



MADRAS V.A. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FORTNIGHTLY : 29th November, 2018

TERM DATES

2018-19

School opens – 5th Sept
Half Term – 26th Oct
School opens – 5th Nov
Break up – 21st Dec

School opens – 8th Jan
2019

Half term -22nd Feb
School Opens – 4th
March
Break Up -12th April

School opens- 30th April
Half Term – 24th May
School opens -3th June
Break Up -19th July

In the mornings, a member of staff is on the yard from 8.45am. Children should not be on the yard before this time.

Thank you. For your co-operation and support

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Headteacher's Surgery

Every Thursday between
9-9.30am

No appointments
needed

Nursery

We are learning all about light and dark in Nursery. We have a special dark house and lots of different light sources. We had a fantastic trip to The Candle Factory. It is a very busy time as we prepare for our Nativity and there is lots of glitter everywhere.

Class 1

Class 1 have made some fantastic leaflets on caring for pets –Pets include dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, bearded dragons, snakes and horses!

We have been doing 1 less and 1 more. We have completed number sentences and mentally recalling the answers. We have also been learning about the pop artist Andy Warhol. We have been creating art work based on his work.

Class 2

This week we have compared our own houses to houses in 1666, concentrating on the different materials used. We discussed why the Great Fire of London spread so quickly and talked about fire safety. In Maths, we have started to use fractions in practical activities and will soon move on to using numbers.

During our Literacy lessons, we have been writing instructions, including 'How to make bread', which we will be using in a baking lesson in the next couple of weeks.

Class 3

In Maths this week we have been using tables to help us solve mathematical problems. We then created tables using Microsoft Word. The children have been very impressive in Science, learning about the Digestive System. They can explain what happens to food inside the body. We took Maltesers for a walk through the body!

In Topic we have been finding out about human and physical Geography in different countries. The children have researched a given country and completed paragraphs about it, writing in first person – as if they lived in that country. Christmas Countdown! The children are already counting down the days to December and are excited for the festivities to begin.

Class 4

In Maths this week we are focussing on 2D shape: how to recognise, classify and sketch polygons with up to 12 sides, including irregular shapes. In Literacy we have finished our WW2 animal hero front page. White vision was a very brave pigeon! We are now going to complete more book based work on 'Hitler's daughter'. The Wizard of Oz is keeping us busy - children are enjoying practising, dancing and singing. We are also looking forward to our 'Dreams' production at Moreton Hall on 7th December. Spelling tests have now stopped until January.

Forthcoming Events

November 30th – Christmas Fayre
6th December – Nursery Christmas Dinner
10th – Nursery & KS2 Concerts
11th – Nursery, F Phase & KS2 concerts
12th – F Phase & KS2 concerts
14th – Christmas Dinner
18th – F Phase party
19th – KS2 party
20th – Carol Service in Church -1.30pm
21st – Trip to pantomime
Break Up.

Headteacher & Governor Surgery

At a recent meeting of the Governing Body it was suggested that the Thursday Headteacher surgery be expanded to include a governor, once a term. This may prove useful if you have something that you would like to talk to a governor about, but do not wish to do so in front of the whole governing body.

Spring term: January 17th, 9-9.30am
Summer term: May 9th, 9-9.30am

Request for Authorised Leave.

Following considerable discussion with and input from the governors, there is now a new form which must be completed when wishing to apply for authorised leave for your child. This is available to download from the school website or you may request a copy from the office. It gives very detailed information on the process on one side and an application form on the other. The form should be returned to Mrs. Evans, Clerk to the Governors, at least 4 weeks prior to the date of any proposed authorised leave.

This form should be used for all proposed leave not already applied for.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Don't forget it's **Wear a Christmas Jumper day** on Friday 30th November, in exchange for bringing a bottle for the Bottle Tombola. The fun will start at 3pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

CHRISTMAS

A reminder if you have not yet bought your tickets for the concerts. After 4th December, all unsold tickets will be distributed to those who have requested extra. Due to our strict Fire Safety regulations, we will not be able to admit anyone who does not have a ticket.

Christmas dinner and parties – Please ensure that you have informed us if you would like your child to have Christmas dinner and have party food, on the day of their party.

Ordering of food for Christmas dinner will take place based on the numbers confirmed on 6th December and on 10th December for the parties.

CORRESPONDENCE

As you are aware, all correspondence is sent out to you by your chosen method – paper copy or email. All paper copies from the office have your child's name written on them. There have been some complaints recently of emails not being received. As with all email systems we are sent notifications of failure to deliver items and if we receive these then they are addressed.

Some parents have reported that emails have been found in their Junk folder. Please could you check that you have our email address saved as a contact to reduce the risk of this happening and please check that you are still using the same email address given to us.

Thank you.

SHARING CUPS

Despite requests, not all children are bringing their own water bottle to drink from. They are sharing cups and have even been seen taking them into the toilets. At this time of year germs spread very quickly. Please send in a bottle if your child does not have one.

REMINDER

The next payment of £25 for the Cardiff trip is due by 30th November, as detailed in the payment schedule. Obviously you can pay earlier if it suits you.