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School Lunch 17 January 2019

The amount of government funding we receive for the universal infant free school meals is dependent on the number of children having a school lunch on this date. In order to maximise the amount of funding that the school receives to support your child, we would like to ask you to consider booking a lunch for your child.

Dolce have created a special menu for this date (see last page).

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Welcome back to a new term and a new year. Hopefully you all had a wonderful break. Thank you for the kind gifts given to staff at Christmas, it was very gratefully appreciated.

Rosemarie James
Headteacher

A Maidwell Welcome

We would like to offer a big **hello** to Bella who joins us this week in Year 5. Welcome to the Maidwell family!

Winter School Closure

We hope that we don't have a repeat of last year's winter weather, but just in case please be aware of the following:



The procedure for school closures has changed this year. Northamptonshire County Council will no longer be posting details of school closures on their website which means in turn that BBC Radio Northampton will no longer have details of schools that are not open. This means that **the only** place you will be able to check if the school is closed will be on our school website.

As a matter of course, you will also receive an emergency SMS from us advising of the school's closure. Please take time to check that your mobile number is current on the ParentMail system.

If we ever 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 parents who park considerately around the school, making life easier for our neighbours. Remember that a member of staff is on the playground from 8.50am every morning allowing you to 'drop and go' which eases traffic congestion. Please also remember not to park opposite neighbouring driveways.

Bar Modelling Parents' Meeting

Thursday 10 January 2019: 9.05am

In order to help children access word problems in maths we use *Bar Modelling*. This technique enables children to 'see' the problem and identify the steps which are required to be taken. Understanding the principles behind this simple yet effective process will allow you to support your child in its used at home. Please make an effort to attend.

Term Dates

This term finishes on **Friday 15 February 2019** and we return to school on **Monday 25 February 2019**. Full academic year dates for this year and next are published on the school website and include the school's five Teacher Training Days. **Please note that training days are not included on the calendar on Northamptonshire County Council's website.**

Martin Young

Our story this term is *Baba Yaga's Black Geese*, a Russian Folk Tale.

Martin will be with us on Monday 14 January to share his usual artistic talent and inspire our creative writing.



Steve Grocott

Having worked with the musician and storyteller Steve Grocott earlier last term, we have been working in collaboration exploring the concept of putting more complex stories to music. Steve has worked very hard and has written a wonderful musical version of our latest story: *Baba Yaga's Black Geese*. Class 3 have learnt the song and presented it to the rest of the school this morning. The concept behind the development is that songs are committed much more readily to the long-term memory and therefore putting stories to music will benefit the children's learning and add to the fun.

Jodie Nikel
Chair



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Maidwell school PTA

The PTA would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that you all had a very festive Christmas break.

The Autumn term was, as usual, very busy with events: tea and cake sales and other fundraising activities all of which proved very successful. We have raised the fantastic amount of £1725 this academic year so far! A huge thank you to everyone involved in helping at these fundraising activities and also to all of you who have supported them. A breakdown of the funds raised will appear in the next PTA newsletter along with proposed plans for where this money will be best spent to enhance the school and its resources.

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes to the Cash4Clothes collection before Christmas, which raised £50. There will be another collection this term (date to follow), so if you're thinking of having a post Christmas/Winter clear-out please keep the bag collection in mind.

We will be planning more activities for this coming term, of course, so please look out for these on the next PTA newsletter and the ParentMail notifications. If you would like to help at any of our future events, would like to bring along an idea or simply would just like to hear more about what the PTA is planning, please come along to the next meeting which is on **Monday 14th January 3.30pm** at the school. **All are welcome!**

Thank you for your continued support

Governing Body News

Paul Gooding, Chair of Governors

Governing Body activity in the last couple of months has included our bi-annual Data Group sub-committee, termly reviews such as Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Online Safety, and our ongoing monitoring and oversight of matters such as website maintenance, property maintenance, Policy reviews and the Performance Management cycle.

Over the course of this term we would anticipate undertaking a number of monitoring visits to school to assess progress against some of the objectives set in the School Development Plan. There will also inevitably be some preparatory work for our annual budget-setting, as next year's budget needs to be in place by the end of March.

We are still seeking to recruit additional governors, but following recent discussions with a few interested parties we are optimistic of being able to co-opt at least one additional governor by the time of our next meeting.

Parents' Evenings: Dates for February 2019

Please make a note of these dates in your diary:

Y1-Y6:	Tuesday 26 February 2019	3.40-5.00pm
Y1-Y6:	Thursday 28 February 2019	3.40-7.00pm
Reception pupils:	Wednesday 27 February 2019	During the school day

Details will be sent home shortly and times issued before the half term break.

Open Library Sessions

Mrs Henson is again available this term 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. **Please sign in at the door with Mrs Henson on arrival.**

BREAKFAST CLUB

We have ad-hoc spaces available at Breakfast Club this term every day **except** Monday. Please remember that we need 48 hours' notice if you wish to book a place. If you wish to cancel your commitment, the school needs a term's notice to enable us to adjust staffing provision accordingly.

SHARING ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY
15 FEBRUARY 2019

2.45pm

EYFS Parents' Meeting: Developing Independence

Please join us on **Thursday 17 January 2019** at 6.00pm for our third EYFS Parents' Meeting. Parental input impacts highly on your child's progress. Come along and find out how to continue to best support your child at home. If you haven't already done so, please could you confirm your attendance.



Parents' Curriculum Meeting

Thursday 28 February 2019
9.05am
(first week back after half term)

Positive Mindset and Self-Regulated Learning



Lunch Ordering

Can we please remind you that all school meals should be ordered using the LiveKitchen system. The school cook prepares meals to order and aims for as little wastage as possible. In turn, this means that there are not many 'leftovers' available for children who do not have an order on the system. **PLEASE TAKE TIME TO LOG IN AND ORDER MEALS ACCORDINGLY.** The School Office can only place orders on your behalf in an emergency and should not be relied on as a matter of course.



The pupils in **Class 2** have been invited to join the Bikeability trainers on **Friday 18 January 2019** to undertake Level 1 training on the playground. Full details were sent home last term. Please check your child's bike using the Bikeability checklist as soon as possible and ensure that your child's bike is in school on that date.



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



The Hope Centre Appeal

By Madison, School Council Representative (Y6)

THANK YOU to everybody who contributed an item to go the Hope Centre. Tanya was very happy to receive the many goods we had gathered. This harvest, hopefully many less fortunate than ourselves will have benefitted from your kindness.

Aladdin

By Oliver Y6

Aladdin was a really good play and was very successful. We had brilliant direction from Mrs James and the dances were amazing. All the practice required paid off. We learnt how to express ourselves through singing, acting and dancing. Now I am looking forward to seeing Aladdin in the West End (although I asked to see it on Broadway first!)

Visit by Steve Grocott

By Jake, Y5

Steve did lots of activities like passing sticks around the room and at assembly he sang lots of songs and got people playing different instruments. Finally, he used a bird plane and made it fly around the room - it was one of his stories. Since he's visited us he's turned the Baba Yaga story into a song, leaving some bits for us to do - which we did on Friday. The song is catchy and you'd be able to learn it easily.

Cinderella (the Pantomime)

By Nate, Y5

The show was very loud and bright especially when you were at the front - which we were. The dances were very good and they didn't make any mistakes whatsoever. I really liked that at the end we got to sing Baby Shark. Buttons was really funny and was my favourite character. The Ugly Sisters had really cool outfits (and lots of costume changes). I liked the fact that every time the Fairy Godmother came on there was a huge spark. I really enjoyed it.

Samba

By Pip, Y5

Samba is a type of music played by Brazilians. We played the Samba rhythms on different instruments. I played a ganza and my pattern was 'onion bhaji'. Everybody had different patterns. We merged our patterns together to create the same rhythms. I felt nervous at first but I learnt about teamwork and am really happy that I'd learnt something new. We performed in front of our parents at the end of the lessons. My Dad said that it was very good and very loud.

Art Days

By Faith, Y5

It was great fun creating the backdrop for Aladdin with Mrs Elliott. We got to work in teams of two. Painting the backdrop was great - we used blue and light and dark purple. We also created windows to attach to the backdrop. With Glen we made the flying carpet, the Prince Ali banner and the large lamp (for the Cave of Wonders). This was also really fun because I like doing art and sewing.

Christmas Party

By Sebby Y3

At the Christmas Party we played games such as *Sleeping Lions*. At the end Mrs James said “We’re finished now ... you can get up”. I didn’t get up because I’d been tricked by this before. I was one of the people who won a prize. We played human pinball. We had to crouch down on the floor and Mrs Walker threw a ball at the wall which bounced off - if it hit you, you went out. I went out about 5th. We also had our faces painted. However, I didn’t have my face painted as it makes it really hot - a lot of people had their faces painted as Ruldolph. It was great fun.

Dancing Dave

By Hannah Y4

It was really fun and we all got to have our opinions on what we liked about it. Sometimes Dancing Dave would do some movements and we got to choose which we liked best. We were allowed to find a suitable space and in the end Dancing Dave was really pleased with it so we were pleased with ourselves. Because he was here we were all great in the show at dancing. I performed in Arabian Nights and The Finale. Dancing Dave was really nice to us.

Notice Period Reminder

ParentPay charges are loaded for Afterschool Clubs and Strings/Woodwind lessons to cover the Autumn, Spring and Summer Terms (two half terms). Breakfast Club charges are loaded on a half-termly basis. Please remember that if you no longer wish to use any of these facilities a **full term’s notice** is required in writing.

Swimming payments are loaded to ParentPay three times per year. Once again we will be offering a £5 per pupil prompt payment discount for swimming charges.

Please remember to check your child’s ParentPay account for any new charges on a regular basis.

EYFS Talk for Writing Mornings

This term’s Talk for Writing Mornings for parents of pupils in EYFS will be on 30 and 31 January 2019 (9.45-10.30am). Please feel free to join us on either of these mornings and watch your child engage in a Talk for Writing session.



We are supporting
Safer Internet Day
5 Feb 2019

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www.saferinternetday.org.uk

THE GREAT 1950's
17TH JANUARY 2019

Mains
Hot Dog with a Choice of Healthy Toppings (also available as a vegetarian option)
Allstars Broccoli & Cheese Pasta Bake
Jacket Potato with a Choice of Healthy Fillings

Chips
Garlic Bread
Rainbow Slaw
Garden Peas

Desserts
Sticky Jam Sponge with Custard
Fresh Fruit Salad
Yoghurt

PLUS ROUTE 66 Salad Bar