

Mauldeth Rd Primary School Dec 20 Newsletter

Some Optimism At Last

At last we can begin to think that 2021 will offer some real hope that things will get better. For now though, it is essential that we don't become complacent and that we continue to co-operate on the safety measures that will help keep us all safe. There are so many things that we would wish to do in school, but can't at the moment. However, safety must remain our prime concern. We have had to scale back our Christmas plans, but will do our best to make sure that we try to have a happy, but safe, last couple of weeks in school.

Friday 18th December

The government have given schools permission to close on Friday 18th December. We have decided that **we will stay open on this date**. We have already had a lot of disruption to our school calendar and do not want to make any more sudden changes. **Please send your child in, as normal on the day.**

Christmas Post

Children can bring in Christmas cards, if they wish to, for distribution within their own year group. We ask that children **only send cards to others in the same year group**, so that we can easily quarantine them before passing them on. This will help us to manage the process safely.

Christmas Parties

We will hold classroom-based, low key parties, on the below days. Sadly, our usual games in the hall would be too risky to carry out this year. For safety, we will provide food within school this year, so **please don't send anything in from home. Children will be able to come in their own clothes**



Nursery	Tuesday 15 th December
Reception	Wednesday 16 th December
Year 1	Tuesday 15 th December
Year 2	Wednesday 16 th December
Year 3	Thursday 17 th December
Year 4	Thursday 17 th December
Year 5	Thursday 17 th December
Year 6	Friday 18 th December

SMART Pupils

We are giving out badges for each of our 'SMARTS'. Our ten SMARTS mark the different intelligences and the awards reflect outstanding achievement in one of these areas. Children will keep their award for the term and have their photos displayed in school. If your child has gained one of these awards, please be sure to show how much it means!

Charitable Collection

We have really missed our usual collection at Harvest and would like to support local food banks by acting as a collection point for them. We will put bags for life out in the playgrounds each morning next week to collect any donations of **tins, packets or jars** (no fresh food please) that you would like to make.

Next Term

We will re-open for the new term on **Tuesday 5th January 2020**. We hope that everyone has a good, restful break and, we would like to wish you a safe holiday, **a very Merry Christmas** (if you celebrate it) **and a very much better 2021 than 2020 has been. Thank you, all, for your terrific support!!!**

And Finally, a Message from the School Governors

The school's governors (particularly the parent governors) would like to thank all members of the school staff, for all they have done over the last 9 months to support the children and their families. They know that everyone has worked extremely hard and done their very best. Governors know what a difficult period this has been for the school, with extra workload and the difficulties of planning and delivering teaching in uncertain circumstances. The number of children self-isolating can change rapidly from week to week, and home learning provision is being provided as well as teaching in the classroom setting.

We would like to thank the whole team - Mr Kilcoyne, all the teachers, the teaching assistants, the lunchtime organisers, the site manager and the cleaning staff and the admin team - for keeping going through all that has happened. All the staff have worked together to do an outstanding job which

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has led to excellent feedback from parents. So thank you everyone. And with the vaccine is on its way, we wish everyone in the school community – children, staff, parents and governors – a more settled, calm and “normal” 2021.