



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter

18th November 2016

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

### THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Tag Rugby Tournament - Plume School  
3.25pm  
Singing Round the Christmas Tree  
5.15pm - 5.45pm

### THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER

Sports Squad - Boys Only

### FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER

Christmas Fayre: 3.30pm

### TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER

Pre Reception and Reception Nativity  
9.30am  
Form I Ukulele Showcase for parents  
3.00pm

### WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER

R & KSI Party, KS2 Pantomime  
**NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

### THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER

Form 5 Assembly - 9am  
Sports Squad - Girls Only

### THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER

Christmas Dinner  
Maldon Court's Got Talent

### FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER

10.30am Carol Service  
School Closes at 12.00pm  
**NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

### WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY

Staff Training Day

### THURSDAY 5th JANUARY

Children Return to School



Dear Parents,

It has been a fantastic week where the children have been involved in a variety of excellent activities to enhance and enrich their education. Forms 3 and 4 had an early start on Thursday as they embarked on their trip to the Roald Dahl museum. The early start was worth it as the children had a brilliant time and made lots of memories, as well as learning a great deal that can be utilised in their lessons. There will be a full report in next week's newsletter.

We have also had a strong focus on thinking about others this week, linking in with the National Anti Bullying Week and Children in Need today. The children have thought about others who are not as fortunate as ourselves both in class and in assemblies. I was very proud of the thoughtful and sensitive comments the children made and I thank you in advance for supporting Children in Need.

**SINGING ROUND THE TREE** - On Thursday 24th November we invite parents and children to our annual tradition of Singing Around the Christmas Tree. This will be held in the school hall from 5.15- 5.45pm. This event has been a longstanding tradition here at Maldon Court and is one where we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas by singing Carols around our Christmas tree. All families are welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards with mince pies and mulled wine for the adults and biscuits and squash for the children. We always link this event to the same night as the Maldon Christmas Fayre in the High Street so that parents can leave from our event to attend the Christmas Fayre if they wish. Please note, the High Street will be closed to cars on this evening. I look forward to welcoming you all.



**FORM 3** - In science we have been studying the process of fossilisation. Hugh, Alex and Toby brought in a few of theirs from home and we were so grateful to look at some. We were amazed to hear how long it takes to make a fossil. During the lesson we explained the step by step process and even made our own fossils out of plaster of Paris.



**CROSS COUNTRY** - On Thursday 10th November, pupils from Forms 3 & 4 took part in a Cross Country held at Chelmer Park. On this very cold, wet and even snowy day pupils competed in a long distance race against at least 12 other schools. Maldon Court showed brilliant enthusiasm and excellent focus, all completing the race without stopping. Many children beat their individual PB's and a special mention goes to Elizabeth Bodal Hansen for crossing the line in 1st place in the Year 4 girls race - this is the 6th time Elizabeth has come 1st in the Chelmsford League Competitions! Well done.

**PRE RECEPTION** - We are counting down the number of 'sleeps' until Red Ted's 4th birthday. We have been very busy helping



Red Ted to plan his party. We made a shopping list and walked to the High Street to buy party food. We have also made party invitations, cards, hats and wrapped presents for Red Ted who is getting very excited!

**FORM 5—WW2** As part of their History topic on World War II, Form 5 have been finding out about the importance of Barrage balloons during the battle of Britain. They build their skeletons out of fibre glass and straws and covered the whole frame in cling film. We are hoping to have a go at flying them!



### NEXT WEEKS MENU

Mon	Sweet and sour chicken with vegetable rice		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Tues	Spaghetti Bolognese, garden peas and fresh salad	Iced buns	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Wed	Roast pork, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Chocolate cake with chocolate custard	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Thurs	Breaded chicken burger in a bun, potato noisettes with salad		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Fri	Cumberland sausages, potato wedges, golden sweetcorn and salad	Homemade flapjack	Fresh fruit or yoghurt

**11+ CLUB** - 11+ Club will not be running on Monday 28th November. We will be holding a meeting for Form 4 parents regarding the 11+ at this time.

**GYM CLUB** - Please be advised that the last Gym Club of this term will be Tuesday 29th November.

**Mrs E Mason**  
Headteacher

**FOMCS** - Thank you to the Reception Parents who have provided cakes for the Cake Sale this afternoon. 50% of all profits will be donated to Children In Need and we will tell you the amount's raised next week. It has been lovely to receive the decorated plates into school and we look forward to seeing these on display in the School Hall.

Julie Head, Chairperson FOMCS

