



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2018

Weekly Newsletter

30th November 2018

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

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

MONDAY 7th JANUARY

Children return to school

TUESDAY 8th JANUARY

Blackwater Street Dance Club starts at 7.45am

MONDAY 14th JANUARY

ALL Clubs to start



Dear Parents,

We had another excellent turn out at our Singing around the Tree event. This event has most certainly grown in popularity over the years and it is wonderful to see so many families support this start of the festive season. After the singing in the hall, refreshments were served in the dining room for the adults and children. A special thank you to Mr Guest for making and serving his infamous mulled wine which was much appreciated by everyone.

On Wednesday, children in New Zealand house shared some fascinating facts and songs about New Zealand in their assembly to the rest of the school. The children were superb and everyone enjoyed watching them, especially the fantastic dance at the end which they had learnt brilliantly. Thank you to Mrs Dickinson and Miss Broadbridge for leading this.

PARENTMAIL - Further to our message sent out during the week please make sure you are using the latest version of the ParentMail App on your mobile devices.

ParentMail have released a new and improved app which replaces the MCPS branded App that many parents are using. The branded App will stop functioning at the end of December. Please visit the App Store and simply search for 'ParentMail'. Once downloaded please delete the old app from your device. Your ParentMail app should now appear as pictured here.



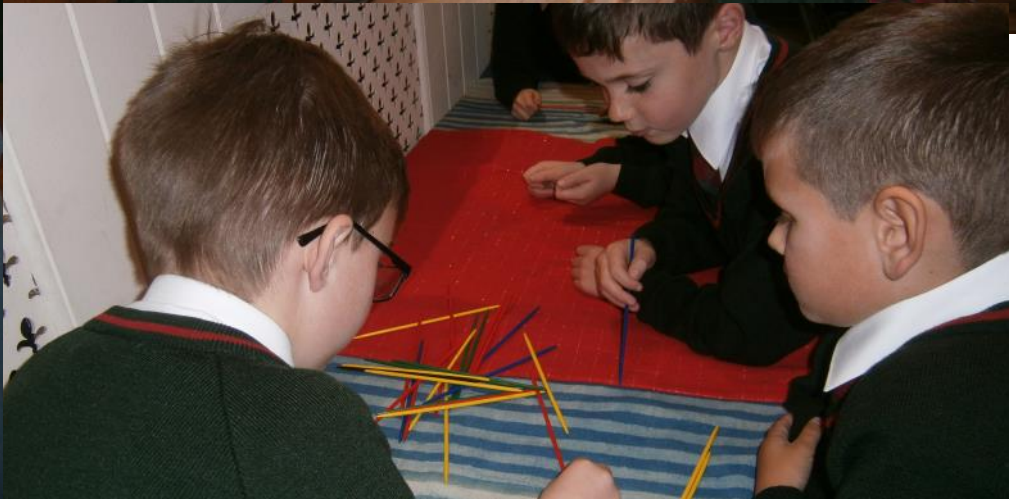
NURSERY - This week, Nursery 1 and 2 have been enjoying the topic: Transport and Road Safety. We made a rocket out of a big box and flew to the moon! We also did some mark making with pens attached to the cars. The children have enjoyed learning about road safety and making good use of the car and train track. Next week we begin our topic: Christmas. For optional homework, please make a decoration at home to display in Nursery.



FORM 2 - The children in Form 2 have been excited for the start of making their cars. This week they are designing and they have begun to saw the wood for the chassis. In maths they applied their measuring skills to accurately measure the wood in centimetres. Once measured, the children were very safe using the tools correctly and no fingers were lost in the process!



FORM 3 - On Tuesday, Form 3 had a fabulous day at Braintree Museum. The trip was to support their History studies about World War II. They had a lesson in an old classroom with a very strict teacher, they had to stand when they addressed her and call her 'Ma'am'; Mrs. Baron is thinking about using this approach! They also had to write on slate, sing the National Anthem and take cover under the desks when the air raid siren went off. They also role-played being evacuees and what it may have felt like to take cover in an Anderson Shelter during an air raid; the sounds and darkness were quite scary. In the afternoon, the children were able to try on uniforms from different services. They were very surprised to see how small they were, a result of not enough food.



FORM 4 - On Tuesday Form 4 visited Braintree Museum and took part in workshops about the Roman Empire. The children investigated real Roman artefacts including pottery and jewellery and then tried to identify what they were used for. They dressed each other in togas, they made Roman coins and shields. The children learnt about what daily life was like for the rich and poor people and acted out a role play of a market scene, in which they had to barter for goods that they wanted. This was a very lively activity. The children had a fantastic time and their behaviour was impeccable.



NEXT WEEK - On Tuesday, our Pre-Reception and Reception children will be performing a dress rehearsal of their nativity to the rest of the school. On Thursday, it is the turn of the parents and grandparents to see the performance; I look forward to seeing you there. On Tuesday and Friday, Forms 5 & 6 are singing carols to local nursing homes. Wednesday sees the return of the KS1 party and KS2 panto; a huge thank you to FOMCS for organising what is always a very popular part of our Christmas celebrations. Pre-Reception and Nursery will not be left out—they will have their parties on Wednesday.

Please note that the Fencing days have changed next week to accommodate all these events: Forms 4, 5 and 6 on Wednesday and Forms 1, 2 and 3 on Friday next week. Last but by no means least, the FOMCS are holding their Christmas Fayre on Thursday from 3.30pm, please come along and have fun and remember your pennies.

FORM 2 - The Form 2 children have been busy making their cars this week and were lucky enough to have Mr Barnett, who works for Ford to come in and tell us lots about different cars. The children learnt lots about the history of them, how they are made in production and how they are shipped across the world. We even got to learn about the electric cars and how they are inventing cars that drive themselves! It was so interesting and we are very grateful to Mr Barnett for coming into school.



Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - We are now working on the final finishing touches for the Christmas Fayre next Thursday. Thank to you all parents that have volunteered. We still have some spaces for volunteers that would like to help us. Please contact us via the school office if you feel able to help. We are also in need of some cake donations which we will sell at the Christmas Fayre, if you are able to donate for this please bring your cakes in on Thursday morning.

Next week is a very busy week for FOMCS as we have the Christmas Party, Panto and Christmas Fayre. We hope your children enjoy these events which are funded through your generous support of our fundraising activities throughout the year.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Homemade meatballs served in a tomato sauce with pasta and sweet corn	Shortbread or fruit
Tue	Cumberland pie served with seasonal vegetables	Mixed fruit crumble and custard or fruit
Wed	Roast Pork, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and apple sauce.	Fresh fruit salad Or yoghurt/fruit
Thur	Sausage rolls, croquettes and baked beans	Orange Jelly or fruit
Fri	Fish fingers, duchess potatoes and peas.	Raspberry ripple mousse or fruit