



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2019

Weekly Newsletter

13th December 2019

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

FRIDAY 3rd JANUARY

Staff INSET day

MONDAY 6th JANUARY

Children return to school
No Clubs this week

MONDAY 13th JANUARY

Clubs to Start

FRIDAY 17th JANUARY

Form 4 Cake Sale

TUESDAY 28th JANUARY

ESB Exam Forms 4,5 and 6

THURSDAY 30th JANUARY

Pre Reception Class Trip
Sealife Centre

THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY

Life Support Roadshow
Forms 5 and 6

FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY

Form 3 Cake Sale
Final Swimming for Forms 1,2 and 3
Break up for Half Term

MONDAY 17th -

FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY

Half Term

MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY

Children return to school

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY

Swimming starts for
Forms 4,5 and 6



Dear Parents,

The children have had a wonderful final week of term. Not only have they continued to work extremely hard in their lessons but we have also managed to fit in lots of festive fun along the way. We always try to get the balance right with our children at this time of year. The children understand how fortunate they are and how others are not as fortunate as ourselves. Therefore, last Friday, our Form 5 and 6 children went out into our local community to sing carols to the elderly. We visited St Peter's Hospital and The Lodge Care home in Maldon to share some festive spirit. The children sang beautifully and their performances were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

Yesterday, the children came to school in their Christmas jumpers for what is always one of the most popular days of the school year. All of the children enjoyed the most wonderful Christmas dinner in the hall. The atmosphere was fantastic; the Christmas songs were playing, crackers were pulled and a thoroughly good time was had by all. I would like to say thank you to Miss Reeves and Miss Crockett, our superb kitchen staff, for all of their hard work to make it such a special lunch for everyone. It really was delicious! In the afternoon, the children enjoyed our traditional 'Maldon Court's Got Talent'. The children showcased some fantastic talents including singing, dancing, piano playing, drama, gymnastics and speed art. They faced our guest judges – Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden and David Walliams. After a very close competition the winners were announced as Toby and Ben from Form 6 for their trumpet recital and Janeska, Evie and Harriet from Form 1 for their story telling.

Finally, our term ended this morning with our Carol Service at All Saints' church. As always, the children excelled themselves with their public speaking and singing. I am sure you will agree that the children and choir sang beautifully and to an exceptional standard. Congratulations to Hudson Williams for singing his solo superbly. It was a beautiful service and it was lovely to see so many of you there to support the children. I would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas with your families and a very happy New Year. I look forward to seeing all of the children back in school on 6th January.

HEADTEACHERS AWARD - Congratulations to Florence Mee and Harry Mason who won the award this week for being excellent ambassadors for the school whilst undertaking a tour when the older children were singing in the community. They undertook this responsibility with maturity and diligence and were a credit to the school. Well done, Florence and Harry.

NURSERY - Nursery have had a wonderful last week. We have had so much Christmas fun. The children have decorated Christmas biscuits, made a yule log, enjoyed a Christmas work station and enjoyed lots of Christmas stories and rhymes. The children really enjoyed joining the school in the hall on Thursday for Christmas dinner, which was delicious! For optional Christmas homework, please send in a photo of your child enjoying the festivities with family and friends.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



RECEPTION - Reception have enjoyed creating winter and Christmas crafts this week. Following our visit to the Zoo a few weeks ago, we drew some wonderful penguins to go on a calendar. We practised drawing large circles and ovals to create our penguin shape. We worked with our Form 6 Buddies to paint an icy winter scene for our penguins to live. We were very proud of our fantastic artwork.

Miss Wayman



FORM 2 - Form 2 completed their vehicles this week. They constructed the bodywork using a variety of boxes, big and small, and painted them with some very interesting designs. They also fixed elastic bands to the chassis and rear axle to power their vehicles and then they raced them. Following the races, they evaluated their designs to see how they could be improved upon.

Mrs Baron



CHRISTMAS DINNER AND MALDON COURTS GOT TALENT



FORM 6 - In Design and Technology, Form 6 have been working hard to make marble runs for their buddies in Reception. Their design brief was to create a structure where the marble could turn and change speed. They learnt how to form stable structures and joins. When their marble runs were completed they gave them to their buddies who loved them and spent the morning testing them out. The Reception children were delighted to keep them and take them home.
Mrs Fleming



NATIONAL SCHOOLS EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION - The eagerly awaited results of the November Pop Up Dressage competition have been announced, huge congratulations to Mathilda Cowell (F5) with her super spotty pony, Storm, who came 2nd in the Prelim U10 section and 8th overall. What an amazing achievement in a National league, Well Done Mathilda! On Sunday Blake Ashworth-Leech (F6) represented the school at the Inter-Schools Eastern Region Grassroots Show jumping Championships at Tophorn arena in Suffolk. Schools from all over the region were battling out to be crowned champion in their respective sections. Blake had a very successful day, becoming Champions of the Style & Performance class with his pony Mouse and also becoming 50cm Champions with his pony Romeo. Well Done Blake!



Beechwood training sessions are booked in for; 19th December, 24th January & 17th February all at 5pm. The arena will be set for dressage so Pop Up dressage entries can be filmed. If you are keen to have a go please contact me on 07969647430 so we can get your membership completed to enable you to take part.

Sam Leech; MCPS NSEA Team Manager

PE Timetable - W/C 2nd December

Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
F1	F2
PR	R
F3	F4
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm	
F5	F6

First Week Back Menu

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Chilli con carne served with rice and warmed tortilla chips.	Flapjacks or fruit
Tues	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire puddings and gravy.	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Weds	Chicken and ham pasta bake served with garlic bread.	Apple crumble and custard or fruit
Thurs	Sausages served with potato croquettes, beans and salad.	Strawberry mousse or fruit
Fri	Harry Ramsden battered fish served with chips, peas and salad.	Chocolate chip cookies or fruit

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**Mrs E Mason
Headteacher**

FOMCS - Thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and especially this term since this is all new for us.

We wish you all a very special Christmas and look forward to the New Year.

Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson

