

# Newsletter



I would like to begin this newsletter by offering a very sincere thank you to each and every single member of the Malvern School Community; a community I feel extremely fortunate to serve. As Headteacher of Malvern Primary, I am grateful for the warmth, kindness and support offered in my first months of Headship. To colleagues, working flexibly and collaboratively in challenging times; to parents, tirelessly balancing home life with home learning and finally, to our children, who with just one smile, make us all remember what is truly important. Thank You!

I have been immensely proud of how, collectively, we have supported each other through what has been a time like no other in living memory. On many occasions throughout lockdown, I have been moved by the many acts of compassion, kindness and support that you have shown one another. Recent months have been exceptionally difficult for many people and as we tentatively begin to move forward together, I think it is very important to reflect on the journey so far.

When I look back over the past four months, I feel sadness, tempered with pride and hope. The sadness I feel is for those who have tragically lost loved ones. On behalf of Malvern, I offer our most sincere and deep condolences.

However, I believe, together, we can weather even the bleakest of storms if we are able to draw on the collective strength of our community. I am filled with pride when I see our community reaching out in support of each other. It is my sincere hope that we will be able to build on the foundations forged though these unforeseen times as we begin to move forward. I am so looking forward to reuniting our school community!

For now, please enjoy the last few weeks of what has been a very unique Summer Term. I will be working to the best of my ability throughout the summer holidays to ensure that we are together again as a whole school community in September. As always, I will do my utmost to keep you all as informed as I possibly can.

Take care and stay safe.

**Mr T James (Headteacher)**

## **Au Revoir Mrs de Simone**

As I am sure many of you are already aware, Mrs de Simone will be retiring from teaching in August and will leave Malvern after 32 years of distinguished service. Mrs de Simone began teaching at Malvern in 1988. During her time at school, she has taught in Reception, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. For many years, Mrs de Simone was a member of the school's senior management team and has led English and French. As an Advanced Skills Teacher for French, Mrs de Simone also coordinated and delivered training for teachers across Knowsley. To her colleagues at Malvern, she has been a wise counsellor, an expert voice and the source of both wisdom and friendship.

It is abundantly clear to all why Mrs de Simone is held in such high regard by staff, parents and pupils alike. Her commitment, drive and determination to provide the very best to the community of Malvern is nothing short of inspirational and I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a very well deserved and happy retirement. We all hope that it will not be 'au revoir' but hopefully more 'à bientôt'.

### Staffing Update

Mrs Hayes will be leaving us temporarily at the end of the Summer Term to begin her maternity leave as she awaits the arrival of her first baby in September. We are all very excited by the prospect of another addition to the Malvern Family.

I am delighted to inform you that in September we will be joined by three new members of teaching staff. Mr Bulmer, who has 14 years teaching experience, joins us from a school in Liverpool and will teach Year 6. He will be joined in Year 6 by Mr Pyne, who is also a very experienced teacher but has more recently been working as a computing consultant across the country. The third member of staff who will be joining us is Mrs Webber. Mrs Webber joins us from a school in Cheshire and I am very much looking forward to her sharing her outstanding musical ability with you all.

I am certain you will all offer our new colleagues a very warm welcome and make them feel part of our Malvern Community straight away.

### Class Arrangements for the Academic Year 2020

The attached table provides an overview of the class arrangements for the next academic year.

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
Nursery	Mrs Horan	Miss Bullen
Reception	Miss Hilliard Mrs Woodward	Mrs Gaughan Miss Joughin Mrs Mullins Mrs Stephens Mrs Reid
Year 1	Miss Brown Miss Murphy	Ms Blundell Mrs Ramsden
Year 2	Miss O'Brien Mrs Worthington	Mrs Shields Miss Sullivan
Year 3	Mrs Matthews Mr Phillips	Mr Gardiner Ms Hutchinson Miss Foulger
Year 4	Ms Fraser Mr Kynaston	
Year 5	Mrs Davies Mrs Webber	Mrs Lynch Mrs Peacock
Year 6	Mr Bulmer Mr Pyne	Mrs Stephens

## End of Year Reports

Although the academic year was unfortunately cut short in March of this year, we are committed to providing as much information as possible about learning that occurred **up to the commencement of lockdown**. As a school, we feel that our annual report is the most appropriate means of communicating this information to parents. However, it is really important that families are aware that attainment information is reflective of teacher assessments up to the date when children finished school. End of year reports will be available to collect from school during the transition events scheduled for the last week of term and will include a letter explaining the report and an information sheet provided by your child's new class teacher. Children in Year 6 will receive their reports separately.

## Transition Arrangements

At Malvern, we understand the value and importance of carefully managed transition between one year group and the next. While we are unable to facilitate our usual 'class swap' session, where children have the opportunity to spend time with their new class teacher, we are making alternative arrangements. The table below outlines the dates and times of these transition arrangements and a further letter containing detailed guidance will be shared with families next week once finalised.

Time	20th July	21st July	22nd July
10.00 - 10.30am	4PK	1CB	3SDS
11.30 - 12.00pm	3IH	RRH	4CF
1.00 - 1.30pm	RZW	2CW	2MH
2.15 - 2.45pm	1LM	5ND	5AP

## Returning to School in September

On Thursday 2nd July the Department of Education released further guidance with regard to how schools across England will operate in September and within the guidance it is very clear that it is the expectation for all children to return to school. Further planning and time will be required in order to ensure that as a school we achieve this in a way that is safe for everyone. At the moment I am unfortunately unable to offer more specific guidance but it is my intention to communicate plans and arrangements with you as soon as possible.

### Return to School Dates

Nursery Home Visits	-	Friday 4th - Thursday 10th September
Reception - Year 6 Children	-	Monday 7th September
Returning Nursery Children	-	Monday 14th September
New Nursery Children	-	Staggered Admission

Parents of children in Early Years Foundation Stage have received detailed information regarding the transition arrangements for children starting with us in September. If you have any queries please contact the school office who will be very happy to offer their support.

## School Uniform

We encourage all pupils to wear school uniform for it encourages a sense of belonging and pride in our school as well as being hard wearing and long lasting. When purchasing school uniform for the forthcoming academic year please ensure you follow the available options detailed below:

Winter Uniform	Summer Uniform
Green cardigan or sweatshirt	Green cardigan or sweatshirt
Yellow polo shirt (Nursery to Year 5)	Yellow polo shirt (Nursery to Year 5)
White shirt and Malvern tie (Year 6 only)	White shirt and Malvern Tie (Year 6 only)
Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore	Grey shorts
Grey socks or tights	Green gingham summer dress
Black school shoes without makings (not trainers)	White or grey socks
Malvern book bag (no large bags or backpacks)	Black school shoes without makings (not trainers)
Malvern school coat (optional)	Malvern book bag (No large bags or backpacks)
	Malvern school cap (optional)



## PE Kits

All children are required to wear a full school PE kit to partake in PE lessons. This kit consists of:

- Black pumps
- White PE T-Shirt
- Green PE shorts
- Black jumper and joggers or leggings (outdoor)
- Trainers (outdoor)



## General Information & Reminders

- \* Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled.
- \* Please consider the guidance regarding correct footwear before purchasing new school shoes.
- \* Hair bands or bobbles must be school colour and discrete.
- \* Large bags or backpacks must not be brought into school. We have very limited space and cannot store these in classrooms. To avoid upset, please consider this when purchasing items for school.
- \* Children do not need to bring any stationary into school as all stationary is provided by school. This includes but is not limited to: pens, pencils, pencil cases, felt tips and pencil crayons.