

Madginford Primary School

Newsletter

6th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to term 1 at Madginford Primary School! We hope you all enjoyed the Summer break and we know the children are already back in the school routine.

It is really good to see everyone back at school, rested and ready to learn. The children are enjoying their new classes and have settled in very well. A letter has been sent home to parents today regarding an opportunity to come in to school and meet the teachers if you have not already done so—these informal meetings will not take the place of the formal parent consultation meetings to be held later in the year but offer an informal, short opportunity to briefly discuss any major concerns.

We are finding lots of 'iron-on' name labels across the school which have clearly fallen off items of uniform. Whilst these are a time-saving alternative to sew-on labels, please be aware that they must be properly ironed and regularly checked to ensure they do not come adrift. All our lost property will be displayed outside the main entrance on Monday from 3pm—please take anything which is yours and anything remaining will be disposed of or donated to our PTA for second-hand resale. Details of second-hand uniform sales will be made available when known.

Madginford Values

Madginford Values — Each week we use this space to focus on our school values and how we have seen these demonstrated across the school. The children often have assemblies based on our school values; remembering that 'respect' is our over-arching value. Which values do your children demonstrate easily at home? Which do they find more difficult?

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2019

Mon 2nd Sept	Term 1 commences
Mon 9th Sept	Lost property displayed by main entrance, 3pm
Thurs 12th Sept	Kent Test (Year 6)
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

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Tues 8th Oct	Whole school individual photos
Weds 9th Oct	'Primary Proms' Royal Albert Hall (Years 5 & 6)
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

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

Rosettes will be awarded every week for the tidiest cloakroom. Why not make sure your child can fit their PE kit in their bag for their peg and ensure that everything is neatly named so that it can all be hung up or placed tidily in their cloakrooms? The children, class teachers, teaching assistants and our housekeeper Mrs Ames all work very hard to ensure everything is tidily away which helps keep our school both neat and safe. Thank you to everyone!



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:	98.4%
Year 2:	97.9%	Year 3:	98.5%
Year 4:	96.7%	Year 5:	99.2%
Year 6:	98.9%		
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:

Do I need to book After School Club in advance or can I ring up on the day?

After School Club **MUST** be booked 24 hours in advance. This club is always very busy and it is not always possible to add on extra children, particularly if food is required.

Therefore please email afterschoolclub@mps.kent.sch.uk or contact the school at least one day in advance so that we can ensure there is a space for your child.



LOST PROPERTY



We have quite an amount of lost property from last term. This will be placed outside on tables by the main entrance on Monday from 3.00pm – please take anything which you think is yours. Anything which is not claimed will then be donated to our PTA for their second-hand uniform sales or disposed of. As explained earlier, we are finding lots of 'iron-on' name labels around school which have clearly come off an item of clothing. Please ensure that these name labels are securely attached so that items can be returned to their owners. Thank you for your consideration with this.

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?



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?

MILLIONAIRE READER

Many congratulations to Deven who gained his 'Millionaire Reader' status at the end of last term. He read over one million words last academic year and passed the comprehension tests to accompany the books. Well done, Deven—all the words counts have now been reset to zero so it's an ideal time to get reading!



SPORTS NEWS



Back in July, the Year 5 and 6 athletics team represented Kent against Surrey and Sussex schools. They performed to an extremely high standard. Overall, the Kent teams at the competitions came first and were awarded the tri-counties cup. Well done to all the team, many of whom have represented Madginford and a local and county level many times over the past 4 years. It's been a joy coaching the team and Miss Ralph could not have been more proud seeing them in Kent T-shirts last week. Thank you to Miss Ralph for helping with this event.

BRINGING MONEY IN TO SCHOOL

Please remember to bring any money in to school in a sealed, named envelope. With so many dinners, clubs and events taking place in school it can be difficult to work out what money is for which child so this ensures any payment is safely credited to the right person. Thank you.