



Malmesbury Park News

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Happy Christmas!



We hope that those of you who joined us, enjoyed the KS2 Carol Concert on Monday evening. It was wonderful to be able to fill the church to the maximum – there was no room at the inn!

It was a fabulous start to the Christmas period and our school celebrations, the children were amazing. They filled the church with song, music and joy and were a real credit to themselves, the school and you.. Thank you to everyone who joined us to support our children.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our whole school community a peaceful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year! We hope that everyone enjoys the Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 2nd January 2024!**

Christmas Celebrations are coming... Next week sees our Christmas Performances from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We have been rehearsing hard and are excited to share them with you!

Christmas Outcomes –

The **FS1 Nativity** will take place on Tuesday 12th December at 10am and 2pm.

Year 1 – Starry Night

The Year 1 outcome will take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 13th December in the school hall.

Year 2 – Christmas Around the World

The Year 2 will be performed at 2:30pm on Wednesday 13th December in the school hall.

The **FS2 Nativity** will take place on Thursday 14th December at 10:00am and 2:00pm. Both performances will be in the school hall.



All tickets for the Year 1, Year 2 and Reception Christmas performances have now been issued.

Christmas Parties & Non-Uniform day.



Our Christmas Parties will be held on Friday 15th December during the afternoon. The day will be a 'Mufti' (non-uniform) day. The children can wear their own clothes for the day.

As lunch will happen as usual, children should only bring a small snack and a drink for themselves - there can be no sharing of food.

Attendance



Special Congratulations to Badgers class who have had the highest attendance over the last two weeks with 99.12% attendance.

Well done Badgers class!

As you know, we take attendance at school very seriously at Malmesbury Park and expect all children to be in school every day. Thank you for all your hard work and support getting your child(ren) to school every day, on time! We are working hard 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.



IN SCHOOL ON TIME, EVERY DAY

Thank you to everyone for working really hard to get to school on time – we are continuing to see a reduction in the number of late marks.

Just a reminder that gate times are:

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

Please make sure you arrive on time for school.



Curriculum News

As we move towards the Christmas break, our focus turns towards learning about the festive period through art and design and through celebrations with parents. FS1 and FS2 are very excited to be practising their Christmas performance for parents. In year 1, children are creating their own starry night portraits using a variety of different techniques. Year 2 are looking at Christmas around the world and working hard practising for their Christmas outcome to parents. In DT, year 3 are designing and making their own seasonal stockings. Year 4 are making their own traditional Christmas and New Year cards. After working hard contributing towards the KS2 carol concert Year 5 are now completing their work on forces and Year 6 are learning about their local environment and beyond in their Geography project, Mapping the World.

The Governing Body

ADVANCE NOTICE

Could our next parent governor, be you? We have a vacancy for 1 parent governor on our Local Governing Body.

What is the role of local governing bodies?

The Local governing body works together and are responsible for monitoring a wide range of matters, including ensuring that pupils receive a high quality education. Local parent governors play an important role as members of the local governing body and are welcomed as valued members of the team. Governors support and, at the same time, challenge heads by gathering views, asking questions and working with stakeholders. The governing body is answerable to parents, pupils, the Reach South Trust and the wider community.

What would my commitment be?

Our meetings are held **termly at 5.30pm**. Meetings should last no more than 2 hours. In addition, Governors are encouraged to visit the academy once a term to learn more about the way the academy works.

What will I gain as a local governor?

- The opportunity to make a real difference and the chance to contribute to the good of the community;
- An understanding of the decision making process of local governing bodies and an awareness of the education system as a whole;
- The opportunity to work with a wide variety of people and pupils from a variety of social, cultural and religious backgrounds;
- New skills and strengthen existing ones. You will be offered training on various aspects of the governor role.

If you think this could be the opportunity for you, look out for further information coming after the Christmas Holidays, or contact the School office to speak with the clerk to the Governing Body, Mrs. Valerie Osborne

SEND

Please see below a message from SENDIASS:

During December we have a number of drop-ins and workshops available, that parent/carers can use to get more information on things like how to apply for an EHCP, SEN Support, and other subjects. We also have some drop-ins for children and young people to attend as well. Please follow the link for more information.

[What's On in December - SENDIASS4BCP](#)

If you have any concerns about your child, whether they are already on the SEN Register or not, please contact Mrs Purse (SENCO - Special Educational Needs Coordinator) via the school office.



Reading at Malmesbury Park

Here, at Malmesbury Park, we want the children to love reading. In EYFS and KS1 we follow the RWInc. scheme, but as the children progress through the school we want to continue their love of reading. Our library bus is an exciting opportunity for all the children to access fiction and non-fiction books to take home. Children in KS2 also have reading books that are linked to their reading ability and they change these books at least once a week.

There is more to reading than just being able to read the words. We need to understand what the text is telling us. In order to teach these skills, we use Reading Masters from Year 1 to Year 6. The children explore a book a week and get the opportunity to practice lots of different reading skills. We read the story/text every day so that the children can familiarise themselves with it. Do ask your children what extract or book they are reading this week.

On a Monday we introduce the text and talk about meanings of different words by looking at new vocabulary. Tuesday is 'Word Detectives' day where we teach the children how to scan the text for answers. On a Wednesday we focus on reading between the lines and how to find clues in the text, known as 'Thinking Caps'. We also provide opportunities for the children to summarise the text, predict what will happen next and sequence the story during our 'Building Blocks' lesson. We finish the week with 'Points of View' which encourages the children to share ideas and opinions based on what they have read.



Reading Champions

We have also appointed this years Reading Champions to our school. These children had to fill out an application form to apply for the role and were carefully selected.

There was a lot of interest and some excellent application forms. The job of our

Reading Champions is to help promote a love Of reading and support children with their reading. They are also responsible for ensuring the books are kept neat and tidy on the library bus and in the book corridor. Another part of their role is listening to children read in Year 1 and Year 2. The children have been carefully selected to read their phonics book to a Reading Buddy at least twice a week. The children have really enjoyed their responsibilities and are doing an amazing job, especially with some of our less confident readers.

Our Reading Champions for this year are:

Lily- Cho	Leo
Remy	Arthur
Curtis	Deacon
Gracie	Alicja
Bianca	Mina
Melek	Lesoda
Darasimi	Lottie
Aarya	Kaja
Elisa	Yasmine

It is really important that children have the time to read every day, even if it is only for 10 mins, as this allows them to build upon their skills. Please do make sure children bring their books and reading diaries to school **every day** as we do read in class as part of our morning and end of day activities. You can also encourage them to look more deeply into the book they have by practising some of our Reading Masters skills.

Life in Year 4 by Guna

Maths- we have been learning about bar charts and pictograms. We have also been looking at tally charts and frequency tables because they help with our bar charts. We have been constructing them for 1-2 weeks. Every day, we get our times tables booklets out and we have 2-3 minutes to do one column which has 40 questions. So far, we have practised the 2, 4 and 6 times tables.

English- we have read two stories, 'Gorilla' and 'Leon and The Place Between'. While we were looking at Gorilla, we were learning about speech sandwiches which makes your writing more exciting. We were looking at conjunctions which are; because, although, if and when. We were trying to use them a

lot in our writing to join two sentences together. In 'Leon and The Place Between', we were reading about a boy who goes to a circus and volunteers to go into the Place Between for a magic trick that the magician is doing. The magician's name is Abdul Kazam.

Science- we have just finished our lesson on the three states of matter. They are solids, liquids and gases. We have looked at freezing, (turning a liquid into a solid) and evaporation (liquid to gas). We also learnt about the water cycle.

History –we learnt about the Romans in History. We studied about all the qualities of what it took to be a Roman soldier and also about Emperor Claudius who invaded Britain.

Panto Review by Poppy Year 6

The Cinderella Pantomime performed by The Treehouse Theatre group was absolutely astonishing. Everyone loved watching and joining in. We all enjoyed the singing and dancing, particularly when the actors 'Rick rolled' the audience! The children laughed so much and we all had a great time.



Thank you to all our families who support FOMPPS and their fundraising throughout the year, this allowed us to invite the Treehouse Theatre to perform and give the children a special treat.

From the Treehouse Theatre Group... Cinderella' is a colourful and interactive family-friendly pantomime, with live music, singing and dancing along, excitement, laughter and surprises, and of course plenty of audience interaction.

If you had a Fairy Godmother, what would YOU wish for?

FOMPPS



Christmas Raffle!

Please keep your take Raffle Tickets coming in, both sold and unsold. They can be handed to your child's class teacher, please remember to fill out the stub and keep the ticket.

We have some fantastic prizes including:

- Luxury Hampers
- Dinner Voucher for SimSim
- Dance Voucher for South Coast Dance and Arts
- Luxury Facials
- Laser Quest
- Moors Valley
- Rock Reef and much more!

Thank you to those who have donated from their family and friends' businesses too! The Raffle will be drawn in school on the 13th Dec! Good luck! All proceeds towards The Pond Appeal!

Festive Friday's in the Gazebo



Christmas Goodies for sale (whilst stocks last):

- Letters to Santa
- Crochet goods
- Card Packs
- Reindeer Food
- Homemade Teddies

All donations towards the Pond Appeal!

Thank you to those who joined our Coffee morning last week, it is really lovely to be a small part of building a friendly and supportive school community.

Online Initiatives 🗑️

The festive time is a great opportunity to sign up to one of our online schemes!

The school receives donations without it costing you a penny, thousands of shops are included!

Easy Fundraising

The Giving Machine

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Please collect your plastic packaging over the festive period! Let's see if we can make January our best month yet for collecting! Collection points can be found by the school office.



We hope everyone has a lovely festive break and want to thank everyone who has donated to our events this term, volunteered their time, and donated prizes to the raffle. We hope to bring you more information about The Pond Appeal in the New Year and look forward to many more fun events!

The FOMPPS team.

PE Kits

We wear our PE kits into school on PE Days. However, this MUST be school PE Kit - white T-shirt, black shorts (black joggers in winter) and school jumper. Football kits and other sport clothing must not be worn. We will call home and ask for alternative clothing if the correct PE Kit is not worn.





Naming ALL items – Please help us to help you.... Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. When children remove their coats, jumpers and cardigans it is impossible to reunite them without a name! Please also name water bottles and lunch boxes as we have quite a collection in lost property!

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.



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 will be visiting.

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

Dates for Your Diary

- 12th December – FS1 Nativity
- 13th December – Y1 Christmas outcome
- 13th December – Y2 Christmas outcome
- 14th December – FS2 Nativity
- 15th December - Christmas parties
- 15th December – Last day of term
- 2nd January – Children return to school
- 12th January – Oxford Class Assembly
- 16th January – Open Morning – 'A' Classes
- 19th January – York Class Assembly (9:00am)
- 19th January – Owls Class Assembly (9:45am)
- 23rd January – Open Morning 'B' Classes
- 26th January – Glasgow Class Assembly
- 30th January – Open Morning 'C' Classes
- 30th January – Y5/6 SRE Talk for Parents
- 2nd February – Manchester Class Assembly (9:00am)
- 2nd February – Badgers Class Assembly (9:45am)

- 6th February – Safer Internet Day
- 7th February – International Day
- 8th February – Last Day of Term
- 9th February – INSET Day
- 19th February – INSET Day
- 20th February – Children return to school

School INSET Days

(School is closed to all children)
 9th February 2024
 19th February 2024
 8th July 2024

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.

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Harri requires life changing SDR surgery to permanently remove the spasticity in his legs which will improve his mobility and keep him safe. This surgery is not funded by the NHS for Harri so we need your help to raise £50,000.

If you can please donate and / or share.

Contact: Hope4Harri.com
Andrea@hope4harri.com

Text **HOPE4HARRI 10**
to 70085 to donate
£10.

CHARMINSTER


SANTA IS ON HIS WAY TO SEE YOU !

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER AT 5PM


START POINT : THE BRUNSWICK PUB

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