



Malmesbury Park News

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Welcome Back

We hope you all enjoyed the summer break, the beautiful weather and enjoyed spending time together and having fun! It is lovely to see everyone back in school and to hear the corridors and classrooms full of laughter and children's chatter once again. At the end of the Summer term we said goodbye to the children and staff who were leaving us for pastures new. Now we are in September, it is time to say hello and welcome to all our new families joining Malmesbury Park this year – we are looking forward to working with you all.

It has been a busy summer here at school, preparing the building for the new year. We have made some exciting additions for the children to support their learning. We have installed new wall art in the reading corridor, displaying a range of well known, classic and new texts and an Enchanted Forest. All the books are available within our reading scheme and our library bus having been chosen to encourage the children to read a wide range of texts. The Enchanted Forest is home to a range of characters, creatures and book related items, chosen to fire the imagination and stimulate discussion about stories and story-writing. The two stairwells have also been transformed – one detailing maps of our world through to our town which will support the geography projects across the whole school, whilst the other is Science themed, with a large-scale solar system diagram and timeline of scientific discoveries to support our Science projects. We think the walls look amazing and have led to lots of discussion already!



Everyone at Malmesbury Park was sad to hear the news about the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September. This is an important event in the history of the United Kingdom,

marking the end of an incredible 70 year reign and the end of the second Elizabethan era. As we enter the period of national mourning in remembrance of the service and duty the late queen showed, we have held assemblies to think about the work she has done for and the legacy she leaves our country.

As soon as we know more details about the plans for the state funeral and how this may affect us in school, we will let you know.

Start of Day

School begins for all children at 08:45am. Gates will be opened from 08:35am and will close promptly at 08:55am. Children in Y1-6 should be dropped off at the gate, where adults are available should they need support getting to class. If you have a message for your child's teacher, this should be given to one of the adults on the gate to pass on.

End of Day

School ends at 3:15pm for all children. Gates will open at 3:05pm and close promptly at 3:30pm. Parents should come onto the playground to collect their child(ren) from the class teachers. A polite reminder that children should **NOT** play on the equipment or Trim Trail at the end of the day.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

This year our Meet the Teacher meetings will be held face-to-face.

The meeting is an opportunity for you to come and meet the staff working with your child, to hear about the expectations of the children, the learning they will be doing across the year and ask any questions you might have. The meetings will take place at 2:30pm as follows:

14th September – Y5
15th September – Y6
19th September – Y2
20th September – Y3
21st September – Y4
22nd September – Y1
26th September – FS2

Please arrive via the school office, where you will be directed to the meeting venue. We look forward to seeing you back in school.

The termly forecast for your Year Group(s) are now available on the class pages of the school website. Please take a look for important news about upcoming learning and events.

Welcome to the following staff

We are really pleased to welcome our new members of staff:

Ms Jenkins - Nursery (FS1)
Miss Burman and Miss Walsh - Reception (FS2)
Mr Wrench - Warwick Class (Y3)
Mrs Cockram - Durham Class (Y3)
Miss Avery-Hall - Manchester Class (Y4)
Miss Meacher – Year 4
Mr Hansford and Mr Skeel – Cover Supervisors
Mrs Norton - Administrator

The ELF Team

The ELF team will be working across the school, offering 'drop-in' sessions for the children, 20/20/20 lunch support and 1:1 or group work. ELF also manage our Peer Mediator programme, supporting the children at playtimes. Please do contact the ELF team if you would like some support for your child and or yourselves.

Harvest Festival

We will be having our Harvest Festival assembly on Monday 26th September with a guest speaker from **Hope for Food**. This is a local charity that helps to support families with essential food packages. Over the last 3-4 years, Hope for Food have been offering their invaluable support to a number of our families. We would like to donate our Harvest Festival collection to Hope for Food so they can continue their fantastic work. If you can, please help us by bringing in an item from the Wishlist below. Thank you.

Tinned foods such as:- Potatoes – Carrots – Peas – Sweetcorn – Tomatoes – Fruit – Rice Pudding – Soup – Meat – Tuna

Packet foods such as :- Cereal – Tea – Sweet biscuits - Savoury biscuits/crisps – Instant rice/pasta/noodles
Other items such as:- Pasta sauce – Curry sauce – Ketchup – Mayonnaise – Jam/Marmalade

Head Children and Prefects

Towards the very end of the summer term Mrs. Green and Mr. Hall interviewed a number of children who had applied to

become Head Children and Prefects. The whole process is modelled as it would be done in real life. All children were invited to apply to take on these roles, a number were shortlisted and invited to a formal interview. We are really pleased to announce that the following children have been successful:

Head Children

Matilda
Leela
Ganika
Garvita

Prefects

Poppy
Silin
Amina
Inez
Malwina
Alice
Aria
Kenza
Kian
Aliah
Lilly
Lukas
Thomas
Adela
Dania
Kawsar
Mariana
Georgia
Miriam

This is a position of some responsibility with the children undertaking a number of duties across the school. The children can be identified as they have the privilege of wearing a slightly different tie and a badge.

Census Day – You may not be aware but each term the Department for Education do a census for every school. The census is used to inform and establish what our budget will be. One of the measures they collect, is how many children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 take up the hot free school meal. This data is then used to give us money, however, we are not getting as much money as we could as not enough children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 are having the free school meal.

We would like to ask that all parents in FS2, Y1 and Y2 book for their child to have a free school meal on **Thursday 6th October** – if all families did this the school would receive approximately **£20,000** in additional funding. This additional funding would make a real difference to us.

- In order to book a meal for your child, simply log into your Forerunner account and choose a meal for Thursday 6th October. There will be no charge for this and it will benefit the school and the children immensely. There will be an extra surprise for all children having a hot school lunch on this day. If you have any problems, please call into the office. We will also send home paper reply slips nearer the time.



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.

Curriculum News –

We have been busy this week, week settling back into school and working hard on our first project of the year, 'Getting Ready For Learning'. We have been thinking about how our classes will work together over the coming year to make sure everyone can make progress in their learning. The children have worked collaboratively to produce a class charter and independently to think about how they learn and work best. We have seen some beautifully presented work in books and children are striving to meet the high expectations their teachers have of them. It has been an exciting time in EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) as we have welcomed our new cohorts into Nursery (FS1) and Reception (FS2). It has been lovely to meet our new families and we are looking forward to working with you. Next week sees the start of new projects across the school. Look out for more information about the projects in the next newsletter.

Reading Books and Diaries –

We are in the process of sorting out reading dairies and home reading books and the children should have these by the end of next week. If your child is following the Read Write Inc phonics scheme, they will bring home a reading book from this scheme when it is appropriate. If your child is choosing their books using the Book Band levels, we are delighted to say that we have purchased many new books just before the holidays so the children will have a much greater choice of fabulous books, whatever colour they are on. All children from Year 1 to Year 6 will have a reading diary to record their home reading. Please do read with your child every day - this shows them that you value reading as well as giving them the chance to practise their skills and to talk about books. Ten minutes a day really does make a difference!

Inset days – We will be holding Inset days on the following dates:

Monday 3rd January 2023
Friday 10th February 2023
Monday 10th July 2023

When the school holds an Inset day this means no children attend school for that day. These days are used for key staff development and training purposes to ensure that our teaching staff are the very best.

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your children look smart in their uniforms. It is great to see the children in their school PE kit too! Please remember that coloured trainers and football kits/other sport clothing are not to be worn for PE.

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.

Mental Health Support

Click on the link below to access support from the Young Minds Parent/Carer helpline
[Parents Helpline | Mental Health Help for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)

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



Dogs: Dogs are absolutely not allowed onto the school site even if you carry them in your arms. We would like to ask all parents who walk their dogs to school to not tie them to the fencing around school.

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.

Dates for Your Diary

14th September – Y5 Meet the Teacher meeting
15th September – Y6 Meet the Teacher meeting
19th September – Y2 Meet the Teacher meeting
20th September – Y3 Meet the Teacher meeting
21st September – Y4 Meet the Teacher meeting
22nd September – Y1 Meet the Teacher meeting
26th September – Harvet Festival
26th September – FS2 Meet the Teacher meeting
6th October – Census Day
18th October – Individual Photos
21st October – School finishes for half term
31st October – Return to School
8th November – Parents evening (3:30 – 6:30 pm)
10th November – Parents evening (3:30 – 7:30pm)
22nd November – Christmas Choir Performance (Bournemouth Pavilion)
25th November – Pantomime!
13th December – FS2 Nativity
14th December – Y1 Christmas outcome
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15th December – FS1 Nativity
16th December - Christmas parties
16th December – Last day of term
3rd January – INSET Day for staff
4th January – Children return to school