

# Newsletter



What a busy first week back at school it has been! Throughout the week we have held a series of parental engagement meetings for all parents and carers. At the meetings we discussed the importance of working together and harnessing the power of our parents. Questionnaires were also completed during the workshops and these are now available at the school office for anyone who was unable to attend. Please ask for a copy and return these to Mrs Worthington who will be working very closely with parents and the wider community over the coming months.

Finally, please see the information letter regarding our newly formed 'Parent Council' and 'Change Team' which we would be delighted for you to be a part of as we look to develop the strong partnership we already share with stakeholders.

Have an enjoyable weekend!

**Mr T James (Headteacher)**

## **PARKING PLEA**

A large number of parents have raised concerns this week regarding the driving and parking of some people in and around the school area. Sadly, some people are driving and parking in a manner that is putting all of our children at risk. As one parent commented to me today, "If this continues it will only be a matter of time before a child is injured." The safety of our children is our number one priority and we have already been in touch with the local council, parking enforcement officers and police regarding the situation. In addition, the School Council will meet next week to discuss the matter and Mr James will be supervising the main car park entrance into school. He will be urging all stakeholders to drive and park in a considerate manner in order to safeguard our young people.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER**

**As a driver you have a responsibility to park in a safe and considerate manner.**

**If you don't you could be endangering a child's life.**

Please park with care and help make the area near and around our school a safer place for pupils. If you need to drive your child to school, for the safety of all of our families, please remember:

- No parking on single or double yellow lines
- No double parking
- No stopping, dropping or parking on the School Keep Clear yellow zig zags
- No parking on corners or junctions especially near the school entrances
- Please do not block driveways
- Please do not use disabled bays as drop off zones.

# Music @ Malvern Primary School

## Musical Malvern

Our school continues to recognise the importance of music in a child's development and the pleasure that singing and playing an instrument can bring.

Malvern's music curriculum is supported in each class across the age ranges by specialist teacher, Mrs Hadwin. The children are introduced to the musical elements such as: pitch (notes high or low sounding), beat (regular like a healthy heart), rhythm, dynamics (volume) and simple harmony (groups singing two sets of notes that fit together). Mrs Hadwin guides the children in developing singing techniques in a fun way as well as encouraging playing and composing using both tuned and untuned instruments. Mrs Hadwin also runs a lunchtime recorder playing club on Tuesday for Years 4 and 5.



## Additional Music Provision

An after school club for guitar (Tuesday) and ukulele (Wednesday) is held for children from Years 4 to 6 by Mr Kendall. Pupils learn techniques such as: strumming patterns, basic chords (different notes that play at the same time) and how chord patterns support a melody. They learn to tell the difference between major ("happy") and minor ("sad") chords. Furthermore, both groups are introduced to reading tablature, a way of writing down melodies for the guitar family.

As a school, we recognise that these opportunities are highly sought after and we are therefore putting plans into place to ensure that we are able to offer every Malvern child who wishes to learn an instrument the opportunity to do so.

