



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2018

Weekly Newsletter

5th October 2018

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

### TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER

Harvest Festival

Donations to Maldon Food Pantry can be brought in on Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th October

### FRIDAY 12th OCTOBER

Forms 2 & 3 Hockey Experience  
Revised date: Form 6 Cake Sale

### MONDAY 15th OCTOBER

School in Action Open Morning  
9.00—11.30am

### WEDNESDAY 17th - FRIDAY 19th OCTOBER

Conker Competition

### FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER

Forms 2 & 3 Hockey Experience

### MONDAY 22nd OCTOBER - FRIDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

Half Term Break

### TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER

Flu Immunisations

### TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER

Parents' Evening 3.45 - 6.00pm

### THURSDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Pre-Reception Trip to Sealife Centre

Parents' Evening 5.00 - 8.00pm

### FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER

Form 5 Cake Sale

### THURSDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Singing Around the Tree 5.00pm



Dear Parents,

It is lovely to be back in school after attending the annual IAPS Conference in Wales last week. The conference proved very valuable and it was very beneficial to listen to the many seminars and to speak to Heads from the independent sector. We are looking forward to Tuesday when we celebrate Harvest Festival at All Saints' Church. The service will start at 9.30am and it would be lovely if you can attend to share this special time of year with us. The children have been practising their readings and songs at school and I am sure that you will enjoy listening to them next week. Once again, please can I remind you that refreshments should not be brought into the church. Please can donations be brought into school on either Monday or Tuesday. If there is a specific item that you would like your child to carry, please label it with your child's name and Form.

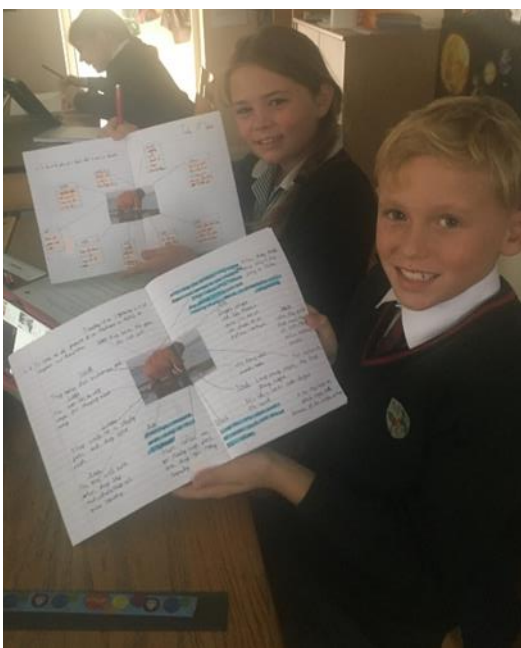
It is with sadness that I inform you that Mrs Jen Rycroft (grandmother of former pupils Timmy and Aliyah Thurkettle) passed away on Monday. Mrs Rycroft was a much loved and well known midwife at St Peter's Hospital in Maldon and is fondly remembered by many former pupils, parents and MCPS staff. Her funeral service will be held at All Saints' Church on Friday 19th October at 2.00pm. All welcome.

**FORM 3 & 4 CROSS COUNTRY** - Last week we had the Form 3 & 4 cross country competition. In the brilliant sunshine at Chelmer park our competitors took on a very difficult course with over 90 children in each race. We achieved 5 top 20 results which was fabulous. A special congratulations to our Form 3 children who all completed their very first cross country race and to Lottie Craddock who was positioned 11th. A big thank you to Mr & Mrs Guest for helping and of course all the parents for cheering on the children. We look forward to more great success in the next half term.



**SCHOOL IN ACTION OPEN DAY** - On Monday 15th October between 9.00am - 11.30am we will be welcoming prospective families to come and see what we have to offer. Please mention it to any friends and family that may be interested in joining us. We have a small number of A4 posters that we would be grateful to anyone that has a business or a prominent place to help us display an advertisement for the day. If you feel you can help at all, please ask at the school office. Many thanks in advance.

**FORM 5** - Form 5 have had a busy start to the year. They are all raring to go and relishing a new challenge! The children are enjoying the WWII topic and if they have any memorabilia they would like to share they are welcome to bring it in. In Science we have been learning about the Geocentric versus Heliocentric theories that have led to our current model of the solar system. The class acted out a play where they were various scientists from the Early Humans right through to Isaac Newton to help them learn some of the key events in the formulations of the current model. In English we have been working a lot on improving our figurative language and descriptive writing. The children have written some brilliant animal descriptions.



**FORMER PUPIL NEWS** - We are delighted to extend our congratulations to Ascharj Bajaj and Kitty Filer. Ascharj and Kitty left MCPS in 2014 and have now been named as Head Boy and Head Girl at Colchester High School.

**NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT** - This week our children were delighted at the arrival of new play equipment on the playgrounds. A new log cabin is now located on the main playground and the younger children have a new picnic cabin located on the Reception playground, these are in addition to the activity gym that arrived at the start of term. These items have been purchased by the FOMCS and so we thank all our parents for their generosity and continued support of their work.







**NURSERY** - This week Nursery have enjoyed the Topic: Autumn and Harvest. Thank you so much for our Harvest Festival donations, our box is almost full! The children have been learning their new Autumn Song and have loved singing it together. The children also enjoyed some music and movement together in the hall. Next week our Topic continues with the same theme and for homework, we would like you to bring in some autumn foliage, please see what you can gather whilst you are on your travels as we would like to make a treasure box and make autumn collages together.

**RECEPTION & FORM 1** - On Tuesday, Reception and Form 1 walked to Maldon Library and took part in a Traditional Tales Workshop. The workshop included discussions about lots of different stories, exploring the library and lots of reading! All the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the different sections within the library and were excited to choose lots of different books to read by themselves and with their class friends.



**FORM 6** - Form 6 have spent the week looking at micro organisms. Our latest experiment investigated the effect temperature has on the reaction between yeast and sugar and it highlighted some interesting facts about yeast. We were shocked to learn that a single gram of yeast contains 25 billion cells. We are also looking forward to growing some bacteria early next week.



**PRE-RECEPTION** - Pre-Reception have started our Autumn/Harvest topic. We took a trip into town to buy some harvest vegetables to do some vegetable printing. The children were very good at spotting the vegetables and remembering what we needed as we forgot to take a shopping list! Pre-Reception then enjoyed printing with the vegetables that we bought, we talked about the different shapes and colours and created fantastic patterns.

### NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Bacon, pasta, peas and salad.	Shortbread or Fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Chicken curry served with rice and naan bread	Cornflake Cakes or Fruit
<b>Wed</b>	Roast beef served with seasonal vegetables, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding and gravy.	Fresh fruit Salad, Yoghurt or Fruit
<b>Thur</b>	Sausage rolls, parmentier potatoes and beans	Strawberry Jelly or Fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Fish cakes, mashed potatoes, peas and salad.	Chocolate chip cookies or Fruit



Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs E Mason**  
Headteacher

**FOMCS** - Don't forget your pennies next Friday for the Form 6 Cake Sale held at pick up time. You should have received in your child's bag the list of dates for cake sales this year. We will remind you in the newsletter of when they are coming up.

