

Madginford Primary School

Newsletter

20th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Our new EYFS children have thoroughly enjoyed their lunches this week and we hope they are looking forward to staying with us full time from next week. It is always a real pleasure to see how all our children change and grow over the academic year, becoming more independent as time passes. We know that all the children do their best when at school and put a lot into their days here—you can support your child at home by ensuring they have a good night-time routine, plenty of sleep and a good breakfast before they start their day. Our Breakfast Club is open from 7.50am for those who wish but PLEASE bring your child to the door and do not let them walk down by themselves. Children are also being left before 7.50am and are therefore not supervised—please stay with them until the door opens. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Our PTA have been busy setting dates at their recent meeting! There will be a second-hand uniform sale on Wednesday 9th October from 2.45—4.00pm by the main entrance gate. Please come and see what is available—the uniform is of good quality and is ready to wear. If you do buy anything, please remember to write your child's name inside with a waterproof marker so that it can be returned to you! The Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 30th November—please keep this date clear for some festive fun!

Madginford Values

Madginford Values — Class 4S have been persevering with their English language this week and have used some amazing words! Increasing vocabulary also demonstrates curiosity and challenge as well as showing independence once they learn. Well done 4S!

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2019

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 1st Oct	SEN provision meeting, 10.00am
Tues 8th Oct	Whole school individual photos
Weds 9th Oct	'Primary Proms' Royal Albert Hall (Years 5 & 6)
Weds 9th Oct	Second-hand uniform sale, 2.45—4.00pm
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

NOVEMBER 2019

Sat 30th Nov	PTA Christmas Fair
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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 Mr Bevan's class (Key Stage 2) and Miss Ralph'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:	98.0%
Year 2:	95.4%	Year 3:	98.0%
Year 4:	96.0%	Year 5:	99.2%
Year 6:	96.5%		
Whole School:	97.5% (Target 98%)		
	VERY NEARLY THERE!		



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:

Which menu week is it for school dinners?

Next week, w/c 23rd September, will be 'Week One'. We do appreciate that this has not been made clear and will be specifying which week is which on the November calendars. Many apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

School dinner money should be brought into school in a sealed, named envelope as usual, with any cheques being made payable to 'Madginford Primary School'. Dinners cost £2.20 per day, including a main meal and a dessert and must be booked in advance. Thank you for your co-operation.



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.

SEN PROVISION MEETING

Dr Alison Ekins will host a meeting on 1 October at 10am for parents of children with additional needs. Dr Ekins will cover in detail the SEN provision and practice that is embedded in the school, including information about additional intervention and specialist support and how we meet a range of SEN within the school context. There will then be time for general questions from the whole group, as well as time for individual discussions if the input and general questions have not answered all the parents questions. If you wish to attend, please let your child's class teacher or the school office know.

CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

On Tuesday, 34 pupils from years 3-6 participated in a Maidstone District Cross Country race at Mote Park. The pupils ran exceptionally well. All pupils completed the course and were excellent ambassadors for Madginford Primary School. We are really proud of all the pupils who attended the race.



We had a 1st place finish in the year 3/4 girls' race, a 3rd place finish in the year 5/6 girls' race, a top 10 finish in the year 3/4 boys' race and a pupil in year five demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship supporting a competitor from another school who was struggling to finish the year 5/6 boys' race.

We would also like to thank all the parents/carers who attended for their support. Thank you too to all the staff who attended to make this event possible!

TISSUES & STATIONERY



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!

We also know that children enjoy using their own items in school. Parents may supply their child with a basic pencil case with a pencil, eraser, sharpener, ruler and glue stick if they wish. Please do not send pens or sharp items such as scissors or compasses into school. Remember, any items bought do not need to be expensive or designer—plain, 'essentials'-style items are perfectly adequate and remember to name items where possible!

ROAD CROSSING

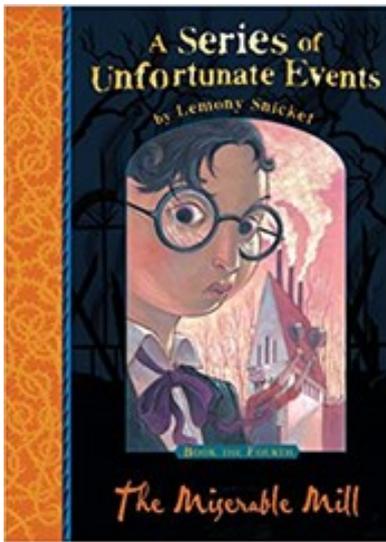
Mrs Evans currently does not work on a Monday—if any parent/carers is interested in this part-time position (Mondays, plus emergency cover if needed) please write a letter and pop it in to the school office.

VOUCHERS

We are collecting the Aldi vouchers and also money-off coupons from Rymans the stationers. Please send in any vouchers to school with your child or drop them off directly to the school office—many, many thanks for those already received but we will always take more!



KS2 BOOK RECOMMENDATION FROM 6R



A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Miserable Mill

'I recommend this book as even if you haven't read the books before it in the series, it makes sense. It is also very interesting and has a lot of suspense.'

Thank you for your recommendation! We're glad you enjoyed it and we're intrigued to know what kept you in suspense—we may have to read the book to find out!

PTA EYFS COFFEE MORNING

Next Friday, all parents of EYFS children are invited to join our PTA for an informal coffee morning. This is an ideal opportunity to meet other parents, find out about what our PTA does and what activities they have planned for the year! Although help is always needed at PTA events, please do not worry that you are going to be given a complicated, time-consuming job at your first meeting—the PTA are very welcoming and understand that everyone has pressures on their time! Donations for refreshments at this event will be given to Macmillan's Biggest Coffee Morning.

PTA LITTER PICKING

Our PTA helped at 'Music On The Green' at Bearsted, picking up litter. They received a cheque for £688 as one of the main beneficiaries of the event. Thank you, ladies! We know you will use the money wisely!

