

Maidwell Primary School

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Welcome back ... we hope you all had a lovely half term break. We are now officially half way through the academic year. How time flies when you are enjoying yourself! With the signs of Spring all around us, we've already started to use our playing field at lunchtime this week. Hopefully we'll be able to get outside much more than we did last term.

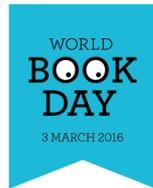
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Headteacher

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Maidwell Goodbyes

After 7 years at Maidwell Primary School, Miss Kain will be leaving us on 18 March to move on to pastures new. We wish her all a big MAIDWELL GOODBYE and our very best wishes for her future in her new position.



Don't forget! We'd love to see photographic evidence of children reading in an unusual place/situation and also bring in any favourite books to share on Thursday. We will spend the day focusing on book characters we have worked on with Martin Young. The book tokens will be sent home at the end of the day.

Road Safety and Parking



You will all have received a copy of the letter from the Parish Council requesting more considerate parking in the vicinity of the school. To follow this up, the Police were meeting and greeting parents on Monday morning and will continue to do so at regular intervals. They have requested that you please remember to park courteously at all times. Cars should not be blocking pavements nor neighbour driveways. Please consider all other road users/villagers when dropping off and collecting from school.

TEMPEST
PHOTOGRAPHY

This year's class photographs will be taken on:
Thursday 3 March 2016

BREAKFAST CLUB

We have received a few requests recently for 'next day' use of the Breakfast Club which we have tried to accommodate whenever possible. However please remember that we need **48 hours' notice** (requests made on a weekend by email do not take effect until received on Monday) if you wish to use the Club as we need time to arrange provisions and staffing. At the present time we are still advertising for a replacement for Mrs Savage as Breakfast Club assistant. If you are, or if you know anybody who may be, interested in the position (0800-0900h daily) please contact the school office. This is a great opportunity for someone who may wish to gain experience in working with children.

Term Dates

This very short half term finishes on Maundy Thursday **24 March 2016** and we return to school on **Tuesday 12 April 2016** (the day beforehand is a Teaching Training Day). Full academic year dates (including 2016-17) are published on the NCC website (www.northamptonshire.gov.uk) or the school website.

Musical Sharing Assembly

Friday 18
March 2016
2.45pm

Performances from children learning strings, guitar and woodwind.

All welcome!

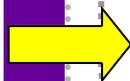
SATS WEEK 2016

w/c 9 May 2016

Please ensure your child is in school for this whole week

Important
DATE!

PTA Meeting



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PTA

Wendy, Nicky & Georgie

A reminder please to send in all sponsorship money from the Pancake Flip on Shrove Tuesday by the end of this month.

Bags for school was a great success. The next date is 15th April (bags will be available in school). If you get a chance during your Spring Cleaning to sort out unwanted items in readiness, this will provide us with another opportunity and easy way to raise funds for the garden area at school.

Mrs James is in contact with the company who will provide the outdoor seating. We're all getting excited as we get closer to achieving a wonderful seating area for the children.

The school PTA disco is set for Friday 18th March. This should be a fantastic event with glow sticks and party games for all the children. More details will be with you soon.

Please could you all remember to use the easyfundraising website when you purchase online. This provides us with funds and you have the same fun shopping online. Just sign in before you make your purchase or do your internet shopping.

THANKS to all our parent helpers we would not be able to provide the children with fun events without your support.

Please join us in the Stag's Head on **Monday 29 February** at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Governing Body News

Nick Andell, Chair

Welcome back to you all after half-term, I hope after a short break you are all looking forward to the rest of the term up to Easter. The Finance and Personnel Committee recently met to discuss the budget for the next Financial Year. In common with all schools in the county, we are facing a reduction in funding due to the end of some one-off funding that we have had for the last 3 years. We will be doing all we can to ensure that the impact on education will be minimised. Some of you may also be aware that the local primary schools, which form the cluster that feeds into Guilsborough secondary school, have started to consider the options available to them, with regards to Academies. Some of those other schools are facing pressures that we are not, because of our Outstanding status from Ofsted and our stable number of pupils. Therefore, the Governing Body has decided that it would not be in the interests of the school, and the children, to consider closer ties to other schools in the cluster. We will continue to focus on providing an excellent education for the children in our school. If anyone has questions over this, please feel free to contact me via the office.



24 March 2016



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.



At the end of each term the child who has borrowed the most Library books will receive a certificate and a box of chocolates during Sharing Assembly.

Parents' Evenings

Future Dates:

Tuesday 8 November 2016	KS1/KS2	3.40-5.30pm
Thursday 10 November 2016	KS1/KS2	3.40-7.00pm

Martin Young



Martin will again be visiting us on Monday 29 February 2016 to assist in the creation of images for this term's story *Nasaradeen's Nail*.

Signs of Spring Day: Thursday 24 March 2016

We will be out and about walking in the vicinity of the school looking for signs of Spring.



PE Kit

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



Class 3 Parents

Please remember you are invited to come and see what we have been learning in our African Drumming Sessions at 3.15pm on **Tuesday 22 March 2016**

Parents in School

Please note that we are required, for Safeguarding and Fire Procedure reasons, to ask all visitors to sign in and wear a visitor badge. We have been informed that this should also apply to parents if they are entering the school further than the main reception door. We are aware that this will be a time-consuming procedure but hope you will understand why we must enforce it.

End of Financial Year

We are in the process of closing our accounts in preparation for the end of the Northamptonshire County Council financial year. Please **log in to your ParentPay account** and ensure all outstanding payments for swimming/breakfast club/music tuition/school visits are settled as soon as possible. The Governing Body will be issuing personalised reminders shortly for all unpaid amounts.

KS2 Summer Residential

Confirmed dates:

Monday 18-Wednesday 20 July 2016

There will be a **statutory** Parents' Information Evening on **Thursday 9 June 2016** at 6.00pm. Please ensure you are able to attend.

The payment balances will be loaded on to ParentPay after the Easter vacation and will be due for settlement by Monday 6 June 2016.



RECEPTION PUPILS: NHS Screening Wednesday 13 April

The school nurse team will be visiting school on this day for the Reception Screening programme. The forms were sent home to you in your child's book bag last month for completion and urgent return. Please note that we still have forms which have not yet been returned. **PLEASE SEND THEM IN FOR FORWARDING TO THE NHS.**

PARENTAL SURVEY

Thank you to everybody who took the time to complete our recent survey. The results are currently being analysed and will be shared with you shortly.

Notice Period

Invoices for Breakfast Club (in two halves), 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 ONLY** 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.

Pupil Reports

KS2 Roman Trip to Warwick

By Luke, Y6

We went to learn more about Romans and what they did in their times. We learnt about their foods and we ground cumin seeds into a powder using a pestle and mortar. We also made a Roman shopping list. In Roman times they had no potatoes in the UK as they hadn't been discovered at this point. There were lots of artefacts including an Amphorae which were used to transport Olive Oil on their journey from Italy. The Amphorae were shaped the way they were as they stood up in sand during the voyage.



Class I visit to Kelmarsh Buddhist Centre

By Molly, Yr R

We did meditation. We had to cross our legs, close our eyes and breathe in through our nose and breathe out through our mouth. It made me feel calm. We saw a statue of Buddha. He had a little dot at the top of his head which I think was called an ushnisha. We poured water into plastic bowls, We also lined up and put rice on some rings.



Class 1 Victorian Day in Warwick

By Sebby, Yr r

First we went into the schoolroom. There was a different teacher. She was strict and we had to stand behind the desks. We wrote on chalk boards and we had to be quiet. I liked it but I like my classroom better. Then we went to the laundry where you wash your clothes. The lady did it with her hands. We grated soap and scrubbed on a collar.

KS2 Roman Jewellery Day

By Alice, Y6

We made a necklace out of a paper plate, pasta and spray paint. Onto it I put tissue paper wrapped in shiny paper to look like a gem called Lapis Lazuli. It worked well. Matthew and Poppy asked me how to do it and I helped them. We also made a cartouche which is a plaque with your name on it. We made a snake bracelet. They didn't just wear jewellery to look nice but to keep evil spirits away. Finally we made a cat out of clay - but mine looked like a dog!

KS2 Roman Sandal Day

By Peggy, Y5

I got a piece of leather and drew around the template to create the shape of the shoe. Then I cut the shape of the shoe out and drew around my foot onto square cardboard to create the sole of the shoe. Next I made holes in the heel of the shoe to sew together using string. My shoe fitted my foot perfectly.

