

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.

Rosemarie James
Headteacher

TWO BIG MAIDWELL WELCOMES ...

We would like to extend a warm Maidwell welcome to **Mrs Tracey Wake** who has joined us and will be teaching in Class 3 on Thursdays and Fridays ...



... and welcome to **Luca Rose Littlewood** who safely arrived on 30 December 2016. Congratulations to the Littlewood family from us all.

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Snow Closure Reminder

The weather forecast for the next few days is uncertain. 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.

If we need to take the decision to close the school part-way through the day please ensure you collect your child as a matter of urgency as we need to ensure the staff can get home safely once all children have left the premises.



Thank you to all who donated to the Poppy Appeal this year - we raised a fantastic **£93.68**.



We sent **46 boxes** to Operation Christmas Child. Our best year ever. Thank you to everybody.

PARKING REMINDER

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 **or parking** area as staff are often leaving/arriving at the same time as pupils.

Term Dates

This half term finishes after Sharing Assembly on **Friday 10 February** and we return on **Monday 20 February 2017**. Full academic year dates are published on the NCC website (www.northamptonshire.gov.uk) or the school website.

SHARING ASSEMBLY

Friday 10 February
2.45pm
All welcome

Village News

Some parents are hoping to raise funds to install a playground in Maidwell behind the Loder Hall. If you would be willing to help or have any knowledge/experience that might be useful, please speak to/email Mads or Georgie. Please help if you can. (mevans05@hotmail.co.uk)



Martin Young

Martin will be visiting on Monday 16 January in order to support our Literacy story of *Piggybook*.



Advance Notice: Meals on 1 March 2017

To ensure we arrive in London in time for the Lion King matinee performance, we will need to leave school by 11.30am. Dolce have kindly agreed to offer the opportunity for children to have an All Day Breakfast at 10.30am that day instead of lunch. These will be provided for ADVANCE orders only. Please ensure you order at least 7 days before our trip. Full details of the trip will be sent home separately.

KS2 Residential

For those who advised that they would like to participate in this year's residential, we can now CONFIRM that the residential will take place on 17-19 July 2017 and your deposit has been loaded to ParentPay for payment please by **20 January**. Full details later.

PTA SPOTLIGHT...



We must say a huge **THANK YOU** to the PTA for their hard work in the Autumn Term and for the substantial contribution they are providing for our trip to London to see the Lion King in March.

Y1/Y2 Pacesetters Multiskills Tournament

A team of children from Years 1 and 2 will be representing the school at a Multiskills Tournament in Kettering on 30 January organised by Pacesetter Sports. A sports report will be included in next term's newsletter.

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

Tuesday 21 February 2017 KS1/KS2 3.40-5.30pm
 Thursday 23 February 2017 KS1/KS2 3.40-7.00pm

Sessions for parents of pupils in Reception year will be held during the school day on **Wednesday 22 February 2017**.

Time slots it will be sent home before the end of this half term.

Open Library Sessions



Please come along to meet Mrs Henson on Tuesdays between 3.30 and 4.00pm. Our Open Library sessions are available for everybody (including younger brothers and sisters). Please come and enjoy borrowing the lovely books we have available.

Samba



This term, Class 3 will be having Samba music lessons on a Monday provided by Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT). Details of our end of term 'performance' will be sent home later.

Violin Quartet

The children are also looking forward to welcoming the violin quarter from NMPAT to school on Tuesday 21 February. We always enjoy these musical interludes.

PE



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

Pierced Ears: PE, Sports Tournaments & Afterschool Clubs

The following is an extract from Pacesetter Sports' Health and Safety Policy. The school has adopted this policy for all PE and Afterschool sessions:

As newly pierced ears can take a period of time before sleepers/studs can be removed children will not be able to participate during this time and we will not accept being taped over. After assessing the risks this has potential to cause injury and may not actually protect the child.

These items represent potential hazards, not only to the wearer but also to other children, coaches and even equipment and external factors. Current safety advice confirms that any jewellery wearing constitutes an unnecessary risk and should be avoided at all times.

Pupil Reports



The Lion King By Faith (Y3)

I liked The Lion King because the actors were really good. I liked all of the songs - my favourite was the end song: *They Live in You*. I wore a giraffe costume and the other giraffes were Hannah, Oliver and Alfie. My Dad nearly cried when he came to see it.

Pupil Reports (continued)

Visiting Pantomime: Sleeping Beauty

By Mirae (Y3)

I loved Sleeping Beauty. At the beginning it was really funny because the Queen said she was going to put lots of custard on her chicken nuggets! The wizard said that we'd won the British Bake Off competition and the Prince actually kissed her on the lips!

Christmas Party

By Amelia (Y4)

I enjoyed it because it was great fun, and Mr Woods picked really good games for us to play. I'm really glad that everybody had fun. It was so exciting because it was nearly Christmas and the holiday. Santa came to see us at the end and gave us chocolate.

Bertie the Blue Butterfly

By Peggy (Y6)



PCSO Matt Taylor visited us to talk about bullying. We had an assembly and he came to Class 3 afterwards. We completed *The Hand of Friendship* filling in who we'd trust to speak to if we needed help.

Y1/Y2 Pacesetters Football Tournament

By Evan (Y1)

We went in a minibus with Mr Woods. I sat next to Lara and Charlotte-Danielle. When we got there we went into the hall. There were football matches inside the hall. We had to put on shin pads and long thick socks - but I didn't because I was already wearing my own. We played seven games. At the end we got certificates. I think I've still got mine. I really enjoyed it.

Invisible Dust Workshop

By Minnie (Y6)

Two people came in and spoke to us about electricity and renewable energy. Then we were given paper/pencils to record objects which use electricity. We did some experiments about electricity. I learnt how to make a windmill.



Lion King Art Day

By Hebe (Y4)

My favourite part was doing the leaves because we got to use green, glittery paint - which is my favourite colour. We also made slugs to go on the leaves which was funny. I made a slug which moved across the leaf. When we were making the elephant masks we all had googly eyes which kept falling off - we used black paper instead.

Outdoor Art/Literacy Day

By Oliver (Y6)

We worked in groups. On the first activity we created a leaf character. Then we went outside and planted some flowers and created a castle out of Autumn things. Next we coloured in leaves. In the afternoon we wrote Autumn poems.