bees Class Assembly (9:45am)  
19<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening (15:30 – 19:30 – VIRTUAL)  
21<sup>st</sup> March – Parents Evening (15:30 – 18:30 – VIRTUAL)  
22<sup>nd</sup> March – UCL Class Assembly (9:00am)  
22<sup>nd</sup> March – Dragonflies Class Assembly (9:45am)  
28<sup>th</sup> March – School finishes for Easter Holidays  
15<sup>th</sup> April - School Opens for Summer Term 1  
19<sup>th</sup> April – Termly Forecasts to parents  
2<sup>nd</sup> May – Y2 Visit to the Library (Kestrels)  
6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday Monday (School closed)  
9<sup>th</sup> May – Y2 Library Visit (Owls)  
13<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs Week  
23<sup>rd</sup> May - Y2 Library Visit (Kingfishers)  
24<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for half term.  
3<sup>rd</sup> June – School opens for the Summer Term 2  
5<sup>th</sup> June – MAD Week  
10<sup>th</sup> June – MAD week Exhibition  
11<sup>th</sup> June – MAD Week Exhibition  
18<sup>th</sup> June – FS1 Sports Afternoon  
19<sup>th</sup> June – FS2 Induction Evening  
24<sup>th</sup> June – FS2 Sports Afternoon  
25<sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 Sports Afternoon  
26<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 Picnic and Sport's Afternoon (Winton Rec)  
27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Sports Afternoon  
28<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Transition Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> July Production (1) @ 7:00pm  
4<sup>th</sup> July – Production (2) @ 7:00pm  
6<sup>th</sup> July – Production Black Tie Performance @ 7:30pm  
8<sup>th</sup> July – INSET Day (School closed)  
10<sup>th</sup> July – Meet New Classes  
11<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Graduation at Bournemouth University (pm)  
12<sup>th</sup> July – Reports to Parents  
15<sup>th</sup> July – Drop-In for Parents (3:30pm – 6:30pm)  
22<sup>nd</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Assembly  
23<sup>rd</sup> July – Whole School Picnic  
24<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term (School closes for the Summer holidays)

### **School INSET Days**

(School is closed to all children)

8th July 2024



**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. This includes Nutella and Kinder Bueno products and protein bars.



**Water Bottles**

Please make sure that your child has a clean water bottle in school each day and please name them.

**Top Tips for Cleaning your Water Bottles:**

1. Remove the lid.
2. Wash thoroughly in warm soapy water.
3. Scrub the mouthpiece and ensure straws are cleaned (you can use a narrow brush/pipe cleaner for this).
4. Leave to dry thoroughly, upside down to ensure no water remains in the bottle.

*In order to help us return lost water bottles, please make sure your child's name is clearly marked.*

**Website** – Please do look at our website on a regular basis as we do keep it up-to-date. The address is:  
[www.malmsburypark.com](http://www.malmsburypark.com)



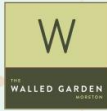
**Parking and Dropping Off**

**Parking** - we need your help in maintaining good relationships with our neighbours and therefore ask that you do not park on their drives or block the access to them. Please do not park on the double yellow lines on Methuen & Ascham Road. Traffic wardens are visiting regularly. If you have concerns about parking, unsafe road users, you should report this to the Police and/or Traffic Enforcement Officers.

**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.

**AGES 4-13**  
**FUN-FILLED MULTI SPORTS ACTIVITY CAMP**  
**EASTER CAMP**  
**APRIL 2ND-5TH**  
**APRIL 8TH-12TH**  
**Ofsted Registered**  
**CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**  
**VENUES**  
 BADEN POWELL JUNIOR SCHOOL  
 HAMWORTHY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL  
 RINGWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL  
 OCEAN ACADEMY  
**BOOK NOW** Medals & trophies won everyday!  
<https://www.casacamp ltd.net/>

**ALICE in WONDERLAND**  
**Easter Experience at the walled garden**  
 Weird & Wonderful Fun & Games plus Twisting Garden Trail with your guides Alice and The Queen of Hearts!  
**£14.95 per ticket**  
**11am Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**  
 Bookings via Eventbrite. Includes an Easter Cupcake, sweet treat & drink.  
 \*Children must be supervised by an adult at all times\*  
[www.walledgardenmoreton.co.uk](http://www.walledgardenmoreton.co.uk)  
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 THE WALLED GARDEN MORETON



# Easter Trail

## Extravaganza

AT THE WALLED GARDENS

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March -  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April

£4  
PER MAP

Complete the trail & quiz to claim your prize

Look out for our animal area &  
surprise visits from the Easter bunny!



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