

Newsletter



It has been an absolute delight to welcome our children, colleagues and families back to school this week. The children look wonderful in their new school uniform and are already settling back into school routines. They have showed fantastic levels of kindness, understanding and patience as we find our feet under the new arrangements. What a credit our children are to our families!

We will publish our newsletter weekly via our school app and our Twitter social media platform. If you don't have the school app or are having any technical issues accessing it, please contact the school office who will be happy to help. In addition, if you don't currently follow us on Twitter, I recommend that you do! We use Twitter as a platform to share and celebrate our wonderful children and their incredible achievements. To follow school, simply search for [@malvernprimary](https://twitter.com/malvernprimary).

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school office and we will do our very best to support you.

Take care and have a great weekend!

Mr T James (Headteacher)

Staffing Update

This week we welcomed three new members of staff into our Malvern community. Mrs Webber has joined the Year 5 team and Mr Bulmer and Mr Pyne will be working together teaching Year 6. In just a few short days, they have established fantastic rapport and relationships with children and colleagues alike. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming them into school.

Congratulations, Mrs McGorian! Following interviews held in the Summer Term, Mrs McGorian was successful in her application for the post of Assistant Headteacher at Malvern. Mrs McGorian has served Malvern for over 15 years as a dedicated teacher and senior leader. I am certain Mrs. McGorian will continue to be an asset in our senior leadership team as we look to the future.

Attendance

Attendance for the first week back has been excellent across the whole school - well done to everyone! We have exceeded our target of 96% with 98.5% of children attending. We will be launching our new attendance initiative in the coming weeks and look forward to maintaining this fantastic start throughout the remainder of the year.

Parking

We fully appreciate that parking around school can be very difficult at times. However, could I please request that if you are parking in nearby roads, that you are considerate of local residents and their driveway access. This week community police and local enforcement officers have visited school and will continue to do so over the coming weeks.

School Planner

This week your child will have received their academic planner which is an extremely valuable resource and essential for communication between school and home. At Malvern, we pride ourselves on providing your child with a unique school experience and the planner contains details of a variety of workshops, events and visits that were scheduled to take place this year. Unfortunately, due to the current measures in place, many of these events will need to be rearranged or cancelled. Whenever practicable, we will make alternative arrangements. If you have any queries regarding these events, please contact the school office in the first instance.

Are you ready to read?

When lockdown started back in March, we had just reached the end of our annual sponsored reading event. Children had been working hard to find sponsors and keep their reading logs up to date. Some sponsor money had started to come into school before lockdown restrictions were announced. If children still have sponsor money, forms and reading logs at home, please can they be returned to school over the next week or two? Cheques can be made payable to 'Malvern Primary School'.

School Library and Reading

If children have any library or class books at home, please return these to school as soon as possible. We have worked over the summer months to further improve the layout and organisation of our library. Plans are being drawn up so that all Malvern children may continue to safely take advantage of the wide range of books that the library has to offer. We hope that our children will continue to grow their love of literature in the relaxing ambience of our improved library setting.

Extra-Curricular Activities

As part of our extended services, and in line with our commitment to providing our children with as many opportunities as possible, we are running a wide range of after school clubs which were detailed in a letter shared this week. The activities start at 3:30pm and end each evening at 4:30pm or 5:00pm. We have planned all of our clubs very carefully to ensure that we can offer a wide range of activities that meet the current arrangements and guidance applicable to school. Therefore, please read any letters sent to you carefully to ensure you have all the necessary details. We are very excited about our extended offer and we look forward to seeing our pupils enjoying the extra-curricular opportunities facilitated.

Meet the Teacher

At the start of every academic year we host a series of meet the teacher events. At these events we would usually invite all our parents into school, to have a look around the classroom and meet your child's new teacher in person. Unfortunately, as I am sure you will understand, we will be unable to host these events in the same manner as previous years. However, we fully understand and value the strong parental support we receive and therefore will be hosting these events virtually. The details of each year group event will be uploaded to your child's class page on the school website. Your child's year group page can be found by visiting the school website www.malvernprimaryschool.co.uk and clicking on the pupil tab. A password to access the meeting will be sent out via Parent App on the day of the meeting.