



Malvern Parish C of E Primary School



# The Half-Termly Times



Edition 2—Friday 17th December 2021

## LATEST NEWS

Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter. As you will see, 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.

December has seen us enjoying lots of fun, all starting off with the 4Front Theatre company in school for their performance of 'A Satellite Before Christmas'. The Key Stage 2 children really enjoyed and we thank St Andrew's Church for funding the event.

We were all able to enjoy an excellent Christmas Fair organised by the PTA, a special thank you must be extended to Classis Marquees of Malvern as it just wouldn't have been possible to host the fair indoors. Many, many thanks, of course, goes to Corrine Boyling and the rest of the very hardworking committee and helpers for running a brilliant event. Well done all we really do appreciate your efforts.

We have of course also enjoyed a Movie Afternoon, a delicious Christmas Lunch and a brilliant Christmas party day today .

For me the highlight of this Christmas season has been the performances put on by the children. 'Born in a Barn' by KS1 was fantastic. Year 2 performed their roles so confidently and were brilliantly supported by the sheep and angels in Reception and Year 1! Putting on three shows was no mean feat but each show was excellent. Our Carol service was equally as brilliant. We missed going to the Priory but Year 6 led the service, speaking their lines clearly and leading the singing by the rest of KS2 so enthusiastically. Well done all.

As we 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 faced many challenges during this difficult time but hope you agree that this has not been to the detriment of the children's learning and that they have continued to enjoy themselves coming to school. It certainly has been exciting for us welcoming more of you into school to be apart of school life again.

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 5th January 2022.



## 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 5th January 2022**





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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 — 94%	Y1 — 92%
Y2 — 95%	Y3 — 96%
Y4 — 96%	Y5 — 94%
Y6 — 95%	

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 95% 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](mailto: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 24 hours notice when booking or cancelling sessions.

Many thanks





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## PEER MEDIATORS

Over the last few weeks, 12 children chosen from Year 5 have been training on how to become responsible Peer Mediators. They worked very hard with professional trainer Paul over the course of three days. They learnt a variety of different skills which are necessary for the task they have been presented with. These skills included; how to recognise and solve conflict, how to put themselves in other pupils' shoes and lots more. As well as working very hard, our Peer Mediators worked together, had fun together and was just overall a very fun experience. However, this would not have been possible without the help of Paul who made sure we were doing everything. He was patient with us when we found it difficult and supported us in times of need. We owe him so much as he has helped us learn how to help our friends when they are having some hard times. The Peer Mediation is open to anyone who needs it at anytime. The Peer Mediators have already started mediating students and it has been very successful. We hope we can help everyone who needs it.

By Year 5 Peer Mediators

## NATIVITY—'BORN IN A BARN'

Throughout this half term Reception and Key Stage 1 have been hard at work practising for their nativity play, 'Born in a Barn'. This story really brought to life this special time in the Christian calendar and helped the children to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas. Last week their performances wowed everybody who came to watch. Reception were excellent barn animals and performed their dance brilliantly. Year 1 made beautiful angels and twinkled on the stage. Year 2 performed confidently and showed fantastic acting skills and loud speaking voices. We are very proud of all of the children for all of their hard work. Thank you to all who supported and came to watch, and for your co-operation wearing face coverings and providing LFT results.





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## MESSAGE FROM THE PTA



The PTA would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Christmas Fair a success. Together we raised £1716 at the fair and £383 on the Christmas card designs giving a total of £2099 for Christmas fundraising this year which, I think you'll agree, is an absolutely incredible amount!

This was the first time for the PTA chair and many of the committee organising the fair and it was a steep learning curve for us! We couldn't have done it without the help of the staff, extra helpers, the community businesses who supported our raffle so generously and of course all you parents who not only kindly donated tombola prizes but also came along to the fair. We also want to say a special thank you to classic marquees of Malvern who provided us with the marquee!

If you have any feedback for the PTA on the Christmas Fair or would like to get involved please contact Corrine Boyling on 07720823447 or speak to the office.

Merry Christmas to all and we look forward to some more fundraising activities in the New Year!

## PARISH PRIMARY PRAYER



Parish Primary Prayer exists to support, strengthen & empower through prayer, Malvern Parish Primary School and those connected with it. So if you would like to join us in praying for the school, then please feel free to come along. Or if you have any requests for prayer, just email us at [primaryprayer@hotmail.com](mailto:primaryprayer@hotmail.com)

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 1.30pm, so get in touch if you'd like to join us and we can send you more details.

## MESSAGE FROM RED HEN



Red Hen Cookery school meal menus for the beginning of the Spring Term will be available online from **Monday 20th December 2021** 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 31st December 2021**.

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](mailto:info@redhencookery.co.uk) and the owners will get back to you as soon as possible to assist. The Red Hen office will be closed from **Friday 17th December** and will reopen on **Wednesday 5th January** so please use the email and not the phone.



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## MEDICINES

Medication should only be brought to school when absolutely essential. It is helpful if, where possible, 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. 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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## DAILY TESTING FOR CONTACTS OF COVID-19

From Tuesday 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 is being introduced (including until the end of this term). All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect education settings by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education.

Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the [Online Reporting System](#) and to their setting. If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the [Sunday 12 December press release](#). This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January.

If they test positive, they should self-isolate and [order a PCR test](#) to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

For primary aged children [LFD test kits are available through the usual routes](#) (community test sites, local pharmacies or online).

Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case.

For students with SEND who struggle to or are unable to self-swab daily for 7 days, settings should work with students and their families to agree an appropriate testing route, such as assisted swabbing. Information on further support measures will be provided.

## APPLYING FOR RECEPTION PLACES FOR SEP 2022

Applications are now open to apply for Reception School places for September 2022. Please visit Worcestershire County Council website:

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) where parents can make an online application or they can contact 01905 822700 to obtain support in making an application.

	<b>Primary School</b>
<b>Applications Open on</b>	<b>1 September 2021</b>
<b>Closing Dates</b>	<b>15 January 2022</b>
<b>School Offer Notification Dates</b>	<b>16 April 2022</b>



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## DIARY DATES

### JANUARY 2022

4th	Inset Day—School closed to pupils
5th	School open to pupils

### FEBRUARY 2022

21st—25th	Half Term
28th	School open to pupils
w/k beg 28th	Parent Consultations (no after school clubs are running w/k beg 28th Feb)

### MARCH 2022

### APRIL 2022

8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easter Service at The Priory TBC</li> <li>Break up for Easter</li> </ul>
25th	Inset Day—School closed to pupils
26th	School open to pupils



After School clubs start again in the spring term from w/c 17th January. **There will be no after school clubs week commencing 28th 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.*

