

Madginford Primary School

Newsletter

13th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

The children seem really settled in their routines now and are busy learning!

If you find that there is an issue, please talk to the class teacher in the first instance. Teachers in Wheel Block can be found on the playground at the end of the day or you can send in a note in the contact book. We know children do sometimes forget to bring their contact book home so please remember that notes can be written on a piece of paper if the book is not available; if you would rather not send the note in with your child you may bring it to the school office after 8.30am. Class teachers will know much more about what is going on in the class or year group and any arrangements that have been made so are always the best place to start, particularly if things have gone wrong. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

We would like to say 'welcome' to all of our new parents! Whether your child has just started school in EYFS or has taken a place in any other year group, welcome to Madginford Primary School! This is a very busy place and we do our utmost to ensure that the children are happy and get the most from their time here. This newsletter is sent out weekly with information, reminders, news and celebrations marking what is going on in school—we hope you will find it useful!

Madginford Values

Madginford Values — Miss Gravina/Mrs Russell's Rhino Class have been working together very well and challenging themselves to do better. They are both very proud of the children, especially how kind they are all being to each other and showing great respect. Well done, Rhinos! That's exactly how to demonstrate our school values!

Respect • Working together • Challenge • Perseverance • Curiosity • Independence • Equality

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2019

Weds 18th Sept	PTA meeting, Tudor Park, 7.00pm
Thurs 19th Sept	EYFS Open Afternoon
Mon 23rd Sept	Meet the Teacher event
Tues 24th Sept	EYFS KM 'First Class' photographs
Weds 25th Sept	Meet the Teacher event
Fri 27th Sept	EYFS PTA Coffee morning Wheel Block Hall

OCTOBER 2019

Tues 8th Oct	Whole school individual photos
Weds 9th Oct	'Primary Proms' Royal Albert Hall (Years 5 & 6)
Tues 15th Oct	PTA AGM 6:30pm at the School
Weds 16th Oct	'Little Pippins' pre school group, 1.30—3.00pm
Fri 18th Oct	Term 1 finishes
Mon 28th Oct	Staff development day—school closed
Tues 29th Oct	Staff development day—school closed
Weds 30th Oct	Term 2 commences

DECEMBER 2019

Fri 6th Dec	Marlowe Theatre pantomime, whole-school trip (details to follow)
Tues 10th Dec	Flu immunisations (details to follow)

Term dates can be found on our school website where you can download an easy to view calendar.

These dates include staff development days.

The term dates have been changed in line with the May Bank Holiday moving to Fri 8th May. Please update your diaries!

CLOAKROOM OF THE WEEK

Well done to Miss Chaplin's class (Key Stage 2) and Mrs Summerton/Mrs Brenchley's class (Key Stage 1) who won the rosettes for the tidiest cloakrooms this week! We appreciate this is the work of the class teachers and teaching assistants as well as the children themselves so very well done to all of you! If your class didn't win this week, the rosettes will be up for grabs again next week—keep your cloakroom tidy!



ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK

Each week we will be publishing the pupil attendance percentages for the week, in line with our school improvement targets. Our whole school target for attendance is 98% and this matter was raised by Ofsted as a target area for our school. Attendance for this week is:

EYFS:	N/A	Year 1:	98.8%
Year 2:	97.2%	Year 3:	98.7%
Year 4:	97.4%	Year 5:	97.6%
Year 6:	98.2%		
Whole School:	98.9% (Target 98%)		

WELL DONE EVERYBODY!



FAQs

We will endeavour to answer some of the most frequently asked questions in this section on a weekly basis! This week's question is:

If I'm just dropping something into the school office, does it have to be in an envelope?

Yes please! We have lots of children in school all bringing in forms/payment for Breakfast Club, After School Club, school lunch, trips, activities and notes that it is very difficult to ensure that everything gets to where it needs to be! Money in particular needs to be in a sealed envelope so that coins do not drop out around school—please ensure the child's name, class and what the payment is for is clearly written on the envelope. Thank you.



FLU IMMUNISATIONS—NO NEEDLES!

More information about this will be sent out from the NHS nearer the time, but **ALL YEAR GROUPS** will be offered a flu vaccination from the NHS this year. **The vaccine comes as a nasal spray so no needles are involved.** The nurses will administer this in school on Tuesday 10th December but more details will follow.

PTA MEETING

Please join us for our first PTA meeting of the year on Wednesday 18th September at 7pm at Tudor Park. Everyone is most welcome so why not come along to see what plans are being made for the coming year? The AGM is on Tuesday 15th October and an informal coffee morning for all our new EYFS parents will take place on Friday 27th September, both in school. See you there!



PACKED LUNCHES

Please remember that we promote healthy eating whilst at school—please try to ensure that your child has a healthy choice in their packed lunch and keep other items to a minimum. Remember too that we have children in school who have serious nut allergies so please do not pack nuts or nut derivatives in lunchboxes. This includes peanut butter and chocolate spread, which often contains hazelnuts. Please check cereal bars for nuts as these can often be 'hidden' ingredients. Thank you.

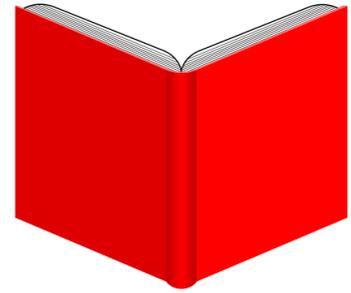
MPE EYFS & YEAR 1 FOOTBALL CLUB



This local football club has a long-standing association with Madginford Primary School and has spaces at their Saturday morning sessions held at Mallards Park, from 9.00am—10.00am for both boys and girls in EYFS and Year 1. The cost is just £2 per week but the first session is free so why not give it a try?

BRINGING ITEMS TO SCHOOL

If you are bringing something into school for a child late e.g. reading book, PE kit or packed lunch, please ensure it is named. Items are being handed into the office and do not always find their way to the child. We do not want children being disappointed that they do not have all their belongings so please try to ensure that bags are packed for school the night before and that anything else brought into school has the child's name and class written on the outside.



TISSUES



Please would parents/carers be able to provide the occasional box of tissues for their child's class? Donations should be brought into school either directly with the child or via the school office. Thank you in advance!

ROAD CROSSING

KCC, who employ our Road Crossing Patrol lady Mrs Evans, have noticed that lots of parents and children are crossing the road outside our school diagonally. This may make your foot journey slightly shorter but means that the direct crossing outside the school is not being used correctly which can be dangerous. This is a polite reminder to use the crossing straight across the road, with Mrs Evans and not to cross diagonally or at other points. Mrs Evans currently does not work on a Monday—if any parent/carer is interested in this part-time position (Mondays, plus emergency cover if needed) please write a letter and pop it in to the school office.

ALDI 'KIT FOR SCHOOLS'

We're collecting Aldi 'Kit for Schools' stickers! If you are asked if you would like stickers when shopping at Aldi, please say 'yes' and bring the stickers to school! The first school to complete their poster with all the stickers wins £20,000 but schools can earn free kit even after this top prize has been claimed. More information will be sent home next week but please collect your stickers if you are shopping this weekend!



HIGHWAYS ISSUES



We are aware that there are temporary traffic lights on the Ashford Road by the Tudor Park hotel and that Willington Street also has its fair share of delays! For the most up to date information on any roadworks or highways issues near our school, parents may wish to follow @KentHighways on Twitter or consult www.kenttraffic.info as an alternative. Please allow plenty of time for your journey to school in the mornings as children often feel uncomfortable about being late into class; if you are late please bring your child to the school office as they will need to be signed in.