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7 March 2019

Not long to go!
Please remember
that contact forms
MUST be returned
by this Thursday -
28 February.

**Don't forget to
order your
child's Dolce
Brunch for the
day.**

Welcome back to the beginning of Term 4. We are already half way through the academic year. Time really does fly when you are enjoying yourself and we do enjoy ourselves at Maidwell Primary School 😊.

Rosemarie James
Headteacher

Parking

Thank you to all who park with care and consideration. Not only should we consider our neighbours but the safety of all. Please be courteous when parking on the evening of 7 March to await the return of the two coaches from London and REMEMBER that the coaches need to be able to get through to the main entrance of the school.

ParentMail

Communication en Route from London

Updates regarding our anticipated arrival time back in Maidwell will be provided via ParentMail. Please remember to check that your contact details on ParentMail (email and mobile number) are correct.

Winter seems to have passed us by (fingers crossed) but remember that ParentMail is the only method we will use to contact you in case of school closure due to bad weather. Another reason to check that your details are correct please.

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TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

This year's class photographs will be taken on:

Tuesday 12 March 2019

Positive Mindset & Self-Regulated Learning Parents' Meeting

Thursday 28 February 2019
9.05am

Please join us for our next Parents' Meeting on Thursday of this week.

Internet Safety Parents' Meeting

Thursday 25 April 2019
9.05am

ADVANCE NOTICE
Please ensure this date is in your diary

EYFS Parents' Meeting MATHS

Thursday 14 March
6pm

Please remember date has been changed due to the Aladdin trip

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2019**

WEEK COMMENCING

13 May 2019

Assessments take place across the entire school. Please ensure your child is in school for this whole week.

Term Dates

This term finishes on **Friday 5 April 2019** and we return to school after Easter Weekend on **Wednesday 24 April 2019**. Full academic year dates for this year and next are published on the school website and include the school's five Teacher Training Days. **Please note that training days are not included on the calendar on Northamptonshire County Council's website.**

Martin Young

Our story this term is *Hansel & Gretel* - using a picture book by Anthony Browne. Martin will be with us on Monday 4 March to bring us his usual talents to assist our creative writing.



Jodie Nikel
Chair



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Maidwell school PTA

We hope you've all had a good February half term break and with the good weather it feels like Spring will soon be upon us. We will be kicking off the new term with the sponsored Pancake Flipping event that takes place within school hours on **Tuesday 5th March**. You should have received a sponsor form at the end of last term in your child's bookbag. It would be great if you could sponsor your child/children for the event as it's a great fun way to raise money which the children really enjoy. All details are on the form but if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask a member of the PTA.

The Cash4Clothes collection will take place on **Friday 22nd March**, so if you're thinking of having a winter clear-out it would be a great way to help the school too. Bags will be sent home about a week before the collection date. Please bring any filled bags to the school playground on the Friday morning before 9am.

On **Thursday April 4th**, the children will be running around the field for the traditional Maidwell Easter Egg Hunt. They will create a colourful picture of an Easter Egg which is then hidden on the field. They then have to search for their own egg, which is then swapped for a much tastier one!

Thank you to everyone who supported the tea, coffee and cake sale at the last Sharing Assembly, whether it was by contributing cakes or buying them. We raised a fantastic £100! The next Sharing Assembly will be on **Friday 5th April** where we will be holding another pop up cafe and cake sale with a bit of an Easter theme.

We will soon start to plan the Summer Fair held on **Friday 12th July 3.30-6pm**, so if you would like to help at any of our future events, would like to bring along an idea or simply would just like to hear more about what the PTA is planning, please come along to the next meeting which is on **Monday 4th March 3.30pm** at the school. All are welcome!

Thank you for your continued support

EYFS Talk for Writing Mornings

This term's Talk for Writing Mornings for parents of pupils in EYFS will be on 20 and 21 March 2019 (9.45-10.30am). Please feel free to join us on either of these mornings and watch your child engage in a Talk for Writing session.

Governing Body News

Paul Gooding, Chair of Governors

As you may be aware, we have recently been looking to recruit additional governors. I am pleased to report that we have now identified more than one potential candidate, and as a result I am hopeful that we will have something positive to report in this regard before the end of this term.

Towards the end of this calendar year we will be seeking a further parent governor, as the term of office of one of our number comes to an end. In view of this - and as this is likely to be my last opportunity to contribute to the newsletter as my tenure as Chair is shortly coming to an end - I wanted to take the chance to outline the role that the governors perform, as I think this has sometimes misunderstood by some parents.

Fundamentally, the GB has 3 key strategic functions: overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent; holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

To this end, our own governing body meets 4 times a year as a full board, with further shorter meetings to consider the School Development Plan each year, and for the Annual Budget setting. There is also a Finance sub-committee which meets 3 times a year. In addition we conduct various meetings delegated to one or more governors. These include a termly Health and Safety audit, a termly Safeguarding meeting, an annual review of roles based on NGA Delegation Planner, a Data Group twice per year, two Performance Management meetings a year (one with an external advisor present), a number of Monitoring visits based on selected School Development Plan objectives, Online safety (termly), and we oversee the Policy Register and ensure all policies are properly adopted and up to date.

So hopefully if any of you do feel able to put yourselves forward in November for the Parent Governor role, you will be well informed as to what this entails.

Parents' Evenings: Dates for November 2019

Please make a note of these dates (next academic year) in your diary:

Y1-Y6:	Tuesday 12 November 2019	3.40-5.00pm
Y1-Y6:	Thursday 14 November 2019	3.40-7.00pm



Open Library Sessions

Mrs Henson is again available this term to welcome you to our Library on Tuesdays between 3.30 and 4.00pm. Please use and enjoy our valuable resources. Open to younger siblings as well as all pupils. **Please sign in at the door with Mrs Henson on arrival.**

MUSICAL SHARING ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 5 APRIL
2.45pm



BREAKFAST CLUB

We have occasional spaces available at Breakfast Club this term every day. Please remember that we need 48 hours' notice if you wish to request availability. If you wish to cancel your commitment, the school needs a term's notice to enable us to adjust staffing provision accordingly.

End of Financial Year

We have started the process of closing our accounts in preparation for the end of the Northamptonshire County Council financial year.

Please take the time to **log in to your ParentPay account** and ensure all outstanding payments on your account are settled as soon as possible. The Governing Body will be issuing personalised reminders shortly for all unpaid amounts.



KS2 Summer Residential

15-17 July 2019

Important date for your diary

There will be a statutory parents' meeting for ALL pupils attending the summer residential on **Thursday 9 May at 6pm.**

The £115 balance due will be loaded to ParentPay after Easter for payment before the end of May Half Term holiday.

Premises Update

During the holidays we have undertaken a full carpet clean, all our electrical equipment has been PAT tested and new water heaters have been installed. We have also recently had our hall equipment serviced (an annual requirement) and our PE benches recovered.

Please ensure your child has full PE kit in school all week from Monday to Friday.

Yoga

After our very successful first Yoga taster sessions, we plan to continue the fortnightly lessons for each class. Not only is yoga beneficial physically but it supports positive thinking - linking to growth mindset and mindfulness. In an age when it is increasingly reported that children have mental health issues we aim to be proactive rather than reactive, giving our children the tools they will need to handle the pressures they face.





Class 2 Bikeability

By Thea, Y3

First we learnt how to dress for going on a bike ride and we put our helmets on. Helmets are to stop your head being hurt. Then we had a few slow races and whoever got there last without stopping or putting their foot down was the winner. This was to show you could slow down without falling off. We went round a circuit of cones so that when we were on the road we are in control and cars don't hit us. My hands got very cold and my feet went numb so I went inside. I'll do Bikeability next year and bring gloves and warm socks!

Safer Internet Day

By Amelia, Y6

We began in assembly in the morning by discussing the social sites used and it was surprising to see how many hands went up for every single site on there. We then spent the afternoon looking at terms and condition of sites and how difficult they are to understand. Also, terms and conditions are made really long so that people can't be bothered to read them and just agree to them. We also looked at text messages and how actions and reactions can hurt somebody online.

Poetry Day

By Bella, Y5

First we went in to the hall to find out what group we were in and what adult we were working with. There were lots of different poems to write with our team-mates. We wrote quick lies poems; collective noun poems; alphabet poems; simile poems; boastful poems and exaggeration poems. It was great fun and exciting as it was my first Poetry Day. The simile poem was probably my favourite as we wrote one about Baba Yaga and Eleanor.

Martin Young

By Harry, Y5

When Martin came last term he drew pictures from the story of Baba Yaga. In our writing we were looking at suspense and so we created three images. The first one was of Eleanor playing in the meadows with Sergei. The suspense was due to the fact that the black geese were in the clouds and Eleanor couldn't see them. The second picture was of the hut on chicken legs when Eleanor was trying to rescue Sergei from the evil Baba Yaga. The third image was of the pursuit through the forest. The images helped us as we could look at them and describe what was going on making our writing full of suspense.

Parents' Sessions

These sessions are taking place in school throughout this week. Can we **please** remind all parents that due to time constraints we are only able to offer 10-minute time slots which need to be adhered to try to prevent unnecessary waiting times for subsequent appointments. If it is felt that a longer discussion is required, we would welcome the opportunity to meet you on a separate date/time.