

Maidwell Primary School

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Welcome back ... and a Happy New Year! We are all looking forward to a new term after what was hopefully a restful holiday. At just under 6 weeks this term is relatively short but no doubt will be just as busy as usual. Following a wonderful start to the year we are looking forward to all the Spring term will bring.

Rosemarie James
Headteacher

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Maidwell Goodbyes

We will say a fond farewell to Rowan and Immie when they move home later this month and we wish them much happiness in their new home and school. We also wished Mrs Trish Savage from Breakfast Club farewell at the end of last term and send her our best wishes for her new job this week.



Snow Closure Reminder

If the BBC weather forecast is to be believed, we are entering a cold snap (the poor daffodils which are already flowering in our neighbouring gardens will be in for a surprise!) . Would you please take the time to log in to your ParentMail account and check that your details are correct - particularly your mobile phone number. In the instance of a winter closure, all parents will receive an SMS text message as soon as possible after 7.00am (hence the reason why your mobile phone number must be accurate). The information will also be posted on the Northamptonshire County Council website (www.northamptonshire.gov.uk) and subsequently broadcast on BBC Radio Northampton. A message can also be found on our own school website.

Road Safety



Please take extra care on the road around the school vicinity at the beginning and end of the school day. We have noticed that many parents park in such a way that the children are leaving the car straight out into the road, not the pavement/verge, forcing other cars to stop abruptly. Members of the school community know to drive with caution in this area. However, strangers do not and we must all be aware of this **at all times**.

BREAKFAST CLUB



Due to the continued popularity of our Breakfast Club, we are sorry but we have no vacancies this term for ad-hoc users on a **Tuesday** or **Wednesday**. Please remember that we need 48 hours' notice if you wish to use the Club on any of the other available days. At the present time we are advertising for a replacement for Mrs Savage as Breakfast Club assistant. If you are, or if you know anybody who may be, interested in the position (0800-0900h daily) please contact the school office. This is a great opportunity for someone who may wish to get experience in working with children.

Term Dates

This half term finishes after Sharing Assembly on **Friday 12 February 2016** and we return on **Monday 22 February 2016**. Full academic year dates are published on the NCC website (www.northamptonshire.gov.uk) or the school website.

Sharing Assembly

Friday 12
February 2016
2.45pm

Please join us



Wendy, Nicky & Georgie



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PTA

Our Christmas events raised a fabulous **£500**. These included the Movie Night, Hamper Raffle, DVD sales and Photos from the show.

Santa's visit to school at the children's party was greeted by cheers from the children who all received a small gift from him.

We thank all parents and family who helped us raise this wonderful amount and enabled the PTA to provide the gift from Santa.

Happy School Bags for school: 15 January 2016

Tidy out for the New Year and recycle your fabrics & clothes. These can be placed in the bag we have sent home with your child (more bags available in the office) and help the PTA funds.

The PTA wish to **thank** all parents and friends for all their support last year and welcome any who would like to help in the coming year.

Get Outside Club

At the present time the Tuesday Get Outside Afterschool Club is at full capacity and we are operating a waiting list system for anybody who wishes to join.



Operation Christmas Child

We sent 36 boxes to Operation Christmas child last month.



PARKING REMINDER ...

Please remember to park courteously in the vicinity of the school. Our PCSO will be making regular visits to ensure that footpaths/driveways/roadways aren't blocked by inconsiderate parking.

... and another request from our neighbours

To help reduce pollution/counter the effects of global warming please do not leave car engines running when stationary outside the school.



Open Library Sessions

Our popular Library Sessions will continue with Mrs Crosby on Wednesdays between 3.30 and 4.00pm. These are open to everybody (including younger brothers and sisters). Please come along and enjoy borrowing the lovely books we have available.

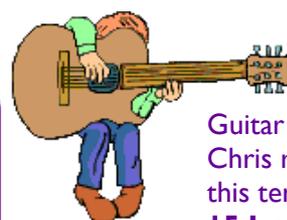


At the end of each term the child who has borrowed the most Library books will receive a certificate and a box of chocolates during Sharing Assembly.

Parents' Evenings

Future Dates:

Tuesday 23 February 2016	KS1/KS2	3.40-5.30pm
Wednesday 24 February 2016	Reception	During the day
Thursday 25 February 2016	KS1/KS2	3.40-7.00pm



Guitar lessons with Chris recommence this term on **Friday 15 January**

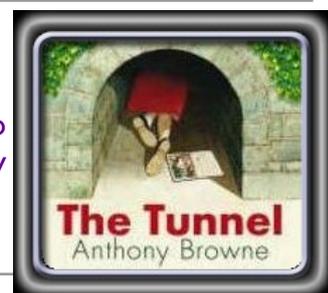
Piano lessons with Lincoln recommence on **Monday 18 January**



Martin Young



Martin will again be visiting us on Monday 11 January 2016 to assist in the creation of images for this term's story *The Tunnel* by Anthony Browne.



In the run up to Easter, the children in Class 3 will have weekly lessons (Tuesday afternoons) in **African Drumming**. These lessons are provided by Arts Council England and will be delivered by Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust.

Parents in School

Please note that we are required, for Safeguarding and Fire Procedure reasons, to ask all visitors to sign in and wear a visitor badge. We have been informed that this should also apply to parents if they are entering the school further than the main reception door. We are aware that this will be a time-consuming procedure but hope you will understand why we must enforce it.

Notice Period

Invoices for Breakfast Club (in two halves), Afterschool Clubs and Strings/Woodwind lessons are issued to cover the Autumn, Spring and Summer Terms. Please remember that if you no longer wish to use any of these facilities a **term's notice** is required in writing. We are able to accept payment for Breakfast Club in the form of ChildCare vouchers. Please ask for details of the voucher providers with whom the school is registered if you wish to use this payment system.



Message from Outspan Primary School

Just before Christmas we received this message from Outspan Primary School:

Dear Maidwell Primary School
 My name is Talindeka Reuben Cyllus. I have been in Baby Class but now I am promoted to Middle Class. I am 4 years old. Thank you for paying for my school fees.
 Yours Talindeka

We hope you enjoyed our performance of Aladdin at Christmas. The proceeds from the sale of the tickets were sent to Outspan Primary School to fund Reuben's education for a further 12 months.

KS2 Summer Residential

Confirmed dates:
Monday 18-Wednesday 20 July 2016

A statutory information meeting will be held closer to the time. Date to be confirmed.

PE Kit

The usual reminder Please ensure your child has full PE kit in school all week from Monday to Friday.



Pupil Absence

Please remember that since 1 September 2013 the law states that we are unable to authorise absence from school for family holidays. Our absence statistics are monitored by Northamptonshire County Council who have the authority to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for unauthorised leave during term time. We have a duty under Northamptonshire County Council's Code of Conduct under the Provision of The Education (Penalty Notices) Regulation 2004 to remind all parents that where absences are refused by the school parents may be subject to a fixed penalty notice.



Class 1: Visit to Kelmarsh

You will have received details this week of Class 1's visit to the Nagarjuna Buddhist Centre in Kelmarsh on Thursday 4 February. Please ensure that your completed Consent Form is received in school by Friday 29 January.

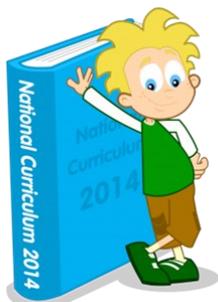
KS2: Visit to Warwick Priory House: Togs and Tesseræ Day

Details of this trip on Friday 5 February were also sent out on ParentMail this week. The deadline for return of paperwork for this visit is also Friday 29 January.

Contributions are welcomed via ParentPay.

Advance Notice: Class 1 visit to St John's House Museum, Warwick

We will be taking part in a Victorian Schoolroom Session in Warwick on Wednesday 24 February (which is during the first week back after half term). Full details will be sent home in the next couple of weeks but please put this date in your diary. Universal Infant Free School Meals have already been ordered for the children for this day in the form of picnic lunches.



CURRICULUM MEETING - Don't forget

There will be an introduction to the changes to assessment arrangements in school on Thursday 4 February 2016 at 6pm.

Please RSVP by email to confirm you are attending.

The meeting is open to all.

String Tuition

Mrs Cliffe has a vacancy for anybody wishing to learn either the violin or cello. If your child is interested (Y3 upwards) please let the school office know.



Hot Lunch Meals Register

Please remember to check that you have registered your child for hot lunches. For pupils in KS2 who are not on the register but do not have a packed lunch with them we will apply a retrospective charge to your ParentPay account of £3.00 for the meal we have provided. We need to cover the costs we are charged by Nourish for non-ordered meals.

Pupil Reports

Christmas Movie Night

By Hema, Y6



When we first arrived there was a problem with the screen in the hall so we had to go into Class 3. Me, Luke, Arrik, Libby and Chenoa decided to go on Chenoa's beanbag. We were at the back and found it very comfortable. At the start of the movie it took a while for everyone to be quiet but finally the movie was started. The movie was called *The Nativity: Where's my Donkey?* I thought it was a bit childish! (However, this is one of Mrs Smoczynski's favourite Christmas movies!)

Aladdin Trouble

By Leo, Y6



This year we performed the pantomime Aladdin Trouble. Everyone had a part and a good time was had by all. In true panto style there were many funny moments and also some sad bits. We raised plenty of money for Reuben's education in Uganda and also for the PTA and had fun doing it. Everyone had an important role to play and the final product all went together well.



A Christmas Carol

By Libby, Y6

At the end of the panto they poured bits of paper down on us and it was like snow. They interacted with the audience which was really funny because the ghosts had to explain to the ghost of the past what an XBOX was. They described it as an interactive chalk board! Cratchet made Scrooge play a silly game and out of the pot he pulled pink spotty bloomers. Everybody enjoyed it. It even made the teachers laugh!

Jimmy Goddard Assembly

By Joe, Y6

Jimmy is an ex-soldier who fell while climbing, breaking his spinal cord. He is now paralysed from the waist down and so couldn't do the sports that he liked anymore. He started training and getting fit again. He found a person in America to make him a special bike because he had decided to climb Kilimanjaro. He had a team to help him get to the top which was his physio, his Dad and a few friends from the army. From Jimmy's visit I have learnt that if you've had a setback you need to keep going. It taught me about resilience.