

Diary Dates

Week commencing 14th January—Booster clubs begin (Year 1—Year 6)

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th January—Class 3T Parent Consultation

Wednesday 16th—Friday 18th January— Year 5 Robinwood Residential

Thursday 17th January— Yr3 stories around the campfire 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 24th January— Launch of Times Tables Rockstars

Tuesday 5th February— Safer Internet Day

Friday 8th February— Year 2 Dinosaur Day

Welcome back to the Spring term! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. There are lots of exciting things happening this term so make sure to look at the curriculum leaflets which came out this week for more information about your child's topics and the key dates above for events this term.

New Year Reminders

School uniform is plain black shoes (Children can wear black boots for Winter) ,black or grey trousers, skirt or pinafore, a white t-shirt and a red jumper. Yr5 and 6 wear V neck jumpers and a red tie. Outlandish hairstyles are not acceptable in school. All pupils need to be comfortable, tidy and without distraction to give them the best chances to learn. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform on each day. If a child isn't wearing plain black shoes they will be asked to put sandshoes on from their PE kit, if they have them, or will be given a pair of black sandshoes to wear while in school. They may still wear their other shoes during break and lunchtime. This is our school policy and went out in the school brochure. Please ensure all children come to school dressed appropriately for the colder weather and bring in a coat with them every day. We thank you for your support in adhering to our school policies.

PE Kit Reminder

Every child in every class from Reception up to and including Year 6, needs to have PE kit in school every week throughout the entire school year.

Compulsory PE kit list:

- A white Malvin's Close PE t-shirt or a plain white round neck t-shirt with short sleeves.
- A pair of black PE shorts.
- For outdoor PE, a tracksuit (trousers and jacket) or a fleece/hooded top and jogging bottoms, ideally dark in colour.
- A pair of sand shoes for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor PE (school shoes must not be worn).
- In the winter months - children may wear waterproof clothing, gloves and a sensible woolly hat.
- Clearly label every item of your child's PE kit and PE bag so that we may give it back if found.
- Long hair (boys or girls) should always be tied back.

No jewellery may be worn at all during PE lessons, swimming lessons or extra-curricular sports clubs.

RE

If you would like your child withdrawn from RE or aspects of the RE curriculum then you must put in writing why you don't want them to take part and especially, which parts of the curriculum they cannot be involved in.

E-Safety

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. According to research, 86 per cent of school children now have their own phone, and that includes 28 per cent of eight to 11 year olds. Smartphones are capable of a range of functions, including social networking, listening to music, playing games, browsing the internet, checking emails, taking photos and videos and watching TV – along with the usual texting and calling! Smartphones provide a variety of interesting activities and ways for young people to engage with their friends and families. However, it is important to be aware of what these devices can do and how you can talk with your child to help them to use this technology in safe and positive way. At Malvin's only Yr5 and 6 children should be bringing phones to school if they walk home alone and that phones must be switched off when they enter the school yard for security and safeguarding reasons. Phones are then locked away in school until the end of the day, when children collect them.

Top Tips:

1. When you sign up to a mobile contract, make sure that you and your child understand the contract's internet data allowance – accessing the internet uses internet data and if you go over your allowance it may cost you.
2. Understand the capabilities of smartphones and how you as a parent can support your child to be smart and safe in their smartphone use.
3. Talk with your child about safe and responsible smartphone use and agree a set of family rules. Perhaps you could agree rules with your child about not meeting up with people they have only met online, how much they are allowed to spend on apps, what websites it's okay and not okay to visit, and whether their phone should be switched off at night.

Conduct towards staff

We would just like to remind all parents and carers that all staff here at Malvin's are dedicated to the education, well-being and support of your children and want them to have the best educational experiences possible. In order to do this effectively all staff deserve to be treated with respect, a calm manner and without abuse. Anyone who shouts, threatens or assaults any member of staff, or persists in abusive behaviours, will be removed from the premises and will be prosecuted. We thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

Polite Reminders

- When children are on the school grounds please ensure bikes and scooters are not ridden as this can cause accidents.
- Please do not walk through the car park with children when dropping off and picking up and use the path around the car park in order to keep children safe. In addition to this could we ask that if parents do use the gate from the car park to reception to always close the gate behind you.

Special Lunch – Thursday 17th January

On Thursday 17th January we will be having a slightly different lunch to normal. We have launched a special American themed lunch. This meal will include:

Main

Beef or Quorn Burger in a bun
Hot dog or Quorn dog

Sides

Curly Fries
Baked Beans
Sweetcorn
Assorted Salads

Dessert

Iced American style Muffin
Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

