



# MALDON COURT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter

9th September 2016

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on  
the App and website.

**MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER**  
Clubs to re-start this week

**TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER**  
Form 6 Crucial Crew

**WEDNESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER**  
Power Pass

**THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER**  
Forms 5 & 6 Cross Country Race  
Chelmer Park  
SQUAD TRAINING CANCELLED

**THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER**  
FOMCS AGM  
School Hall - 7.30pm

**FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER**  
Genes For Jeans Day

**THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER**  
Forms 3 & 4 Cross Country Race  
Hylands Park

**THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER**  
Form 3 & 4 Cross Country Race  
Melbourne Park  
SQUAD TRAINING CANCELLED

**FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER**  
Maldon Tag Rugby Tournament  
Forms 3, 4, 5 & 6

**SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER**  
Open Morning  
10am—1.00pm

**TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER**  
Harvest Festival  
9.30am All Saints Church

**THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER**  
Forms 5 & 6 Cross Country Race  
Hylands Park  
SQUAD TRAINING CANCELLED

**MON 17th— FRI 28th OCTOBER**  
Half Term



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the Autumn Term. I hope that you all have had a lovely summer break and enjoyed time with your family and friends. It really did seem to fly by! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Gracie May Thorogood in Nursery 1, Eliza Cowell and Harriet Hawes in Nursery 2, Pip Cowell and Sofia Fisher in Pre-Reception, Summer Allcock-Mead and Miguel Kitasoboka in Form 2, Giselle Kitasoboka and Oliver Martin in Form 3 and Cameron Allock-Mead and Quinton Kitasoboka in Form 5. I know that all of our new children will be welcomed into our school and will be very happy here.

**SCHOOL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS** - As we do every year, we have been working very hard over the summer break to further improve and enhance our school provision for the children. To name just a few: Pre-Reception have a brand new decking area for the children to play outside. We have totally renovated Form 1 with new bespoke units, new chairs and tables. The classroom has been re-painted, had new carpet laid and the sink and children's pegs have been relocated to provide additional space for the children within the classroom. Form 2 has a new carpet. Form 3 has additional classroom space as the old resource room has been moved so that they have two rooms for their learning. Form 3 desks have all been refurbished and a new carpet laid. Form 5 has a new carpet and Form 6 a new door. A new exit buzzer has been fitted to enable adult visitors to let themselves out of the pedestrian gate - this is located next to the PA board at the bottom of the Form 3 staircase. Our School Kitchen has been totally renovated and modernised and to top it off we have a new cloakroom in the new building. This will be used by Forms 1, 4 and 5 and has therefore created extra space in their classrooms. We would like to thank Mr Clampin, Brodie's dad, of Clampin Construction and Mr Heeley of L. Heeley Improvements. They have worked tirelessly over the summer to ensure these improvements were ready for the start of term.

**FORM 3 PSHEE** - The first week back can be very daunting for Key Stage 2, especially going up the stairs! However we have had a great week with lots of games and finding out our new routine. We love our new desks and making sure we keep them tidy for Mrs Guest. In PSHEE we have been focusing on 'building relationships'. We made a big web of cotton by passing the cotton ball and discovering we have lots of similarities. One of our homework tasks was to fill a bag of five items to tell Mrs Dickinson something about ourselves. We have proven to have a great Growth Mindset and have achieved many medals through sports or academic achievements. We are so excited to be in Key Stage 2!

**FORM 2 COMPUTING** - In Computing, Form 2 has started to look at what algorithms are; how they are implemented as programs and that programs execute by following precise and unambiguous instructions. We have been practising by writing our own 'unambiguous' instructions to get from A to B to C... not as easy as it sounds!



**RECEPTION** - Reception have had a fantastic first week. The children look so smart in their new school uniforms and have settled well into their new routines. They have enjoyed exploring their new environment and are already able to self select the various activities and even tidy up after themselves. It is a joy to see how well they all interact and they are so polite and well behaved.



**HEALTH & SAFETY** - Can I kindly ask that if there are any children that bring their scooters to school, that they are not used until the children have left the school gates. This is due to health and safety reasons with the amount of children/parents entering and leaving the school premises.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM** - Thank you for your continued support with the transition to Schoolwear Plus. It has been a long process and one that has take a year to implement. In order for the new PE kit to be available for this September, we were informed that the order needed to be placed by last Christmas. This was inevitably not going to happen as the decision to move suppliers was only decided in the Autumn Term. To make the transition as smooth as possible, we still have this academic year to purchase our new uniform items. Our KS1 girls may wear their shorts or skorts for PE.

**SCHOOL LEARNING IMPROVEMENTS** - To help with Teaching and Learning, we have invested in a new Abacus Maths Scheme and a new reading Scheme and reading books. You will also notice that every child from Form 2 upwards has been given a fantastic Maldon Court homework diary.

**LIBRARY CHALLENGE** - If your child took part in the Essex Libraries 'Big Friendly Summer Read' please bring in the certificates for them to be presented in Celebration Assembly on Monday. Sadly, the libraries have decided this year to give the children their certificates directly however I would like the school to recognise their achievements.

**SWIMMING HELPERS** - If any parents would be free to help with escorting the children to swimming on a Friday morning we would really appreciate their time.

**INSURANCE SUMMARY** - Included with this week's newsletter is a summary of the Pupil Personal Accident insurance scheme which all pupils are subscribed to.

Have a great weekend

**Mrs E Mason  
Headteacher**

**NEXT WEEK'S MENU**

Mon	BBQ Chicken and vegetable rice	Chocolate Sponge with chocolate custard	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Tues	Ham and tomato pasta bake, golden sweetcorn and fresh salad	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	
Wed	Roast turkey, roast potatoes, stuffing, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Jelly and mousse	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Thurs	Beef burger in a bun, potato wedges, garden peas and fresh salad	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	
Fri	Cumberland sausages, boiled potatoes, mixed vegetables and gravy	Homemade flapjack	Fresh fruit or yoghurt

**FRIENDS OF MCS - Thursday, 22nd September** Save the date for the FOMCS AGM. We would love to see as many parents as possible. The meeting starts at 7.30pm, in the school hall, and it is anticipated to finish at 8.30pm. Refreshments will be provided.

