

Maidwell Primary School

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I hope you all had a lovely half term. Welcome back - we are now entering into the second half of the academic year - doesn't time fly? We look forward to longer, warmer days ahead.

Rosemarie James
Headteacher

A BIG MAIDWELL WELCOME to Pip who has joined us in Class 2.



DRAUGHTON ROAD CLOSURE

When Draughton Road is closed early next month for gas main works, Rob Willoughby has kindly offered parents the facility to use the car park at the Stags Head at the beginning and end of the school day.

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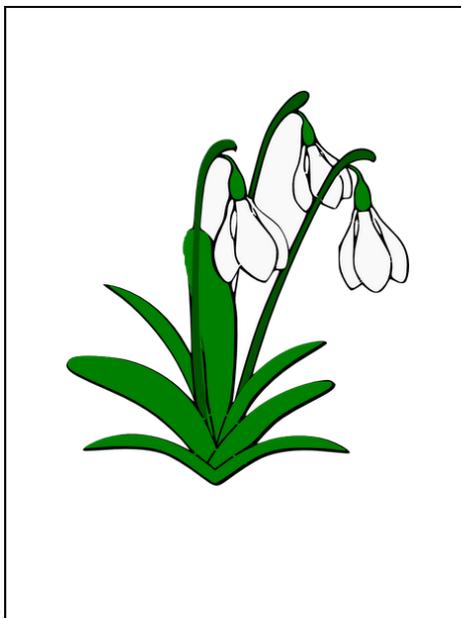
PARKING REMINDER

We appreciate that it will be difficult to park in the area easily when the road-works are taking place, but please always remember to park courteously in the vicinity of the school and do not park opposite driveways. Please do not use the entrance to the staff car park as a turning **or parking** area as staff are often leaving/arriving at the same time as pupils.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

This year's class photographs will be taken on:

Tuesday 14 March 2017



SWIMMING

Due to the pool being unavailable at Maidwell Hall there will be no swimming on **Monday 27 February**. This has already been taken into account with this term's costings as we received advance notice.



SWIMMING HATS

Our supplier has increased the cost price of swimming hats. These are now priced at **£1** each.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Thursday 30 March 2017

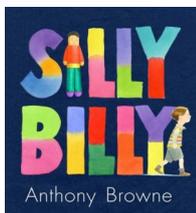
Details to follow

Term Dates

This half term finishes for Easter after Sharing Assembly on **Friday 31 March 2017** and we return on **Wednesday 19 April 2017**. Full academic year dates are published on the NCC website (www.northamptonshire.gov.uk) or the school website.

SHARING ASSEMBLY

Friday 31 March 2017
2.45pm
All welcome



Martin Young

Martin will be visiting on Monday 27 February in order to support our Literacy story of *Silly Billy*.



We must say a huge **THANK YOU** to the PTA for their hard work and for the substantial contribution they are providing for our trip to London to see the Lion King. Please help the PTA in whatever way you can, as their contribution to the 'extras' we are able to provide for the children is **SO** important.

SATS WEEK 2017

w/c 8 May 2017

Assessments take place across the entire school. Please ensure your child is in school for this whole week

PE Kit

The usual PE kit message

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



MAIDWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Maidwell school PTA



Don't forget that the next **SCHOOL HAPPY BAG** day is Friday 10 March. Spare bags are available if required in the school office.

Governing Body News

The Governing Body have recently worked with the school to ensure timely completion of a comprehensive safeguarding audit. We continue to review all school policies and protocol to ensure that they remain contemporary and compliant with current regulation.

We are currently actively looking to co-opt an additional governor with certain skills and experience to complement the skill-base the current governors. We hope to be able to introduce new governors to you as soon as possible.

The Lion King

1 March 2017

Final details will be sent home at the end of this week/early next. IT IS IMPORTANT that we receive your completed consent form by **Friday 24 February** to enable us to finalise plans.

BREAKFAST CLUB

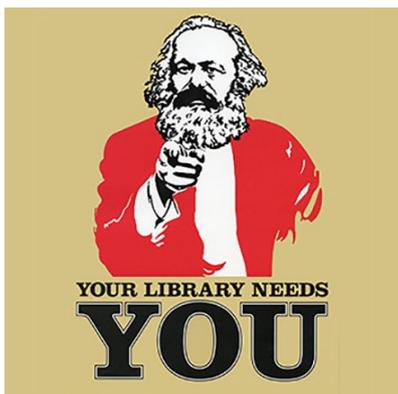


Due to the continued popularity of our Breakfast Club, we are sorry but we have no vacancies this term for ad-hoc users on a **Wednesday**. Please remember that we need 48 hours' notice if you wish to use the Club on any of the other available days.

Parents' Evenings: Future Dates

Please make a note of these dates in your diary:

Open Evening after school reports	Wednesday 12 July 2107	3.40-6.00pm
Y1-Y6 Parent's Evenings next academic year	Tuesday 7 November 2017	3.40-5.00pm
	Thursday 9 November 2017	3.40-7.00pm



Open Library Sessions

Please remember that Mrs Henson is in our Library on Tuesdays between 3.30 and 4.00pm. Please use and enjoy our valuable resources.

Book Amnesty: If you have any books at home which have been borrowed from our Library please return them as soon as possible during our 'book amnesty' over the next few days. Mrs Henson has a note of borrowers and will make individual named requests for all books which remain overdue after the amnesty. A replacement charge will be made for any books which are not returned.

PREMISES UPDATE

During the half term break we have further improved the fencing on the school playing field in preparation for the coming summer months.

Recently Mrs Garley and Mrs Lloyd have been improving the Early Years Foundation Stage provision. This included the purchase last term of a large amount of new equipment. To complete this project the flooring in Class 1 will be upgraded in the near future. Look out for a very posh floor (and thank you to all Class 1 staff for developments already made 😊).



Class 3 will continue to have weekly drumming Samba lessons which will culminate in a performance on **Monday 20 March** (9.30-10.00am). Please join us if you can.



Level 2 Bikeability sessions for Class 2 will take place on **Friday 17 March 2017**. This one-day session is playground based. Full details will be sent home later.



Advance notice: There will be a Parents' Information meeting with latest news regarding on-line safety on **Thursday 27 April 2017** at 6.00pm. Please join us for this important update in this constantly changing area.

KS2 SUMMER RESIDENTIAL

Important date for your diary

There will be a statutory parents' meeting for ALL pupils attending the summer residential on **Thursday 8 June** at 6pm.

OUTDOOR MATHS DAY

Friday 31 March 2017



We always look forward to our Outdoor Learning Days and (weather permitting) lots of mathematical activities will be taking place in the great outdoors. Shape, space and measure in particular can be taught to great effect outside.

We don't have a **PRIDE OF MAIDWELL AWARD**, but if we did it would go this month to Bethany (Y6).



The school has found out on the grapevine that for her 11th birthday she told her friends that she had everything she wanted and instead of gifts, she asked would they mind donating to *Children With Cancer UK*. She raised the fantastic sum of £220.

She didn't just stop there. She fancied a new hairstyle so took it upon herself to do some research on the *Little Princess Trust* charity. She had her hair cut over the half term holiday and sent it all to the charity to make a wig for a child with cancer.

Well done Bethany! We are all extremely proud of you.



Northampton Hope Centre

On Monday 27 February, C2/3 will be visited by Northampton Hope Centre as part of their RE studies. They will be talking to us about their work assisting people in Northampton who do not have homes.



End of Financial Year

We have started the process of closing our accounts in preparation for the end of the Northamptonshire County Council financial year.

Please take the time to **log in to your ParentPay account** and ensure all outstanding payments on your account are settled as soon as possible. The Governing Body will be issuing personalised reminders shortly for all unpaid amounts.

Pupil Reports

KS2 visit from representatives of Outspan School, Uganda

By Caden, Y6

On Monday 26 February we were visited by Scout Leaders Mr Graham Smith and Mr Chris Saul. They told us all about the Outspan School and when it started. They showed us money from Uganda. We found out it was a Boarding School. They also showed us photographs. I was amazed that a few people started this really big and growing school.

NMPAT Strings Quartet

By Isabelle Y6

When the String Quarter came in they played lots of pieces including famous pop songs, Rock-a-bye and Peppa Pig. They also showed us how the violin evolved over hundreds of years and told us all about their instruments which were two violins, a cello and a viola. At the end they played a piece from Jungle Book but we were all hoping it would be Lion King.



Pupil Reports (continued)

Y1/Y2 Multiskills Tournament

By Thea, Y1

We did lots of Multi-Sports. My favourite one was the beanbag/hoop throwing one because every time you got it into a hoop you got 1, 2 or 3 points. I did really well because I got one of each. We got certificates for joining in. I felt really happy to be doing it and my heart was really beating.



KS2 Visit from Rev Walter

By Chenoa, Y6

When Revd Walter came he talked about people from other countries and how we have more than they do. He talked about the Good Samaritan and how we should help everyone of any religion or country not just ours. He demonstrated how three people with all the money (ie: the one-third of the world which is rich) could share that money with those who are less fortunate.



Safer Internet Day - 7 February 2017

By Kyle, Y6

Mr Woods talked to us primarily this year about photos and what we upload onto the internet. He also asked us what on-line networks we used such as Xbox Live. He took a picture of us and explained how easily he could up-load this on to the internet in a matter of seconds and that as he didn't have our permission he shouldn't do so. I learnt about being careful about what images you put onto the internet and also what you say.

