



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2017

Weekly Newsletter

20th January 2017

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

THURSDAY 26th JANUARY
FOMCS Meeting 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY
Essex Air Ambulance Visit

SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY
England Netball Trip

TUESDAY 7th & WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY
ESB Examinations

FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY
Form 2 Cake Sale

MON 13th - FRI 17th FEBRUARY
Half Term

TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY
Parents' Evening

WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY
Form 4 Class Assembly

THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY
Parents' Evening

WEDNESDAY 1st - FRIDAY 3rd MARCH
Form 5 Fellowship Afloat Trip

THURSDAY 9th MARCH
Forms 3 & 4 Cross Country Relay

FRIDAY 10th MARCH
Form 3 Cake Sale

MONDAY 13th MARCH
Form 3 & 4 Trip to Chelmsford Cathedral

TUESDAY 14th MARCH
Reception Trip to Wat Tyler Park



Dear Parents,

All the children have settled back into school life very well and I am sure you will be pleased to know that it is only 3 weeks until half term! Following on from the Heads of School meeting that I had with the children last week, our focus this week has been looking at how to further improve our lunchtime activities. The Heads of School, in conjunction with the playground prefects, have worked extremely hard and have spoken to the children in assembly regarding reintroducing the stacking cups, table tennis and basketball activities to name but a few. They have introduced rotas so that all classes are involved and have equal time. It has been a pleasure to work with such conscientious children who are so committed to our school. Well done George, Pippa, Thomas, Keara, Izzy and Joe. I would like to welcome Lottie Lamont to Maldon Court who has started in Nursery One. I know that she and her family will be made very welcome into our school.

FORM 2 STABLE STRUCTURES - Form 2 have just started a new DT project about windmills. This week they investigated what makes a structure stable. They tested paper triangular prisms, cuboids and cylinders and were surprised to find how much stronger the cylinder was. They then went on to build structures using toothpicks and marshmallows that would be strong enough to withstand an earthquake, simulated by banging very hard on a desk; this was a little more challenging!

FORM 2 TRIP TO ALL SAINTS' CHURCH - Form 2 had a fantastic visit to All Saints' Church this week. We rang the bells, we went up in the pulpit, we played the church organ, we counted the organ pipes, we stood at the lectern, we learned about the altar, we christened ourselves in the font, we went through the priest's door and we



even went in the vicarage to look at the old beams and meet Tomkins the new church cat. What a privilege it was; thank you Canon Carter for spending so much time with

us and thank you Mrs. Bennett for organising it. As always, Form 2 behaved impeccably and were a credit to the

RECEPTION - Reception had great fun whilst using their wellingtons to investigate mixing 2 colours together. They are now learning the corresponding French colour words.

PRE RECEPTION - Pre Reception have been finding out



how to turn a liquid in to a solid. We undertook a science experiment to turn water in to ice. The children



came up with a number of ideas how this could be achieved. We put some water in the fridge, the freezer, in our room and left some outside overnight. Everyone was very excited to see how the water in the freezer and

the water left outside had frozen. We then brought the bowls in to our room and watched how long it took for the ice to melt. This experiment was a great introduction to science and developed the children's scientific vocabulary. We have also had great fun making 'snowy footprints'!

NEXT WEEKS MENU

Mon	Sausage casserole, sauté potatoes, baby carrots	Chocolate pudding with chocolate custard	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Tues	Spaghetti Bolognese, golden sweetcorn, fresh salad		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Wed	Roast beef, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy	Lime jelly and lemon mousse	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Thurs	Chicken korma, vegetable rice and fresh salad		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Fri	100% beef burger in a wholemeal roll, potato wedges, peas and salad	Homemade carrot cake	Fresh fruit or yoghurt



Have a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - Thank you for your support at the Cake Sale last Friday. We raised £56.60 and £10 from the second hand uniform. It was not as busy as usual, but the icy weather played a part, as people just wanted to get home before the snow! The FOMCS Meeting will be next Thursday 26th January at 7.30pm in the school hall. Although we are officially in the Spring Term, the weather has been extremely cold, therefore, if you require any winter coats, fleece hats, gloves, etc the second hand uniform can offer these. Contact Samantha Bruce on 07720 711027.

