# TERM DATES

## <u>2019-20</u>

School opens-7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 Half term -14<sup>th</sup> Feb School opens-24<sup>th</sup> Feb Easter hols- 3<sup>rd</sup> April

School opens-21st April May Day holiday- Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May Half term -22<sup>nd</sup> May School opens-1<sup>st</sup> June Training Day-26<sup>th</sup> June.

Break up -17<sup>th</sup> 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. Gates are locked at 8.55am.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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#### Headteacher's Surgery

Every Thursday between 9-9.30am

No appointments needed

## MADRAS V.A. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FORTNIGHTLY : 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

### **Nursery**

Trip trip, trip trap..... beware, there is a troll in nursery. Thankfully the Three Billy Goats Gruff have come to help us! We have listened to the story and also heard an Australian version which made us chuckle. In number we are using our counting skills and shape knowledge to build bridges. We are working hard in our phonic sessions, we love the actions that go with our weekly sound. As part of PE, we have learnt how to Frog hop and be a Happy cat!

## Class 1

I would just like to start off by saying how very proud and impressed I was with every single child who has completed their Oracy presentation this week. We have been doing character profiles about the three little pigs. We have started the topic of Time this week

 organising our daily events, o'clock and half past. We have been doing lots of exciting activities in our outdoor classroom this week too

# Class 2

In Maths we have been working on the properties of 2D and 3D shape. We will be moving on to working with data. The children will be interpreting information from and will have a go at constructing different types of graphs. In English we have been looking at the use of persuasive language. We

will be writing formal letters to different supermarkets, persuading them to stop the use of palm oil in their products. Class 2 have been very excited to start our new topic 'The Mayans'. We have been busy discussing different things we would like to find out and have enjoyed learning about where the Mayans lived and about their lifestyle.

### Class 3

'Taking Flight!' This week we have been working on a project to show our creativity and perseverance. We have designed wings for an aeroplane and have adapted them after 'test flights'. Next week they will be taking their final mission and we will be measuring how far they can fly. We will then work on data handling activities. We are sure our aeroplanes will be successful. In English we are continuing our work on non-fiction books. The children have been finding out about the Wright Brothers.

## Class 4

In Maths, over the next week, we will be revising long multiplication and completing reasoning problems which require these skills. In literacy we will be finishing off 'Midsummer' ready to start balanced argument writing after half term. Exciting news -Our Arts Council project is starting tomorrow. This is a joint project with Ysgol Deiniol. We will be creating a film and using slam poetry to encourage positive online behaviour. Also to help parents understand the ever changing digital dangers facing children. Another part of this project is guiding children on what to do when they do make mistakes online - How do they rectify the situation? What

is the impact of such behaviours? We are really looking forward to it. The finished films will be showcased in the summer and you will all be invited!

# <u>KINGSWOOD</u>

Off we go to Kingswood on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. We are looking forward to a great time and will come back with lots to tell you.

Please look out for the letter with all up to date information on it which will be sent home NEXT WEEK.

## PARENTS EVENINGS

For your information, Parents evenings for Years 1-6 will be held on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> February. Parents evenings for Nursery and Reception will be held on 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> March.

A link will be sent to the mobile phone number that you have provided when booking opens.

## **Forthcoming Events**

9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> – February – Kingswood trip. 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> February, Parent's meetings (Years 1-6) 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evenings for Nursery and Reception. 30<sup>th</sup> March – Years 1 &2 Walk Wise Programme. 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> April – Glan Llyn.

 $\label{eq:reminder} \begin{array}{l} \text{REMINDER} - \text{NATIONAL TEST PERIOD} \\ \text{IS } \mathbf{28}^{\text{TH}} \text{ APRIL -5}^{\text{TH}} \text{ MAY.} \end{array}$ 

Please make sure that payments for Kingswood and Glan Llyn are up to date.

## Coffee morning

The Friends of Madras are holding a coffee morning in the hall on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January. All are welcome. There will also be a cake sale for pupils. Cakes will be priced at 50p each.