

MADRAS V.A. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FORTNIGHTLY : 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

**TERM DATES**

**2017-18**

School opens – 5<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Half Term – 27<sup>th</sup> Oct  
School opens – 6<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Break up – 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec

School opens – 9<sup>th</sup> Jan  
2018

Half term 9<sup>th</sup> Feb  
School Opens -19<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Break Up -23<sup>rd</sup> March

School opens-10<sup>th</sup> April  
Half Term – 25<sup>th</sup> May  
School opens -4<sup>th</sup> June  
Break Up -19<sup>th</sup> July

Please remember children who are not in the Breakfast Club should NOT arrive before 8.45am. At 8.45 a member of the school staff will be on the yard to supervise them.

Thank you.

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Please ring or email in case of absence

**Headteacher's Surgery**

Every Thursday between  
9-9.30am

No appointments  
needed

**Nursery**

In Nursery we are busy learning all about our senses. We loved our listening walk. We have a visitor this week- Hodge the Hedgehog.

What a lot we know about hedgehogs now. We are looking forward to making hedgehog cakes!

**Class 1**

Class 1 have been working ever so hard. We have been learning lots of new sounds in phonics and practising our cursive letters. In Maths, we have worked on recognising/forming numbers and place value. We have really enjoyed learning about superheroes and their special powers! We have learnt all about our bodies and facial features in our topic lessons too!

**Class 2**

We've been busy measuring using cm and metres. We even had a go at jogging 1km around the field. We've also been weighing using g and kg. Our story writing is developing well- we have some budding authors in Class 2.

We have just started finding out about Florence Nightingale.

**Class 3**

Dosbarth Tri have made a good start to the new term. In Literacy, we have been looking at poetry and have worked hard to produce some very impressive onomatopoeic poems based on Autumn and tremendous shape poetry about rain, featuring amazing adjectives and powerful verbs. In Maths, we have learnt how to place and order numbers up to 10,000 before partitioning and investigating the meaning of 'greater than' and 'less than'. The children have also worked superbly in Science; finding out about light sources and how light travels. Finally, we have looked at Queen Victoria and completed a fact file on her life.

**Class 4**

Year 5 have been having an exciting time learning about how to be safe on their bikes while riding on the roads. You may have seen them out and about. Year 4 have been busy completing their CAT tests, that all Year 4's have to complete at this time of year.

The rest of the time we have been finding out about Michael Morpurgo. He is the author that we will be studying this term. We have been improving our ICT skills by creating fact posters about him.

**Class 5**

We are still focussing on poetry. We have watched some fantastic poetry presentations this week – well done to all Y6, I was really pleased with their efforts. Over the next two weeks we will be looking at personification poetry which will lead us into some appraisal and comparison work. In Maths we are looking at rounding and then moving onto multiplication and division of decimals.

In History we are going to reconstruct the Battle of Bosworth to find out how Henry VII stole the crown! Cycling proficiency was successful – thanks to all for getting the bikes into school.

**Forthcoming Events**

25<sup>th</sup> Sept – Bikeability training for Years 5 & 6.

2<sup>nd</sup> October – Year 6 trip to Techniquet

26<sup>th</sup> October – Years Rec. to 4 – Nasal Flu immunisation.

22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Trip to pantomime.

**Forms**

Thank you to everyone who has returned the Data and Off site forms. Please remember that we need to hold up to date details for the safety of your child and that we cannot let any child off site without holding a current EVC form.

## New Football Kit

We would like to extend our thanks to Alan Tyrrell (Alexander's dad) for kindly buying the school a brand new football kit! We were so pleased when Mr Tyrrell offered to do this at the end of last term. The kit has arrived now and we are looking forward to our first match against Ellesmere College on October 9<sup>th</sup> to show it off!

Thank you so much for this kind gesture – we are extremely grateful! Pictured below are Alexander and Woody, both from Y4, looking fantastic in our new kit!

