



Parents' Evenings – Due to the current Covid situation we are not able to operate our parents' evenings in the usual way through inviting everyone in to meet with the teacher. However, we will be offering you an appointment time to have a 10 minute telephone consultation slot with your child's teacher. You will be able to book this in the usual way through going to the website. If you need any help at all booking an appointment slot please contact the school office who will be only too happy to help you.

Tuesday 3rd November – FS2 parents only (3.30-6.30pm)
Thursday 5th November – FS2 parents only (3.30-7.30pm)
Monday 9th November – Y6 parents only (3.30-6.30pm)
Tuesday 10th November – Y6 parents only (3.30-7.30pm)
Wednesday 11th November – Y2 parents only (3.30-6.30pm)
Thursday 12th November – Y2 parents only (3.30-7.30pm)
Monday 16th November – Y3 parents only (3.30-6.30pm)
Tuesday 17th November – Y3 parents only (3.30-7.30pm)
Wednesday 18th November – Y4 parents only (3.30-6.30pm)
Thursday 19th November – Y4 parents only (3.30-7.30pm)

If your child is in nursery/LEAPs or Riggs we will be sending you more information shortly to give details about how your telephone call meetings will happen.

International Day November 2020 - The time has come to celebrate our annual International Day.

- Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will celebrate on Tuesday 10th November.
- Children in Nursery, Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will celebrate International Day on Wednesday 11th November.

Each class will have a country they will be learning about, with the theme for this year being music and dance, where they will learn about their class's country and be able to listen to, make and dance to music from their country.

Please can children come dressed in the flag colours of their class's country, traditional outfits from your country or school uniform.

PE Grant – We receive an annual sum of monies from the Department of Education in order to promote and develop sport across the school and increase participation in physical exercise. We have used some of the monies from last academic year to have the outside gym equipment fitted which will soon be available for the children to use at break and lunchtimes. However, due to the current Covid situation we will have a strict cleaning regime which means that it is not to be used at the end of the school day when collecting children to go home. You can see details of our PE grant by looking on the website – go to curriculum – drop down to PE.

Curriculum News –

What a busy half term we have had. The children have been working really hard to craft their writing skills to produce some fabulous work. In Year 6 have produced a range of writing linked to the *The Arrival*, a wordless picture book by Shaun Tan and have been exploring the themes of immigration and migration and in Year 5 the children have been writing

mystery stories, following in the footsteps of Arthur Conan Doyle who wrote the Sherlock Holmes mysteries. Meanwhile, Year 4 have been writing quest stories – their writing has really improved and there is some stunning handwriting to be seen across the year group. Fantasy has been the theme. In Year 3, the children have been exploring worlds beyond secret doorways, imagining new worlds and inventing new characters for their stories. Year 2 have been busy learning the skills of authorship, writing their own books and creating special boxes in which to store them. They are looking forward to sharing them with each other. Year 1 have been busy writing stories inspired by famous paintings, using the *Katie* series of books as a stimulus. They have been enjoying finding out about the stories and artists behind some world famous paintings. In FS2, the children have been having a jolly Rhyme Time and have been learning new songs and rhymes. They have been exploring inside and outside of school, designing, making, constructing with lots of different materials and media, whilst working hard on their phonics and maths skills - they have certainly been very busy as well as having lots of fun!! The Caterpillars (FS1) have been enjoying their project *Roar, Squeak, Tweet!* They have been finding out about lots of different animals including pets, farm and forest animals. They too have been drawing, cutting, sticking and constructing using lots of different materials. We will be starting our new projects after the half term break – look out for more details in our next newsletter.

Friends of Malmesbury Park (FOMPPS) – A big welcome back to all parents and carers at Malmesbury Park. All parents and carers automatically become members of FOMPPS. FOMPPS has been set up to raise funds and provide opportunities for children to take part in a variety of events such as cake sales, film nights, discos, and any ideas that you bring. We are always keen to take part in new ideas events.

FOMPPS recently held an AGM on 8th October via Zoom and it was lovely to see some new people join. We are delighted to say that we have a new Co-Chair Jem and offer her a warm welcome. Our deepest thanks go to Clarissa, the departing Co-Chair who will be leaving us as she is moving out of the area. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings so watch out for the details in the future.

FOMPPS really does make a difference to the school having raised monies recently for the Library Bus, the trim trail and playground markings. FOMPPS looks to provide for projects that benefit all the children across the whole school.

There are several current fundraising initiatives:

Bags to school! – bring your unwanted clothes in a bin bag to school! We get money on the weight of our donations – so declutter and help raise monies for our children. Please drop donations in a bin bag outside the school office by Friday 6th November.

The Giving Machine – raise money for the school whenever you shop online – just select our school – all details are on the school website under the community tab.

Bournemouth Coastal Lottery – We have launched our lottery page. You can support the school and win prizes of up to £25,000! Tickets cost £1.00 per week and 50% of all tickets sold from the FOMPPS page come back to us! To start supporting, please visit: www.bhcoastallottery.co.uk and search for FOMPPS.

If you do have some great ideas of how we can work together especially during these Covid times then email FOMPPS@malmesburypark.bournemouth.sch.uk

Keep an eye out for updates on the website and texts where we let you know of things that are happening. We look forward to working with everyone and having a successful year ahead.

Nut Free School – Please remember we are a nut free school, for the safety and well-being of both children and staff. Please ensure that any food products that come into school do not contain nuts.



Medication And Prescriptions - Following our school policy, we are only able to hold and administer **prescribed** medication to children. We are able to give children antibiotics that have been prescribed for 4 or more times per day, and can only hold any other medication if these have been prescribed. If you need the school to give your child medication, please bring it to the school office where a school medicine form will need to be completed. If you would like your child to take non-prescription medication, a parent or guardian will need to come in to school to give it to them. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

FOMPPS Bags for Schools – Please return all bags with unwanted clothing by Friday 6th November.

Return to School – We all return to school after half term on Tuesday 3rd November at the usual times for your year group.

Have a happy, peaceful and safe half term break everyone!

Dates for Your Diary

Fri 23rd Oct – Break for half term
Mon 2nd Nov – Inset day
Tues 3rd Nov – Return to school
Fri 6th Nov – Bags to school FOMPPS
Mon 16th Nov – National anti-bullying week.
Thurs 10th Dec – Flu vaccine day
Fri 18th Dec – End of term
Mon 4th Jan- Return to school
Thurs 11th Feb – Break for half term
Fri 12th Feb – Inset day
Mon 22nd Feb – Inset day
Tues 23rd Feb – Return to school
Thurs 4th Mar – World Book Day
Wed 31st Mar – Break for Easter
Thurs 1st April – Inset day
Mon 19th April – Return to school
Mon 3rd May – Bank Holiday (School closed)
Mon 10th May – Y6 SATs week
Fri 28th May – Break for half term
Mon 7th June – Return to school
Fri 2nd July – Inset day
Mon 5th July – Inset day
Fri 23rd July – Last day of term

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