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Welcome to the new Academic Year

This year we are delighted to welcome our 9 new pupils into Reception: Sebby, Thea, Amelia, Isaac, Layly, Lara, Charlotte-Danielle, Molly and Ethan. We wish them every success as they join the Maidwell family.

Rosemarie James
Headteacher

Staff Update

Mrs Hills left us at the end of last year. This year our PE sessions will be led by coaches from Sports Coaching Ltd and will continue to take place on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child has full PE kit in school from Monday to Friday.

Class Organisation

Class 1: Mrs Rachael Littlewood is Class Teacher supported by Class 1 Teaching Assistants Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Crosby and Mrs Poole. Mrs James will teach music on a Monday afternoon and Mrs Garley Science and History/Geography on Tuesday/Wednesday.

Class 2: Mr Woods will teach the class for the majority of the week, with the children having Mrs Enright and Mrs Garzon on Wednesday afternoons for Music/Spanish and sports coaches on Thursday afternoon (part) for PE. The class will be supported by Miss Kain as Teaching Assistant and Mrs James for RE on Monday afternoons (when the children are not at the swimming pool).

Class 3: Mrs James will teach Class 3 on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday and Thursday mornings and RE on Monday afternoons. Mrs Foxley has returned to teach Science and Reading on Tuesday/Thursday afternoons. Class 3 will be taught by Mrs Enright and Mrs Garzon for music and Spanish on a Wednesday afternoon and the sports coaches for Thursday afternoon's PE session. Mrs Garley will be responsible for Class 3 on Fridays teaching Mental Maths, IT and Spelling. The class will be supported by Mrs Walker as Class 3 Teaching Assistant.

PARKING REMINDER

On behalf of our neighbours

Please remember to park courteously in the vicinity of the school.

Our neighbours experience difficulties when exiting/entering their driveways if cars are parked opposite them.

Please do not use the entrance to the staff car park as a turning area as staff are often leaving/arriving at the same time as pupils.



Term Dates

This half term finishes on **Friday 23 October 2015** and we return on **Tuesday 3 November** (the previous day is a Teacher Training Day). Full academic year dates are published on the NCC website (www.northamptonshire.gov.uk) or on the school website.

FRUIT FOR MORNING BREAK TIME - KS2

Please feel free to put a piece of fruit in your child's bag for eating at morning break (especially if they have been used to having a piece of fruit in KSI!)

SHARING ASSEMBLY

The first Sharing Assembly of this academic year will be on

Friday 23 October 2015
at 2.45pm

Please join us if you can

Premises Update

We have had a new shed installed in the Early Years Foundation Stage area to provide dedicated storage for our wheeled toys. We have also had 'odd jobs' carried out in order to keep the building and grounds in good repair

Governing Body News

Nick Andell, Chair

Welcome back to all those of you who are returning to school. For those of you starting with us this term, an especially warm welcome. On behalf of the Governing Body, I hope that you will enjoy your years at Maidwell Primary School.

We are proud of our school, our pupils and their achievements. We are, clearly, a small school. This leads to a heightened sense of community and I encourage all parents and carers to embrace this element and to be actively involved in supporting the children's education.

Let's all, staff, parents, governors and, particularly, students continue in our efforts to keep our school as a happy, safe place for learning.

Wendy Irons
Chair



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PTA

The Next PTA meeting will be **Wednesday 16th Sept, 7.30pm** at the Stags Head Pub. Everyone welcome ... if you would like to help or just see how things are please come along to get to know the PTA.

The PTA raises funds for the school throughout the year but the most important part is that the children get to have fun events. We are always looking for more helpers so please - if you're able - come and join us. I hope we can all enjoy the fundraising activities in the year to come.

All new parents can find a welcome if they wish to join us at anytime. We would love to have you with us. We welcome new ideas and it's good to have new faces to make up the group.

If you are not able to join us, information on how you can help raise money for the PTA when you spend via the internet is available and this is so easy. We all love to do our shopping on-line so this is a great way to help without leaving the house.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 16th September.



NMPAT Music Lessons

Strings lessons will this year be with Mrs Cliffe and will take place on Thursday mornings. Woodwind will continue with Mrs Mourant on Wednesday afternoons.



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.

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 10 November 2015	KSI/KS2	3.40-5.30pm
Thursday 12 November 2015	R/KSI/KS2	3.40-7.00pm

Full details will follow towards the end of this half term.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Thursday 17 September

Younger siblings welcome for family photos at 3.15pm



Swimming lessons commence with Mrs Ogden at Maidwell Hall on Monday of next week. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit with them. Swimming hats are available to purchase (90p) from the school office. This term's amount due for the lessons will be loaded to your ParentPay account shortly.

Taster Sessions

Football Taster Sessions will take place on the morning of Thursday 17 September. Freestyle Soccer Academy will deliver sessions over the course of the morning and issue invitations to join their lunchtime sessions this academic year. Please make sure your child has outdoor PE kit in school.

freestyle
soccer academy



Martin Young

Martin will again be visiting us on Monday 14 September to support our Literacy unit based on the story entitled Marshmallows for Martians by Adam Guillain. As usual we look forward to the creation of Martin's wonderful images.

Open Days & 2016 Admissions

Friday 23 October and Friday 11 December 2015

Our first Open Day will be held on the last day of this half term. If you know any prospective parents who may wish to seek a place for their child in the future, please let them know of this date and Mrs James will be happy to show them our school.

The applications process for school places for September 2016 starts later this month on Monday 14 September. If you have a child who will be 4 years old before 31 August 2016, applications can be made online at: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

Absence from School

We are unable to authorise any absences from school for holidays. If your child has an unavoidable medical appointment, please send in a copy of the hospital's letter with your completed absence request form (available on the school website). Without this document we are unable to authorise the medical absence.

Our Breakfast Club is proving so popular that we currently have no vacancies on **TUESDAYS**. If you wish to use the club on any of the remaining four available days, please remember that we require **48 hours' notice** in order to purchase the appropriate fresh provisions.

Sending Mail into School

We have post boxes in each classroom. In **Class 1** Mrs Lloyd checks the book bags every day and puts any letters into the box before sending it to the school office. You may also like to correspond using your child's reading record book. In **Class 2/3** the children are responsible for putting their own letters in the box at the beginning of the school day ready for delivery to the office. Please always ensure that letters/monies are in a sealed envelope with your child's name on the front.

Please **DO NOT** leave envelopes on the office desk – an occasion occurred in the past where an envelope left by a parent in the school office was mislaid - and **DO NOT** hand envelopes to members of staff either at the door or on the playground. We need to ensure that money/correspondence is always traceable.

Please also bear in mind that the school's emails are only checked if Mrs Smoczynski is in the office and should therefore not be used for urgent messages as they may not be received in time.

Letters will continue to be sent to your inbox via ParentMail. If you are receiving a paper copy of this newsletter it is because **your account has not yet been activated** and we would urge you to do so as soon as possible. Can you please ensure that your registration settings are correct and that you set your log-in to accept email correspondence. We are unable to access your settings for you so please remember to log-in to your ParentMail account if you need to change your contact details at any time during the year.

MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBERS MUST be registered with ParentMail. This is the **ONLY** method we have available to us for sending emergency texts to parents (in the event of winter school closure etc).

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

We obtain the daily lunch register just after 9am. Please remember that all school lunches must be ordered before 9am on the required day, even if your child is in Class 1 and therefore eligible for Universal Infant Free School meals. This will ensure that enough meals are prepared for the lunchtime serving and there are no shortfalls. If you have not ordered before the 9am cut-off, please ensure that you send a packed lunch with your child or deliver it to school by midday.



Our Lost Property mountain continued to grow last term. Please ensure that all your child's clothes/belongings are clearly marked with their name to ensure items can be reunited with their rightful owners.

Collecting Pupils at the end of the School Day

Can we please remind parents that Northamptonshire County Council policy states that the school is only responsible for your child for a **maximum of 15 minutes** after the end of the school day (this information is published online). We are finding increasingly that pupils are not collected from school in a timely manner and that parents assume the school will care for them outside of the 15 minute period. We are unable to accept this responsibility and would remind you that Afterschool Clubs (YI+) are available to assist you if you find it difficult to arrive at school at 3.30pm. Details on the school website.



Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 18 September 2015

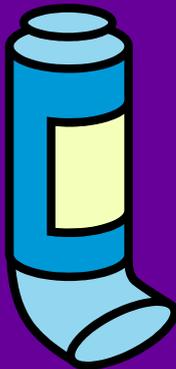
Please wear denim and bring a donation for the charity.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATE: Thursday 24 September, 6.00pm

For parents of children new to Reception, there will be a meeting held which will cover the following:

- Reading in the Early Years
- The teaching of Phonics
- The use of Numicon to support mathematical skills
- The Five R's of Learning
- Raising Boys' Achievement

This is a very important meeting and we would request attendance in order that you can support your child's development at home.



Medication in School

If we hold prescribed medicines in school to give to your child when required (eg: inhalers) please remember that it is **the parent's responsibility** to ensure that the medication has not passed its expiry date and replace as necessary.

Data Collection Sheets & Blanket Permission Forms

The forms to cover this academic year will be sent home shortly. This annual exercise ensures that we hold accurate information relating to your child. Please assist us by taking time to complete them and returning to school by the due date.

Notice Period

Invoices for Breakfast Club, 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.

The national flu immunisation programme 2015/16

This year the school nursing team will be responsible for delivering the 'flu vaccine to pupils in Years 1 and 2. Full details regarding this new scheme will be sent home shortly. The team will be in school on **Tuesday 13 October** to oversee the vaccination programme at Maidwell Primary School.



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