



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2018

Weekly Newsletter

16th November 2018

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

TUESDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Forms 3 & 4 Trip to Braintree Museum

THURSDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Singing Around the Tree 5.00pm
Maldon Vintage Fayre

FRIDAY 30th NOVEMBER

Forms 5 & 6 Harry Potter Trip

MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER

Forms 1 & 2 Trip to Chelmsford Cathedral

WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER

KS1 Party

KS2 Pantomime

NO ASC for Main School

THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER

9.30am: EYFS Nativity

PM - FOMCS Christmas Fayre

NO ASC for Main School

MONDAY 10th & WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER

FOMCS Pop up shop

THURSDAY 13th DECEMBER

Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day & Maldon Court's Got Talent

FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER

9.30am Carol Service

School & Nursery close at 3.30pm

NO ASC or CLUBS



Dear Parents,

It has been another busy and exciting week at school. It was lovely to see everyone at Parents' Evening this week and as always we had a superb turn out. Thank you to all parents for coming along to hear about the progress of their child. On Monday we highlighted anti bullying week by wearing odd socks. The children looked fantastic. This day was reinforced by PSHE lessons in class and also an assembly. Today, we have supported Children in Need by wearing spotty headwear. Thank you for all your kind donations, these will be counted later on and we will inform you of the total raised in due course. Please remember your pennies after school today as there is a Form 5 cake sale.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Benjamin Philips who won the Headteacher's award for his outstanding English work and to Elizabeth Neall for winning a Cool to be Kind award.

I just want to take the opportunity to highlight that there will be no After School provision on the following dates for the main school children - Wednesday 5th December and Thursday 6th December. There is no After School Care for all classes on the last day of term - Friday 14th December. Thank you to those that have completed the ParentMail form to let us know if your child will be here in the afternoon that day. If you haven't done so, please can I urge you to reply asap.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - On Sunday, George and Milly, along with their families and myself attended the Maldon Remembrance Service. George and Milly did a superb job of representing the school and laying the wreath. They performed their Heads of School role with compassion and diligence and I was very proud of them. As always, it was a very moving service where we could take the time to reflect on the people who gave their lives for our country.



FENCING - This week, the children have particularly enjoyed participating in and learning about fencing in their PE lessons. Thank you to the many parents who have commented so positively about how much their children have enjoyed the lessons. We look forward to this until the end of term where we will then review the provision.



CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS - Looking ahead to the next few weeks of term, we have a number of events that I would like to let parents know about. You are all invited to our Singing Around the Tree event on Thursday 29th November at 5.00pm. This is before the Maldon Vintage Fayre and is a traditional event in which parents, children and staff sing festive songs in the hall around the Christmas Tree. After the songs there will be refreshments of Mulled Wine and Mince Pies for the adults and squash and biscuits for the children. You are all more than welcome to attend and a ParentMail will be sent early next week so that we can get an idea of numbers for catering purposes. Our Carol Service is on the last day of term is at 9.30am at All Saints' Church. All children from Pre-Reception upwards take part in the service and all parents are invited to attend. Children in Pre-Reception and Reception are looking forward to performing their nativity to their family members on Thursday 6th December at 9.30am. Once again a ParentMail will be sent out to get an idea of the numbers that will be attending. Finally, on Thursday 13th December the children will enjoy their Christmas Dinner together - dig out those festive jumpers for the children to wear on this day



FORM 1 - This week, Form 1 focused on ordinal numbers within their maths lesson. Form 1 enjoyed talking about ordinal numbers and when we use them, especially when racing cars! Pupils had to let go of their car at the top of the ramp and race their cars down to the finish line! Well done Form 1!

FORM 3 - This half term, Form 3 will be studying Rocks and Soils. Last week they carried out a number of tests on a variety of rocks, they tested for hardness, whether they reacted to vinegar, whether they were waterproof and whether they were all heavy. This week they have been taking a much closer look at the structure of the rocks using the digital microscopes. The microscopes are great fun to use and very effective as the image can be seen on a larger screen, which aids group discussions.





FORM 2 - Form 2 are fantastic Historians; not only have they been learning about the Gunpowder plot but also discovered lots about Remembrance Day. They have been learning about the trenches, The first World War, Women during the

war and about Peace. The children wanted to do more poppy work and produced a wonderful oil pastel and watercolour artwork. They worked hard on creating perspective.



Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs E Mason,
Headteacher

NURSERY - This week the Nursery children have enjoyed the topic: Nursery Rhymes. We have had lots of lovely pictures from home to display on our Home Link Board. In Nursery, we made some Incy Wincy Spider handprint pictures! Next week our topic is: Transport and Road Safety. For optional homework we would like you to make a 3D model from recycled materials of your favourite mode of transport.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Pasta Bolognese with sweet corn and salad	Shortbread or fruit
Tue	Brunch (sausages, bacon, hash browns and beans)	Doughnuts with chocolate sauce or fruit
Wed	Roast pork, Yorkshire pudding, seasonal veg, roast potatoes, gravy and apple sauce	Fresh fruit salad or Yoghurt/Fruit
Thur	Chicken fajitas served with guacamole, salsa, soured cream and grated cheese.	Vanilla sponge with custard or Fruit
Fri	Fish cakes, mashed potatoes and peas	Chocolate chip cookies or fruit

FOMCS - We continue with the Christmas preparations this week. Thank you for all those who have signed up to help for the Fayre. There are still lots of job we need doing, please have a look and see if you can assist in some way. Congratulations to our winners this week. Sophie Clarke won the front cover of the Christmas Fayre programme and Tobias Venus-Bishop won the Matchbox competition. Thank you to all those who entered both competitions. We had some hard decisions to make. Please note the change of date for the FOMCS pop up shop in December. The pop up shop will now operate on Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th December.

