



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2020

Weekly Newsletter

6th November 2020

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

### SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER

11+ Examination

### MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER

11+ Examination

### TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER

Individual and Sibling Photographs

### TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER

Parent's Evening  
Telephone meeting

### WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day

### THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER

Parent's Evening  
Telephone meeting

### FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER

FOMCS Pop up Shop

### FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER

Children in Need

### MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER

Odd Sock Day

### MONDAY 7th - TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER

Christmas Party

## ★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

Maldon Court wishes -  
Sebastian Warren  
a very Happy Birthday

## WELCOME.....

Alexandra Hayward, Sofia Hayward  
and Joseph Crozier to the  
Maldon Court Family



Dear Parents,

As we enter a period of national lockdown, we are delighted that at school we are carrying on. Our school day will continue to operate including after school clubs and Wrap Around Care. These provisions are vital for your childcare needs and so we are able to continue running them. I would respectfully ask that you continue to adhere to the social distancing measures that we have put in place. This especially includes drop off and pick up times. We always endeavour to get the children in and out of school as quickly as possible. If you are running early or late for your drop off time please do not join a different bubble in the line, simply take a position on the opposite side of the road. I will then be able to see you and welcome your child as soon as there is an appropriate gap. Once you have completed your drop off/collection please keep the pavement clear. The school minibus parks next to the school gates in the morning and afternoon and we need a clear and safe route to disembark the children.

I would like to reassure you that we are continuing our rigorous standards and procedures in maintaining the highest levels of cleanliness and hygiene throughout the school to alleviate the risk of infection. We are also required to keep the school well ventilated, with every classroom being fully ventilated every hour during breaks between lessons. We balance this requirement with the comfort of the children and so the heating remains on. With this in mind, children may wear their Maldon Court base layers under all uniforms. These base layers are available from the school office.

We are also aware that the contact with your child's class teacher has been reduced. Therefore, we have decided to offer all parents an additional Parents' Evening. This will be arranged for early in January so we have a full term of data, assessments and learning for the children. These additional meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams or Zoom to give you the opportunity of a face to face meeting with the class teacher(s).

Finally, the 11+ examinations take place this weekend and I would like to wish our children sitting the exam the very best of luck. Their hard work and dedication to get to this point has been nothing short of inspirational.

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Max Mason in Form 4 and Isabel Dunkin in Form 3 for winning the Headteacher's award this week. Max won it for his outstanding effort in all subjects and for always being kind and polite. Isabel won it for her exceptional attitude to school life and for being an outstanding role model to others. Congratulations also to Martha Smith who won the Good Manners award this week.

**NURSERY** - This week Nursery have been enjoying the topic: Fireworks. We have been having lots of fun pretending to be rockets and making lots of bangs and crashes at Physical Time! The children also had fun creating their own firework fun in the tuff tray using a range of media to represent colours and shapes. On Wednesday, the children took part in a science experiment to create fireworks in a jar. The children took turns to add the oil, water and food colouring to produce a display of colours in the jar. The children really enjoyed taking part in this activity. Next week our topic is Nursery Rhymes, for optional homework we would like to invite the children to create a picture or painting of their favourite nursery rhyme.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



**FORM 4** - This week, Form 4 have been talking about emotions and feelings within their PSHE lessons. First, we discussed all the different types of emotions and feelings that we may experience in our lives and when we might experience them. Then, we played a fun game of 'Charades' to help us recognise how to show different feelings. The children worked very hard to identify different coping strategies to help deal with these difficult emotions. Well done Form 4.

Miss Broadbridge and Mrs Dickinson



ISI Independent Schools Inspectorate | Ofsted Outstanding Provider | Arts Council England | Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England | Healthy School Eco-Schools | independent schools council | FOOD HYGIENE RATING 5 VERY GOOD



**REMEMBRANCE DAY AND VE DAY COINS** - We are proud to continue to show our respect for those who served to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life through Remembrance Day. The children have been learning in school and will pay their respects on Wednesday 11th November at 11am with a two minute silence. It was also an honour to accompany Sophia and Miguel, our Head Girl and Head Boy to lay a wreath at the Maldon Memorial. This was filmed and sent to Maldon Town Council so that we could be included in their virtual service on Sunday. This can be viewed on the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5flYmqIEgk> Please do take the opportunity to watch on Sunday 8th November at 11am.

All of the children have been presented with a commemorative Gold coin from Maldon Town Council to remember the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. We were delighted to welcome the Town Mayor, Abdul Hafiz, who presented the coins to us. Form captains then came to my office and collected the coins to distribute to their class. Coins were distributed yesterday.

**CONKER COMPETITION RESULTS** - Before Half Term the children in Reception through to Form 6 had their annual Conker Competition. We are delighted to announce the winners were as follows:  
 Reception, Meghan Knight. Form 1, Rose Hayes. Form 2, Eliza Cowell. Forms 3 and 4, Elijah Hawes. Forms 5 and 6, Lottie Craddock. All the winners will receive a medal next Tuesday. Well done to all the children that took part, it was a fiercely contested tournament!

**RSE SCHOOL POLICY** - Please be informed that our new RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) policy has been updated. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

PE Timetable - W/C 9th November	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
Pre-Reception	Reception
Form 1	Form 3
Form 2	Form 4
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm	
Form 5	Form 6
KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 5 and 6 - Wednesday 11th 3.30 - 4.30pm	

Have a lovely weekend  
**Mrs E Mason**  
 Headteacher

**FOMCS** - We'd like to say a huge well done, and thank you, to those that took part in our half term fundraiser and helped raise a huge £270. We are also looking forward to seeing pictures of everyone's paper plates in the classrooms in a couple of weeks' time; and of course looking forward to hearing who the winners are too. All Christmas card/gift orders are now being processed and we are planning to go ahead with the much loved tea towels, more information to follow at a later date.

**MENU W/C 9th November**

Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Homemade meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta and sweet corn	Shortbread or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice and prawn crackers	Jam sponge pudding and custard or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Sausages served with potato waffles and baked beans	Chocolate mousse or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Harry Ramsden fish served with herbed potatoes, peas and salad	Arctic roll or fruit

