



Malvern Parish C of E Primary School



The Half-Termly Times



Edition 2—Friday 16th December 2022

LATEST NEWS

Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter. We have had a very busy half term and it has been great to share lots of it with you. I hope you enjoy reading about the children's learning and the activities that they have taken part in over the last few weeks. There is a little information with regards to the Spring term too.

The highlights of this Christmas season has obviously been the performances put on by the children. 'Hey Ewe' by KS1 was fantastic. Year 2 performed their roles so confidently and were brilliantly supported by the shepherds and angels in Reception and Year 1. Putting on two shows to so many people was no mean feat but each show was excellent and enjoyed by all.

Equally, our Carol Service was just as brilliant. We thoroughly enjoyed returning to The Priory for the first time since December 2019 but Year 6 led the service wonderfully sharing their readings and speaking their lines clearly and leading the singing with the rest of KS2 so enthusiastically. Well done to all. It's always a very proud moment seeing the children leading the service and bringing the community together to a full church. It really was a spectacular. We have of course also enjoyed a delicious Christmas Lunch this week and a brilliant Christmas party day today .

Now that we have come to the end of this Autumn term, I would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you for your continued support. We have spent a lot of time this term talking to the children about their experiences at Malvern Parish and in particular their learning in class. The children always speak very positively with regards to their topics and their enthusiasm for learning and school in general remains extremely high.

Finally, all of us at Malvern Parish would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.



Have a great Christmas!



Thank you to everyone that comes into school to help. It is very much appreciated.

We will see you all on Wednesday 4th January 2023





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VALUE

Our Christian value for this half term has been Peace.



Our Christian value for next half term will be Respect.



ATTENDANCE

YR — 92.6%	Y1 — 95.2%
Y2 — 94%	Y3 — 92.4%
Y4 — 94.8%	Y5 — 94%
Y6 — 92.9%	

The above attendance figures are for this current academic year.

It is vital that your child has very good attendance and punctuality if they are going to make good progress.

We pride ourselves on good attendance our target is 96% or more per child. If your child is absent, please phone/text or email the school on the first day and send a letter on your child's return to school. If we haven't had any contact, the School Office will phone home for confirmation.

We urge parents to take their annual holidays during school holiday time as even short periods of absence disrupt a child's education. The government expects that children will not take term-time holidays, absences maybe permitted if there are exceptional circumstances.

EARLY BIRDS & LATE BIRDS

Please ensure that you have booked your sessions and made payment via ParentPay. **Bookings close on Saturday for the next week for Late Birds. Early Birds close the day before the session is due to take place.**

If you are using tax free child care vouchers, please book your sessions via ParentPay. Make the payment through the child care provider and email the school finance on finance@malvernparish.worcs.sch.uk and confirm the amount paid and how the payment is to be split e.g. £10 Early Bird, £20 Late Bird with the name of child/ren.

Please be advised that we require 48 hours notice when booking or cancelling sessions.

Many thanks





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CHARITABLE DONATIONS – THANK YOU!

By wearing our festive jumpers in exchange for a small donation we managed to raise £134 for Save The Children, which after Gift aid and the Government doubling the money raised it totals a very worthy £268. This will support the good and precious work of Save The Children at such an important time of year. Equally, thank you for your donations to The Community Pantry. All food was collected on Thursday and they were very grateful for the ‘thoughtful’ donations from our families.

On a similar note thank you on behalf of school and Great Malvern Priory for your donations following the Carol Service. Your generous donations raised £143 for The Children’s Society.

BOOK MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS



There are so many reasons to give the gift of a book this Christmas. Reading improves language skills and writing, it improves memory and concentration, it helps to develop thinking skills and imagination, it helps to develop empathy, it teaches children about the world around them, it is great entertainment and sharing a story is the perfect opportunity to spend precious time together.



If you would like some advice on choosing a book for a child, you can find great suggestions on the following websites.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/>

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/blog/our-christmas-book-recommendations-for-children-6297>

Merry Christmas and happy reading!

MESSAGE FROM RED HEN



Red Hen Cookery school meal menus for the beginning of the Spring Term are now available online and throughout the festive break. If you require a meal to be delivered on the first day of term, please be aware that the order cut-off date is **Friday 30th December 2022**.

Please note that if you do not receive a confirmation email with an order number then the order has not been placed/processed correctly and the meals will not have been recorded on the system and therefore will not be delivered.

If you experience any difficulties at all please email info@redhencookery.co.uk and the owners will get back to you as soon as possible to assist.



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MEDICINES

Medication should only be brought to school when absolutely essential. It is helpful if, where possible, **prescribed** medication can be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable it to be taken outside school hours. However, we recognise that sometimes children do need to take medicines in school time. If this is the case, you are required to **complete a medication form** available from the school office. Medication will be stored in a locked cupboard in the school office/fridge. It is vital you **do not** give the medication to your child to administer/look after.



ILLNESS

Should your child become ill during the school day all efforts will be made to contact a parent or another person named on the child's contact record so that the child can be sent home. **It is very important that you keep the contact information up to date. This can be done through the Arbor Parent portal.**



If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea please do not send them to school for at least 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

SEVERN ARTS MUSIC LESSONS

Please make payment via ParentPay for your child's music lessons for the Spring term. Thank you.



Please remember that Severn Arts need half a terms notice for any changes including cancellations to music tuition or you may still be charged.

COOL MILK

Please could you ask your child/ren if they want to continue having milk, as we have surplus milk going to waste.



If your child/ren would like milk, please order via the cool milk website at <https://www.coolmilk.com>



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CHRISTINGLE CAROL SERVICE

We just wanted to share with you this photo that captures the essence of the Christingle service. Thank you to Pollyanna Whiteman for sending it to us in school. We wish you a very merry Christmas!



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DIARY DATES

JANUARY 2023

3th	Inset Day—School closed to pupils
4th	School open to pupils

FEBRUARY 2023

w/b 13th	Y6 Bikeability
20th —24th	Half Term
27th	School open to pupils
w/k beg 27th	Parent Consultations (no after school clubs are running w/k beg 27th Feb)

MARCH 2023

31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Service at The Priory TBC PTA Easter Tombola Break up for Easter
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APRIL 2023

17th	Inset Day—School closed to pupils
18th	School open to pupils



After School clubs start again in the spring term from **w/c 16th January**. There will be no after school clubs week commencing **27th February** due to Parent Consultation meetings (Late Bird will be running as normal).

PARKING

We are asking that everyone be thoughtful and careful when parking during school drop off and pick up times. Parking is an issue for all schools, but if we all take extra care we can keep the children safe.

- Don't park in the staff car park.
- Don't walk through the car park to access school, please use the main footpath.
- Don't park on school markings or double yellow lines.
- Don't park on the pavement.
- Don't block driveways.
- Don't double park - remember vehicles need to get through and that might include emergency vehicles or vans/lorries.
- Don't speed - watch for pedestrians.

We appreciate your support with this important matter.

