

Mauldeth Rd Primary School February 23 Newsletter

School Dates for Your Diary

Friday 17th Feb
Monday 27th Feb

School **closes** for half term holiday
School **re-opens** after half term holiday
Book Week
Teachers Strike
Book Swap (Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2)
Book Swap (Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4)

Tuesday 28th February
Wednesday 1st March
Thursday 2nd March

Class Dojo and Parents' Evening

Thank you for your patience in helping us to try and re-book parents evening appointments, after our website provider had an outage. The same outage prevented us from sending texts. Class Dojo was the only way that we could reach many parents, in time, to try and resolve the lost appointments.

If you have Class Dojo, please remember to keep updating the app, especially if you notice that you aren't receiving messages. The problem with the website has really shown that **Class Dojo is really valuable for communications between school and home.**

Attendance

Well done to our current Year 6, for the most improved attendance in the whole school. They finished last year with 90.8% attendance (which was a real concern), but they are currently running at 94.2%. Although still lower than we would like, this is a massive improvement. Our biggest concern now is Year 1, where attendance, at 89.3%, is in need of drastic improvement. After half-term we will send out colour coded attendance reports for all children. **If your child gets a red letter, it is vital that we see some improvement.** Please remember also, that if you take your child out of school to travel for **5 days or more**, this **will** result in a fine.

Mindfulness and Wellbeing

We recently had a special focus on mindfulness and wellbeing, with some work on connecting with others. If you are interested, there are extra resources to support families available at

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/



Nursery Places

If you have younger children, please ensure that your child's name is on the waiting list for a place. We are currently planning our provision for next academic year and it is vital that our lists are up to date. **Please check that we have your child's name, as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment!**

Strike Day – 28th February

Unless anything changes unexpectedly, there will be another teachers' strike day on **Tuesday 28th February**. Sadly, we have to plan to close the school for that day, as we did for the last strike at the start of the month. We will offer places to the same pupils in exceptional circumstances as last time and we will make packed lunches available in the same way as we did previously. We are all hoping that this can be averted, but this looks very unlikely. We apologise for all the difficulties that this will inevitably cause to parents and carers.

Other News



Our school Eco Council presented a great assembly on recycling, after they learnt all about it on a trip to Sharston Recycling Centre. Meanwhile, our very own school dragon visited to celebrate Chinese New Year, earlier this month!



Book Week

Book week begins on **27th February**. The theme is '**Reading is a Journey**'. We will hold Book Swaps events after school on **Wednesday and Thursday after school (see separate letter)** and we will share lots of stories during the week. We will give out world book day tokens that we can be exchanged for free books from booksellers. For details, please see:

www.worldbookday.com/books/

Our competition, for home, will be to make a favourite book character from a potato. We are not planning to have a dressing up day during book week, but we aim to do so later on, for Comic Relief Day.

