



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2019

Weekly Newsletter

15th November

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Colchester Castle Trip
Forms 3 and 4
FOMCS Pop up Shop

TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER

Colchester Zoo Trip
Reception Class
FOMCS Pop up Shop

THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER

Children's First Aid Course

WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Flu Immunisations

THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER

FOMCS Christmas Fayre
Maldon Vintage Fayre

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Children's First Aid Course

MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER

Singing around the Christmas Tree
5.00pm

WEDNESDAY 4th DEC

KS2 Pantomime - Peter Pan
Christmas Party - URC
Reception - Form 2

THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER

EYFS Nativity 9.30am

FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER

Singing at St Peter's Hospital
Forms 5 and 6



Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see you all at Parents' Evening this week. Thank you for all of your positive comments and I hope that you all found it informative and helpful. As we always say, if you ever have any questions regarding your child's progress at any time, we operate an open door policy and teachers will be more than happy to speak to you regarding any questions you may have.

I would like to thank our Head Boy, Toby Wilson and our Head Girl, Grace Gallagher for representing the school at the Remembrance Service in Maldon on Sunday morning. They performed their duty with the utmost respect and diligence and were a credit to our school. They were both presented with the Headteacher's Award in celebration assembly on Tuesday. Well done Toby and Grace.

Summer Reading Challenge – I am delighted to inform you that our Maldon Court children won the Summer Reading Challenge again this year. Well done to all children that took part in this over the summer holidays. On Tuesday, the children were presented with the Reading Challenge Cup and certificate in celebration assembly. Congratulations, Maldon Court.

Finally, thank you for all of your support of Odd Sock Day, Remembrance Day and Children in Need over the last week. Our children always display a great deal of empathy and respect towards others and it has been wonderful to see this over the past couple of weeks.

NURSERY - Nursery have been enjoying the topic, Nursery Rhymes and throughout the week we have been singing our favourite songs as well as learning some new. During physical time we enjoyed learning 'Here we go round the Mulberry Bush'. We have also been dressing up as our favourite characters and had a doctors role play area to help make the babies feel better. Thank you to everyone who took part in odd sock day on Wednesday, we had lots of colourful feet! Next week our topic is Transport and Road Safety, for optional homework please make a collage of your favourite mode of transport.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - Pre-Reception would like to say a big thank you to the Randall family for donating lots of toot toot toys to Pre-Reception. The children have loved having these to play with and enjoyed using the floor space in the classroom to build the really big track. Also a big thank you to Elliott for showing us all how it links together and setting it up for us.

Mrs Kennedy and Miss Washbourne



FORM 2 - On Tuesday, Form 2 went to All Saints' Church for a tour with Canon Carter. They had a fantastic time ringing the church bells, playing the organ and dressing up in different colourful robes that priests wear. Mrs. Southey explained to us what the different colours on the robes represent and how these change throughout the year. Canon Carter talked to the children about the font and how he performs christenings, he showed us the lectern with the Bible on it, he took us upstairs to look at the 1000 organ pipes and gave each child the opportunity to go up into the pulpit. We will miss Canon Carter when he retires, he has always made us so welcome.

Mrs Baron



FORM 3 - This week Form 3 have started our new RE topic Christianity. We then spoke about what we thought the true meaning of Christmas was. We played a fun game of Christmas pass the parcel while sharing with the class what Christmas means to us. A lovely start to the Christianity topic. Well done Form 3.
 Miss Vaughan



NATIONAL SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION - Do you have a pony at home? Did you know MCPS have an equestrian team? MCPS are members of the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) who are the recognised body for equestrianism in schools throughout the UK, providing inter-schools competitions for team and individual riders at state & independent schools as well as colleges of further education. The NSEA's aim is to promote and encourage the participation in and recognition of equestrian sport within schools in Great Britain. There are competitions held at all levels from lead rein jumping, intro (walk, trot only) dressage and beyond. This year they have re-introduced the ever popular "Pop Up Dressage" which enables riders to take part in a National league without leaving home over the winter months.

We are working closely with Katie Venus-Bishop (Tobias' mum Reception) who owns Beechwood EC to arrange once monthly training sessions in the dry of the indoor arena to enable riders to work together and if required, video their pop up dressage test for that months competition.

For further information please see Samantha Leech (Blakes' mum F6) and have a look at www.nsea.org.uk



WELLNESS ROOM - Over half term the our Wellness room was painted, the ceiling is now sky blue and Mrs Fleming added her artistic flair by painting some clouds with rainbow rain drops. The children have been able to visit the Wellness room each break time this week with Mrs Wilkins. The activities have included: Making glue glitter jars, colouring, listening to calming music and relaxing with their friends. *Mrs Wilkins*



PE BASE LAYERS - Thank you for your interest in the new MCPS base layers. These will be ordered next Friday so please pop in to the office to make use of the sizing set and either place an order via your ParentMail app or through the office. Please remember these items are optional and will be worn under the MCPS red PE Polos.

PE Timetable - W/C 18th November	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
F1	F2
PR	R
F3	F4
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1 - 3pm	
F5	F6

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
 Headteacher

FOMCS - Christmas events are well and truly under way now. The children will have brought a paper plate home ready for our decorating competition, we are looking forward to all of the wonderful designs hanging in the hall. Our ever popular Christmas pop up shop is open for the children on Monday and Tuesday morning, and we are very excited for the Children to choose their gifts. Finally, the Christmas Fair Doodle sign up app has been sent out via the class reps, please let us know via the app if you are able to help out at all, thank you. Any problems, as always, please get in touch. *Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson*

Next Week's Menu		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Chicken casserole served with roasted new potatoes	Flapjacks or fruit
Tues	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Fresh fruit salad or yoghurt
Weds	Sausages served with pomme noisettes, beans and salad. Form 5: Baked potato with a choice of fillings.	Jam sponge pudding and custard or fruit
Thurs	Pasta Bolognese served with sweet corn and salad. Form 6: Baked potato with a choice of fillings.	Chocolate chip cookies or fruit
Fri	Crispy chicken wraps served with vegetable rice and salad	Strawberry jelly or fruit

