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Welcome: I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter holiday. We were lucky to have some lovely weather - enough to recharge our batteries. As ever, the Summer Term will be busy and we look forward to many enjoyable visits and visitors to enhance the learning.

Rosemarie James
Headteacher

Mrs Foxley

It is with regret that I recently received Mrs Foxley's resignation from her position as Class 3 teacher. Following the adoption of her first little boy, Mrs Foxley reduced her teaching time to two afternoons per week. She would have liked to have returned on this basis but now having two little boys has meant that she feels the need to focus entirely on her family. Mrs Foxley is very sad to leave Maidwell and her letter of resignation details the enjoyment she experienced during her time with us. We wish her well for the future and she has promised to keep in touch.

REMINDER

Growth Mindset Meeting
Thursday 4 May, 6pm

R₁ S₁ V₄ P₃

Premises Update

We are delighted with the new pale oak flooring which has been installed over the Easter Holidays, to enhance and update the learning environment in Class 1.



**COMIC
RELIEF**

THANKYOU for helping
us raise the fantastic sum of
£138.23

PARKING REMINDER

As always, please 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.

E-safety

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. It would be appreciated if you could please confirm your attendance.

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Term Dates

This half term finishes on **Friday 26 May 2017** and we return for the final half term of this academic year on **Monday 5 June 2017**. Full academic year dates are published on the NCC website (www.northamptonshire.gov.uk) or the school website.



MUSICAL SHARING ASSEMBLY

Friday 26 May 2017
2.45pm



Orienteering Day Friday 26 May 2017

Following the successful morning events we have had for each of the last two years, we plan to have another Orienteering Morning on Friday 26 May 2017. The children will learn a variety of skills including map reading and compass skills.



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Maidwell school PTA



The school would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to Mrs Gooding for organising our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Governing Body News

Paul Gooding, Chair of Governors

The Governing body has recently seen two departures; Nick Andell has resigned as both Chair and as a governor, as he is moving away from the area. Amanda Fitton has also stood down due to pressure of work in her day job. Our thanks go to both for their contribution during their time on the governing body.

We are delighted to welcome Helen Neal as a co-opted governor. Helen brings a range of skills which are complimentary to those of the current governors, not least derived from her considerable experience as a consultant in strategic and leadership communications with various large companies, mostly in the automotive sector, and her time spent undertaking parliamentary research.

In addition, Geoff Woods - who needs no introduction - has become the new staff governor for the school.

We wish Helen and Geoff well in their new governor roles, and are confident that they will prove a real asset to the governing body.

We are still seeking to co-opt at least one further governor in the near future.



RECEPTION & Year 6 PUPILS: NHS Screening

The School Nursing Team will be in school on Wednesday 17 May 2017 to undertake the annual Reception and Y6 screening.



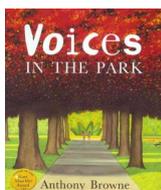
Active Kids ... not long to go now. Please keep sending the vouchers in.

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 **Monday** and only one space 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



Martin Young

Martin will once again be with us on Monday 24 April to support the writing process by creating images related to the Anthony Browne story *Voices in the Park*.

SATs

KS2 Assessments
& Y6 SATs

w/c 8 May 2017

KSI Assessments

w/c 22 May 2017

Please ensure your child is in school for the whole week

Just a
reminder...



PE Kit

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

KS2 Summer Residential Monday 17-Wednesday 19 July 2017



There will be a **statutory** Parents' Information Evening on **Thursday 8 June 2017** at 6.00pm. Please ensure you are able to attend.

The payment balances will be loaded on to your child's ParentPay account shortly and will be due for settlement by Friday 9 June.

Two Summer Messages

- Please ensure your child has a **water bottle** in school at all times. We are constantly being asked for cups at break time and the school does not have enough to share with all pupils. This is very important during the warmer weather.
- By the end of this term we hope the weather will be a lot more sunny than at present! Sun cream should not be sent in to school with your child. The school is unable to apply it on your behalf and in our experience children are not very good at applying it themselves. Please ensure you apply sun cream before school. Sun hats are also beneficial although we will always ensure children are in shade if they do not have a hat with them.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We will be submitting our annual bulk order (free p&p) early in June. Full details and an order form will be issued via ParentMail shortly.



Y6 SAILING DAY Pitsford

Tuesday 6 June 2016

Kindly organised by our local Councillor Cecile Irving-Swift.

Full details to follow.

Open Library Sessions

Mrs Henson is always available to welcome you to our Library on Tuesdays between 3.30 and 4.00pm. Please use and enjoy our valuable resources. Open to younger siblings as well as all pupils.

Pupil Reports

The Lion King

By Libby, Y3

It was amazing. I saw that there was an orchestra under the stage and the elephants were my favourite because they were massive and all the pieces that put them together were really cool. My favourite part was when the hyenas and Scar had a scene that was like a disco with lots of lights and steam coming up from the floor. I liked it when we arrived at the theatre because it looked really amazing.

Visit from Northampton Hope Centre

By Matthew, Y6



The lady who visited was called Tanya. She explained how homeless people could go to the Hope Centre for some guidance and meals. She also told us that some could stay there for a period of time in their little rooms. They feed the homeless during the day and sell (for a small price) food for the night. Recently, quite a few who attended the Centre had got a job. Soon, we, as a school, will raise money for the Hope Centre because the vast majority of their funding comes from charity.

Easter Egg Hunt

By Honey, Y3



I loved the Easter Egg Hunt because we had to go in all different places to find our paper eggs. When we found them we rushed to the steps and when it was home time there were so many chocolate eggs to choose from I didn't know which one to get. They all looked so yummy. I was going to choose the Smarties Egg but then I saw the Cream Eggs so I chose those because they are so delicious.

Class 2 Bikeability

By Harry, Y4

When we were going to the playground I was wondering what we were going to do and then I saw that they had put cones out and that people were gathering around. People were looking at Oliver's bike to learn about all the different parts. When we started we were all riding around the four different cones that were placed in a square. We were learning how to start in the proper position and how to stop without falling off and how to check our brakes were working properly. The best thing I learnt was how to start properly.

Wattle & Daub DT Day

By James, Y4

The wattle and daub day was fabulous fun. I told Mrs James that it was the best day of my life - or the same as the Lion King. I loved the part when I got so dirty because we were making clay stick to the weaving wall. The Anglo Saxons built their houses like this.



Class 3 Samba lessons

By William, Y5

We went on a different instrument every week over 10 weeks - we got to play some instruments more than once. There were big drums, shakers, bells and smaller drums. We learnt to play different tunes - a very lively one and a calmer, slower one - even though it wasn't that calm. On the last week, our teacher, Mr Sharp, said which instrument we were best on and this is what we played at the final performance. Parents, family members, teachers and the rest of the school were at this performance.