



Newsletter No: 42

Friday 7th September 2018




Parents as Partners

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday but are looking forward to getting back into a normal routine again – I know we are.

A big thank you to all the staff who came into school over the holidays to ensure the school was 'learning ready'. We have busily moved classrooms around to ensure they provide stimulating learning environments and the best possible outcomes for the children. The hallway has also been painted in the main building and looks fantastic!



We are excited to have three classes again and along with this comes some new faces (old and new) joining the Magdalen family. We are really pleased to have Mrs Woolnough back as a T.A in the Robins class, working alongside Mr Raynor. Mrs Farthing and Mrs Hammond take on a job share in the Cygnets class where we have increased preschool hours to 30! (if you'd like further information please let us know). It is a really exciting time for Magdalen and there will be many opportunities for you to come in throughout the year. Look out for information about the upcoming 'Parent Welcome Meetings' and don't forget the reading cafes next week.

On Wednesday, staff from our three schools and King's Oak came together to update their safeguarding training and further discuss and plan 'QUEST Time'. (You may have previously heard us talking about Ice Zones). We are always trying to find new ways of making learning engaging and challenging for our children and believe QUEST time is the way forward. This will provide our children with more opportunities to problem solve, reason, investigate and become creative within their topic learning while allowing teachers to further target groups of children with their Maths and English. We will continue to update parents as the year progresses.

Here's to an exciting year ahead!

Regards

Mrs Arrowsmith and Miss Hayes

Heads of School

WATER BOTTLES

Please may we remind you that children are provided with water bottles for the classroom. Please do not send your child in with additional bottles of drink which are remaining in their bags or frozen bottles.

If children require an additional drink at break/lunch these can be kept on the lunch trolley.
Thankyou for your understanding.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

We will be sending out to parents/carers our new Afterschool booklet in due course.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please be reminded that places **MUST be booked through the office**



so that we can ensure a member of staff is in the main building to greet you.

Staff need to use the time in the morning to set up classrooms for the day and will sometimes not hear the doorbell if you arrive earlier than your booking time or if you arrive without pre-booking.

For the safety of the children please can children be dropped off between 8.45 – 8.55AM, straight into the school, as staff and parents are arriving in their cars in the school car park. Thankyou.

PARKING



For every child's safety please refrain from parking on the village hall curbs.

Not only does this block the road for traffic coming and going but also restricts the vision for children going backwards and forwards to their parent's car.

Thank you

PUPIL PROGRESS MEETING DATES

See over on Diary dates page.



Protect yourself, protect others



Your child will be mixing with more children when they start their new school and could be at risk of catching preventable diseases if they haven't had all their childhood jabs.

If you are not sure if your child has had all their routine vaccinations, check their personal health record (Red Book) or contact the GP surgery. To get the best protection for your child, they need to have had two doses of MMR vaccine.

For a checklist of the vaccines and the ages at which they should ideally be given visit www.nhs.uk/vaccinations

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ROALD DAHL DAY

Friday 14th September



We are holding a Roald Dahl Day and would love the children to dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character. A donation of £1 is required if they dress up and this will be put to the Roald Dahl Foundation. There will also be a naughty Tuck Shop with items costing 50p each. All money raised from the Tuck Shop will go towards the Year 6 London Trip. The children will be completing various themed activities throughout the day.

Also in conjunction with this, we are holding Parent Reading Cafes from 2-3pm in each class where teachers will read part of a Roald Dahl Book and complete different activities.

Parents are welcome to wander to different classes as some may have siblings in other classes.

Letter to follow.

INFORMATION IN BOOK BAGS

Please remember to check your child's book bags daily so you don't miss any events or important information!

PUPIL PROGRESS MEETING DATES

	Meeting 1	Meeting 2	Meeting 3	Meeting 4
	Week Beginning			
Red	24/09/18	07/01/19	04/03/19	20/05/19
Orange	01/10/18	14/01/19	11/03/19	03/06/19
Yellow	08/10/18	21/01/19	18/03/19	10/06/19
Green	29/10/18	28/01/19	25/03/19	17/06/19
Blue	05/11/18	04/02/19	01/04/19	24/06/19

Dates for your diary

September

Mon 10th - Preschool and New Reception to start Full Time
Fri 14th - Roald Dahl Day

October

Fri 5th – Puppet Assembly
Thursday 11th /12th – KWEST Together Event
Wednesday 17th – Break up
Thur 18/Fri 19th – INSET DAYS
Mon 29th - Back to school
Wed 31st – KS2 Swimming @ Downham Market

November

Wed 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th – KS2 Swimming @ Downham Market

December

Wed 5th & 12th, – KS2 Swimming @ Downham Market
Friday 14th – R-Y5 Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 18th – Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 19th – INSET DAY

January

Thursday 3rd - Back to School