



# Malmesbury Park News

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We are having a busy half term, with lots of events taking place and many to look forward too! It has been great to see so many of you supporting our Class Assemblies and Open Mornings. The children and staff really appreciate your support and enjoy you being here with us in school. The Class Assemblies are a great opportunity for the children to share their learning with you, alongside offering them the opportunity to speak in front of an audience and present information in engaging ways. The children have enjoyed sharing their learning with you during Open Mornings. We hope it is a useful opportunity for you to experience lessons in school and understand the amount and level of information the children need to absorb, analyse and synthesise each day. They certainly do work hard!

### Open Mornings:

Following our Open Morning for 'A' Classes, our 'B' and 'C' classes still have theirs to look forward to! Open Mornings run from 09:00 until 10:15. You will be able to enter school via the Office, please drop your child at the gate as normal so the class has time to settle and take their register. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us and look forward to seeing you in school!

Open Mornings will take place as follows:

B Classes – 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 09:00-10:15

**Bees, Otters, Kestrels, Durham, Southampton, Liverpool, Cambridge**

C Classes – 30<sup>th</sup> January – 09:00-10:15

**Ladybirds, Hedgehogs, Kingfishers, Warwick, Bristol, Edinburgh, UCL**

We would really value your feedback. If you have any questions, comments to make about Open Morning, please follow the link below to leave your thoughts and ideas – this will be completely anonymous.

<https://forms.office.com/e/9Miw1jhZ5Z>

### Trainers

We are noticing a lot of coloured footwear coming into school. This is **NOT** our uniform policy. School shoes **AND** trainers for PE should be plain black. Please can you make sure your child has the correct footwear for school.



### Upcoming Events

We have a particularly busy week before the half term break.

We have a number of events we are supporting:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

We will be involved in a number of activities with the children

**to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – International Day

We will be celebrating education around the world. The children will be finding out about what a day in school is like across the globe, with each year group focussing on a different continent and class researching a different country. We will have lots of information to share with you.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Express Yourself Day

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week, we are holding an 'Express Yourself Day'. This will be a non-uniform day.

The children can come to school dressed in their favourite colour or their favourite Team Kit or their favourite comfy clothes.

### Attendance



**Special Congratulations to Otters class** who have had the highest attendance over the last two weeks with 98% attendance.

**Well done Otters 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.*



On Monday 5th February we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health week - the theme this year is:



**"My voice matters!"**

The week will begin with ELF assemblies, inspired by Place2Be, to empower and support the children's understanding of mental health and reflect on the strategies and tools they can use to help them express themselves.



At Malmesbury Park we celebrate our differences and how unique and individual we all are and so we are taking part in our own 'Express yourself' day on Thursday 8th February.

'Express yourself' day is for children to wear their own clothes letting their personalities shine through with their favourite colours, their favourite team's kit or their comfiest clothes.

Place2Be website has a wealth of resources to help you support your child/children at home:  
[www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/media/vxgdpw3x/cmhw-24-top-tips-for-families.pdf](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/media/vxgdpw3x/cmhw-24-top-tips-for-families.pdf)  
[Children's Mental Health Week 2024 - theme one pager \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

For practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour please have a look at Place2Be's parenting smart website:  
[Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles](http://www.place2be.org.uk/parenting-smart/articles)



To continue to spread kindness far and wide and in addition to our 'ELF I've been caught being kind' stickers and achievements we are taking part in the 'Kindness Ambassador Programme' run by the School of Kindness.

In November, during anti bullying week, children from each class were nominated by their peers to become a Kindness Ambassador. Mrs Phelps has collected all of the nominations and will announce the successful ambassadors during the assemblies on Monday 5th February.

**Anti-Bullying**

During our Express Yourself day, children will be able to purchase some Anti bullying merchandise (wrist bands, badges and pencils) sent from the Diana Award scheme, following our successful support for the Positive Post Box posters. The money raised will go towards purchasing badges for our newly appointed Kindness ambassadors.



**Curriculum News**

Caterpillars are continuing to learn all about different minibeasts in their project called 'I'm going to eat this ant'. FS2 are immersed in their 'Three little pigs' project and have been finding out exactly how the wolf managed to blow the houses down! Years 1, 3 and 5 have continued their Science projects. In Y1 the children are finding out about the amazing animals that inhabit our planet and have been learning how these are classified into different groups. In Y3 the children have been finding out about light sources, how to protect ourselves from the dangers of sunlight and discovering how day and night occur. Y5 have been exploring materials, investigating the effects of heat and stirring on the rate of dissolving. Year 4 are enjoying their Geography project, exploring the Amazing Amazon and have been learning about the different layers of the rainforest. Year 2 are starting their Art sculpture project and will be investigating movement – creating kinetic sculptures using clay. Year 6 have been researching World War One and finding out about Sergeant

Frederick Riggs VC, a past pupil of our school and for whom the Riggs unit is named, investigating why he was awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery. Please do talk to your children about their learning – you will be amazed at their knowledge and understanding of the topics they are studying.

**Science**

Children all across the school, from Nursery all the way up to year 6 have already completed some great science work this year. At Malmesbury Park, we know that it is important for children to be thinking scientifically and that this will help their understanding of the world around them. We help the children to learn this important skill through a well-planned and delivered curriculum. In FS1 and FS2, the children will access their science learning through a mixture of continuous provision and more formal instruction. From year 1 upwards, the children complete their science learning in dedicated science booklets. When asked what their favourite part of science is, many children will say that they enjoy the different experiments and practical work that we do during the projects. Throughout their time at Malmesbury Park, the children will complete many different experiments, testing and applying their knowledge in different contexts, drawing conclusions and learning how to conduct fair tests. The children are often really keen to talk about their science learning and it is clear that we have some very enthusiastic budding scientists in our midst!

**Parents Evenings**

This term our 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). Further information re: booking your appointment will follow soon

**Parent Governor**

We have received an application for the Parent Governor vacancy. If you would like to apply – please ensure your application is at the school office by 3.15pm on Monday 22nd January. Thank you.



**FOMPPS**

Our upcoming events are:

**Valentines Day Crafts and Cakes**

Card craft, Crochet gifts and Cakes will be available after school at the gazebo:

**Tues 6th - Card craft and Crochet gifts**

**Weds 7th - Card craft, Crochet gifts and Cakes**

We'd love your baked goods - get cooking your tasty treats and drop them to the office during the morning on Wednesday 7th February.

**Thurs 8th - Card craft and Crochet gifts**

Are you crafty?? Would you like to help us make the craft kits?? Please get in touch with the team.

**Bag2school Collection Thursday 22nd February**

Please have a rummage in half term and bring bags into school from Tuesday 20th February, leaving them outside the office, under the shelter. **Please tie bags up securely.**

We are collecting good quality second-hand:

- Clothes - adults and children's
- Paired shoes - tied together
- Clean Teddies
- Belts/ handbags/curtains/bedding covers/ coats ( no duvets or pillows)

The heavier the better!!  
 Enjoy collecting!

### **World Book Day (7th March)**

Costume Exchange on Friday 1st March - after school at the gazebo.

Please drop good quality costume donations in the labelled bins at the office, from Monday 26th Feb onwards.

### **Mothers Day Craft Kits and Gifts Sale**

Tuesday 5th March - Friday 8th March

Pre order details coming in the next Newsletter!

### **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

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

Join our [Facebook group](#) by clicking the link.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

23<sup>rd</sup> January – Open Morning 'B' Classes (09:00-10:15)

**Bees, Otters, Kestrels, Durham, Southampton, Liverpool, Cambridge**

26<sup>th</sup> January – Glasgow Class Assembly (9.00am)

26<sup>th</sup> January – Hedgehogs Class Assembly (9.45am)

30<sup>th</sup> January – Open Morning 'C' Classes (09:00-10:15)

**Ladybirds, Hedgehogs, Kingfishers, Warwick, Bristol, Edinburgh, UCL**

30<sup>th</sup> January – Y5/6 SRE Talk for Parents

2<sup>nd</sup> February – Manchester Class Assembly (9:00am)

2<sup>nd</sup> February – Badgers Class Assembly (9:45am)

6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

7<sup>th</sup> February – International Day

8<sup>th</sup> February – Express Yourself Day

8<sup>th</sup> February – School finishes for half term

9<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day – school closed for children

19<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day – school closed for children

20<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school

22<sup>nd</sup> February – Bags to School

1<sup>st</sup> March – Bristol Class Assembly (9:00am)

1<sup>st</sup> March – Kingfishers Class Assembly (9:45am)

7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

8<sup>th</sup> March – Durham Class Assembly (9:00am)

8<sup>th</sup> March – Bees Class Assembly (9:45am)

15<sup>th</sup> March – Edinburgh Class Assembly (9:00am)

15<sup>th</sup> March – Ladybirds 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 the Summer Term

### **School INSET Days**

(School is closed to all children)

9th February 2024

19th February 2024

8th July 2024

### **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.



**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](http://www.malmesburypark.com)

**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**.



### **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.

**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.**



### **Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops**

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.

#### • **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February - An introduction to Autism**

An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.

#### • **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Communication**

Identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.

#### • **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Sensory Processing**

Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.

#### • **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Pathological Demand Avoidance**

A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.

**Workshops will be held 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.**

£25 per workshop for each family.

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