



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2018

Weekly Newsletter

7th December 2018

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

**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  
ESB to start back

**TUESDAY 8th JANUARY**

Blackwater Street Dance Club starts at 7.45am

**MONDAY 14th JANUARY**

ALL Clubs to start  
Form 3 Fire Safety Talk

**WEDNESDAY 16th JANUARY**

Form 5 Class Assembly 9.00am

**FRIDAY 18th JANUARY**

Form 4 Cake Sale

**TUESDAY 22nd &**

**WEDNESDAY 23rd JANUARY**

ESB Examinations

**WEDNESDAY 30th JANUARY**

Young Voices at the O2 Trip



Dear Parents,

What a wonderful Christmas week we have enjoyed at Maldon Court over the past few days. Although it is a very busy time for parents and staff alike, it is all worth it when the children are having such a great start to the Christmas festivities. On Wednesday, all children had their Christmas treat which is kindly organised by FOMCS. Nursery and Pre-Reception had their party at school and they all looked fantastic in their party clothes. They even had a visit from Santa which they were thrilled with. Reception, Form 1 and Form 2 went to the URC for their annual Christmas party. They had great fun playing party games and being entertained by Mr Happy. They also all had the opportunity to meet Santa and received a lovely present from him. Finally, Forms 3-6 went to the pantomime, Cinderella, at Chelmsford Civic theatre. The children had a wonderful time and it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

On Thursday we enjoyed a very successful Christmas Fayre, again organised by FOMCS. The children and parents had a lovely time wandering around the stalls and enjoying everything that had been organised. Thank you to all the parents who kindly volunteered their time to help with the running of this event. A special thank you to Vicky Bamgboye and her committee members who have given up so much of their time over the past months to ensure that this week was successful and enjoyable for the children. A lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes to ensure that events run successfully and we are very grateful for this.



**CHRISTMAS MATHS** - This week Key Stage 2 were visited by Mr Podbury, a former Maths teacher, who completed some Christmas themed Maths problem solving activities with the children. The children had to work in pairs and small groups using a variety of skills including algebra, times tables and code breaking. The activities included identifying how many different outfits could be made with three different coloured hats, shirts and trousers, calculating how many gifts were delivered in The Twelve Days of Christmas, and Christmas symbol sudoku. The children thoroughly enjoyed this Mathematical start to Christmas. This week Form 4 were visited by Mr Podbury who gave a presentation on what life is like living in France. The children discovered the similarities and differences between the two countries including road signs, shops, school life and food.

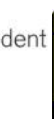
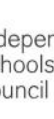
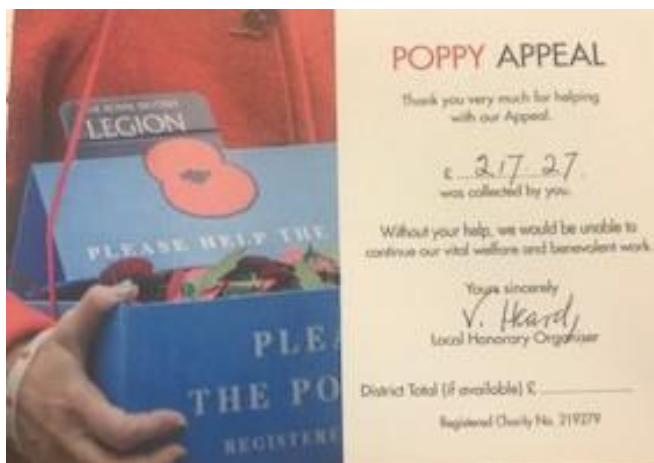


**FORM 1 & 2 TRIP TO CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL** - On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Forms 1 and 2 visited Chelmsford Cathedral for a Christmas Activities Workshop. The children had the opportunity to explore the Cathedral and engage in various interactive activities that were from a Christian perspective. These activities consisted of storytelling and role-play, arts and

crafts, and spiritual reflection time. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Christmas Story and behaved beautifully throughout the duration of the trip. Well done all!

**POPPY APPEAL** - A big thank you to all who brought their poppies, badges, rulers, pens or pencils from the school British Legion Appeal. We received confirmation that together we raised £217.27 in total so well done all at Maldon Court for contributing to this cause.

**FARLEIGH HOSPICE** - We continue to sell the last few Flumpet toys and stickers on behalf of Farleigh Hospice. We will update you on the total raised in January. Thank you to everyone who gives so





**FORM 5 & 6 TRIP TO HARRY POTTER WORLD** - On Friday the Form 5 and 6 children had the most fantastic trip to Warner Bros for a tour of the Harry Potter Studios. When we returned, we asked the children to sum up their day in one word and these were a few of their adjectives: astounding, thrilling, unforgettable, inspiring, spectacular and mind blowing. Our day certainly was all of the above. The children were astounded with the amount of detail and work that goes into the making of a film and the tiny attention to detail. We discovered that a skin prosthetic may take 30 days to make and may only be used once. They found out that there are over 4000 individual wands made for the characters in the film and that each wand was originally hand carved until Daniel Radcliff broke 80 wooden wands within the early stages of filming. It was then decided that they would be cast and made from resin. Duplicates were created in case a wand broke, and rubber versions were made for stunt work. The children were also thrilled to discover that Wonder Woman was being filmed in the warehouse next to us. It truly was a magical experience and the children were a credit to the school.





**EYFS NATIVITY** - On Thursday morning, we were treated to the most wonderful nativity which was performed by Pre-Reception and Reception class to their families. Even though the hall was packed, the children still performed beautifully. It was clear just how much hard work and practise had gone into making this performance so successful. Thank you to Miss Cottiss, Miss Sackett, Miss Wayman and Mrs Dibben for all of their hard work to ensure that the children performed beautifully. Finally, thank you to our wonderful children who worked so hard to learn their lines for their performance.



**FORM 5 & 6 SINGING** - Amongst the excitement of Christmas, we are also mindful that some people can be lonely at this time of year and are not as fortunate as ourselves. Therefore, Forms 5 and 6 have also been working hard on practising carols that they have been singing to the elderly at the care homes in Maldon. This week they visited the Lodge Care Home and St Peter's hospital to entertain the elderly. They even learnt sign language for some of the songs that was hugely appreciated by some of the residents there. Well done to all the children who performed admirably.





**PE CHANGES FOR NEXT WEEK** - A reminder that Fencing next week will be on Wednesday for Forms 1 –6.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY ON THURSDAY-** As always the children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers next Thursday. We suggest they wear these with their tracksuit bottoms and trainers. We look forward to our Maldon Court's Got Talent afternoon and look forward to inviting Simon Cowell, David Walliams and Amanda Holden back into school to judge the finalists on this fun-filled afternoon.

**LAST DAY OF TERM** - We look forward to welcoming you to our annual Carol Service at All Saints' Church next Friday at 9.30am. Please remember that refreshments are not permitted in the church. The children do not need to bring their school bags or book bags and water bottles and fruit snacks will not be required that day. For the children that will be staying for the afternoon, please remember that collection time is 3.25pm as there is no after school care for Nursery, Pre-Reception and for the main school. The children need to come to school in their full school uniform, including blazers but hats are not required.

**NURSERY** - Nursery have had a lovely week enjoying their Christmas topic. We have enjoyed lots of festive activities and joined in the fun on Wednesday by having a party and a visit from Father Christmas himself! Please feel free to join in with our optional homework and create a homemade Christmas decoration to display in the nursery.



Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs E Mason

**FOMCS** - Thank you to everyone who helped make the KS1 party and the KS2 Panto such a success. It was fantastic to see the children enjoy themselves. Without the volunteer helpers events like this cannot take place for the children so a big thank you to all who helped. Thank you also to the fantastic team that put on the FOMCS Christmas fayre yesterday. The event was enjoyed by all the school community and once again would not be possible without the help and support of all those who donated raffle prizes, baked cakes and gave up their time to make the fayre such a success. We hoped that you enjoyed attending and thank you for spending your pennies to support the event. We hope that you will also support our pop-up shop next week.

**FOMCS POP UP SHOP** - The FOMCS Pop-up Shop will be at the school next week on Monday and Wednesday morning; the 10th and 12th of December. All children will be able to purchase a card and gift for their parents/grandparents which we will help them wrap. There will be two pricing options which are £3.00 per gift or £5.00 per gift. We are sure the children will love being able to choose something special for their loved ones! The children will be coming down in Forms on the days: Monday - Nursery & Pre-Reception, Forms 2 - 6 and on Wednesday we will have - Nursery, Pre-Reception, Reception and Form 1 who will visit the shop.

### NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Pasta Bolognese served with sweet corn	Flapjacks or Fruit
<b>Tue</b>	Sausages, mashed potatoes and beans	Doughnuts and chocolate sauce or fruit
<b>Wed</b>	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice.	Fresh fruit salad or Yoghurt Fruit
<b>Thur</b>	Roast Turkey; Roast potatoes, Yorkshire puddings, Pigs in blankets, maple/pancetta Brussels sprouts, gravy and Cranberry Sauce.	Shortbread Snowflakes or Fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Cheeseburger & chips	Ice-cream