



Principal's Newsletter

November 2023

Dear Parent/Carers

We pride ourselves on maintaining an open-door policy to foster effective communication between the school and our parents. We believe that addressing concerns promptly and directly is crucial for the well-being and success of our children. If you have any concerns or queries, we encourage you to reach out to your child's class teacher as the first point of contact. They are dedicated to ensuring the best possible experience for your child and are available to discuss any issues you may have.

In cases where your concerns require additional attention, please feel free to escalate the matter to a member of our SLT. They are here to support you and work collaboratively to find solutions.

While we value open communication, we kindly request that concerns or issues not be shared on social media platforms such as Facebook. Instead, we urge you to bring them directly to us so that we can address them in a timely and appropriate manner. Additionally, we ask for your understanding in refraining from naming individual staff members publicly.

Your cooperation in this matter is vital, as it allows us to maintain a positive and constructive environment for both children and staff. Remember, if we are unaware of your concerns, we are unable to address them effectively.

As we move closer to Christmas, get ready for a fantastic festive season with even more exciting events and celebrations. Stay tuned for all the fun we have in store!

Key Dates

5 December – Community Christmas Bingo Night
6 December – Christmas Fayre
7 December – Christmas Jumper Day
11 December – Y5/6 Concert
12 December – EYFS Concert
12 December – Christmas Dinner
13 December – Y3/4 Concert
14 December – EYFS Concert
15 December – Y1/2 Concert
15 December – EYFS Christmas Fayre

To view more key dates during December, please use the following link to our calendar and adverts page on our website.

[December Calendar](#)

Staffing Changes

Unfortunately, Mrs Russell, Mrs Benton, and Miss Kowalski will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Benton has secured a position outside of education, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to her on this new endeavour. Additionally, Miss Kowalski will be starting a new chapter at a different school in January.

We understand that transitions can bring a mix of emotions, and we want to assure you that we are committed to making this process as smooth as possible for both children and parents. We will keep you informed in due course about the transitional arrangements for your children to ensure minimal disruption.



Attending school regularly and on time is the single most important thing which makes a difference to how well children achieve in school. There is a lot of research to show the effect missing school can have on children:

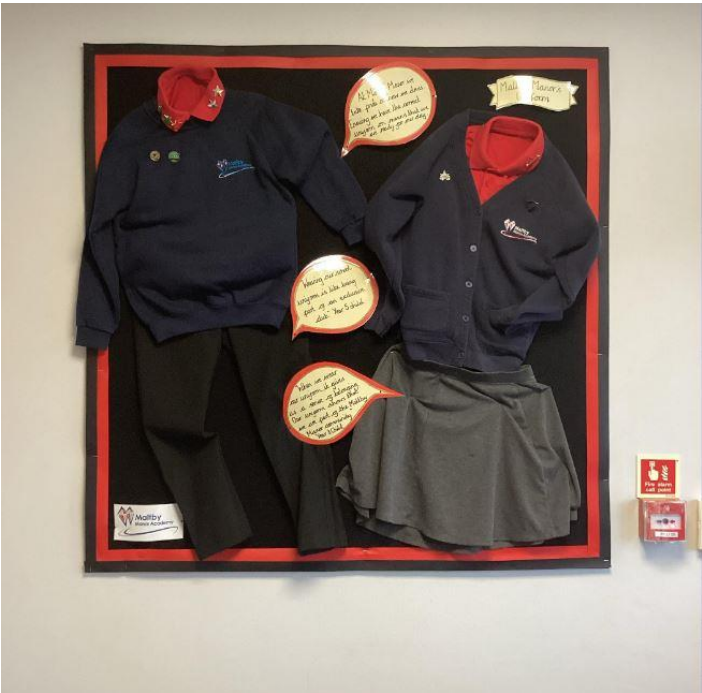
- Children cannot learn and make progress without being in school.
- Contrary to many myths out there, missing primary school has a huge impact on children's future as adults.
- Primary schools teach the basics children need to learn; if they can't read, write and do maths they will not pass GCSEs or A-Levels.

It is vital that children are in school every day, every week; missing parts of a week (for example to leave early for a weekend away), stops children from building on their learning and making progress



Year Group Attendance to date

Fulwood - 95.4%	Buckingham - 95.6%
Fountains - 91.6%	Blenheim - 91.9%
Fitzwilliam - 92.0%	Cannon - 90.0%
Kelham - 94.3%	Chatsworth - 89.5%
Kensington - 95.0%	Haddon - 89.3%
Aston - 85.3%	Hardwick - 91.8%
Ashford - 90.8%	
Rufford - 95.9%	
Roche - 91.5%	



Uniform

It has come to our attention that there has been an increased number of children arriving at school in incorrect uniforms. I want to reiterate the importance of adhering to our school uniform policy. Our standard school uniform consists of a red t-shirt, navy jumper/cardigan, and black/grey trousers or skirt. Please note that leggings or jogging bottoms are not considered part of the approved uniform. Additionally, we kindly request that students wear black school shoes rather than trainers. Wearing the correct uniform is not only a matter of adherence to school policies but also contributes to fostering a sense of belonging and ensures that children are mentally prepared for the school day.

Our staff will be addressing uniform matters with the children. If your child is found to be wearing an incorrect uniform, a message will be sent home as a gentle reminder to make the necessary adjustments. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a uniform standard that reflects the values of our school. If you have any concerns or queries regarding the uniform policy, please do not hesitate to contact us.