



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2020

Weekly Newsletter

4th December 2020



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

### MONDAY 7th DECEMBER

Christmas Parties  
Pre-Reception & Reception  
Forms 1 & 2  
Forms 5 & 6

### TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER

Christmas Parties  
Nursery  
Forms 3 & 4

### FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER

Christmas Jumper day  
Christmas Lunch  
End of Term

### MONDAY 4th JANUARY

Children Return to school  
No Clubs this week

### MONDAY 11th JANUARY

Clubs Commence

### FRIDAY 29th JANUARY

January Birthday Party

### MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY

Life Support Roadshow

### MONDAY 15th - FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY

Half Term

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★

Maldon Court wishes -  
Aden Karimi  
a very Happy Birthday

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that next week is our final week before the Christmas holiday break. It really is a wonderful time of year to work in a school. We are privileged to see the awe and excitement on the childrens' faces as they see their Christmas trees up in the classrooms, that the 'elf' has mysteriously moved overnight to another place, to open the advent calendars, to see the look of pride when they have completed their Christmas cushions/toys that they have worked so hard on and to hear the gasps of excitement as they find out that Father Christmas has replied to the letters that they wrote to him. This week, the children enjoyed watching the Pantomime 'Cinderella' in their classrooms on Tuesday. This was kindly funded by FOMCs and all of the children had a wonderful afternoon. We have also been working hard on our Christmas surprise for you and we will share next week.

Yesterday, our Form 5 and 6 children competed in a highly competitive netball tournament. The children have been working so hard and are playing to an outstanding level. Although it was raining, this certainly didn't dampen the children's enthusiasm and it was a fiercely competitive tournament. Congratulations to each and every child and a big thank you to Mr Coyle for organising such a fantastic tournament for the children. Please see further on in the newsletter for more details.

Finally, our Christmas post boxes are set up in the dining room for the children to post their cards to their friends. They will be emptied and distributed to the children every day next week.

**HEADTEACHERS AWARD** - Congratulations to Harry Barker in Form 4 and Harry Mason in Form 5 who won the Headteacher's Award this week. Harry Barker won it for his excellent progress in handwriting and Harry Mason for his continued relentless efforts and determination to do well. Congratulations also to Olivia Dunkin who won the Good Manners award this week.

**NURSERY** - Nursery were very excited this week as when they arrived at Nursery, all the Christmas decorations were up! The children have a grotto to play in, which they have loved this week and also a Christmas themed tuff tray to explore. We have another little friend that has joined us this week; a little elf arrived on Monday evening and was hiding in the Christmas tree on Tuesday morning! The elf needed a name and the children chose Elvis. Elvis will be joining us until we break up for the Christmas holidays. The children will need to see if they can find him each day as he will be hiding in all sorts of places around Nursery. Next week our Christmas topic continues with more festive fun. For optional homework, please make a decoration to hang on our Christmas tree.

*Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**PRE-RECEPTION** - Pre-Reception have enjoyed a wonderful week full of Christmas fun. We have enjoyed making some Christmas stockings using lots of paint and glitter and completing our letters to Santa. Pre-Reception were also very excited to discover out new visitor to the classroom, 'Peppermint' the elf had arrived bringing lots of snow and mischief with him.

*Miss Washbourne and Miss Denyer*



**RECEPTION** - Reception have enjoyed getting into the festive spirit this week. We were welcomed by an unexpected visitor at the beginning of the week – an elf called Jingle! We look forward to finding Jingle in the classroom each morning. We had lots of fun decorating our class Christmas tree. We each put a personalised bauble on the tree. We are looking forward to more festive fun next week.

*Miss Wayman*



**FORMS 5 AND 6 NETBALL MATCH** - For many weeks now Form 5 have been determined to test their netball skills against Form 6. Yesterday we held a Form 5 v Form 6 netball tournament. This consisted of two Form 5 teams and two Form 6 teams. Each team played every other team. Form 5 were superb and Form 6 were soon aware there would be no easy matches with Form 5 pushing Form 6 every step of the way. The experience of the Form 6 teams eventually won through with them finishing the group stage in first and second places, earning the right to contest the final match. Congratulations to Kate, Miguel, Eli, Teddy, Alex, Aden, Seb and William who won the final match 7-6 after the timer ended in a thrilling 6-6 draw. This was an excellent showcase of the sporting talent at MCPS and we look forward to further competitions in Hockey and Rugby in the Spring Term. Well done to all who took part. Mr Coyle



**FORM 3** - Form 3 have had an extremely busy couple of weeks. Here is an overview of what we have been up to. In maths we have just finished our Multiplication and Division topic, we can now times and divide enormous numbers by using a different variety of methods. In English, we have been studying the book 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark', the children wrote some beautiful new chapters for the book and conducted fantastic research on barn owls and created a very informative non-chronological report. We have been loving our History topic this term, covering a range of British History Heroes such as William Wilberforce and Lord Shaftesbury. You will be pleased to know our Christmas Stockings are coming along nicely, the children are really getting hang of different sewing techniques. Lastly, the children are loving all of the festivities that comes with this term, on Tuesday we were lucky enough to eat burger and chips in front of the big screen and even have ice cream on the carpet while singing along with Buttons, the children loved the pantomime afternoon and this put us all in a very festive spirit. A fantastic term Form 3 keep up all your hard work!

*Miss Vaughan*



### PE Timetable - W/C 7th December

Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
Pre-Reception	Reception
Form 1	Form 3
Form 2	Form 4
<b>All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm</b>	
Form 5	Form 6
KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 5 and 6 - Wednesday 9th 3.30 - 4.30pm	
<p><b>Have a lovely weekend</b>  <b>Mrs E Mason</b>  <b>Headteacher</b></p>	

**FOMCS** - We hope everyone is enjoying the last weeks of term, and are feeling festive. The last of the Christmas cards should be with you today, and we are taking orders for the ever popular tea towels. We hope the children are enjoying their musical advent each morning, and hear that the pantomime stream was a success! Final preparations are being made for the bubble Christmas parties next week, and a very special delivery from the North Pole may have arrived for each child... Tori and Charlotte

### MENU W/C 7th December

Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Chilli con carne served with rice and tortilla chips	Shortbread or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Chicken goujons, curly fries and peas	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Macaroni cheese served with sweetcorn and salad	Strawberry mousse or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Sausages served with potato wedges and baked beans	Doughnuts and chocolate or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Christmas dinner with all the trimmings	Yule log or fruit

