



Madresfield C.E. Primary School

2nd February 2018



'Caring and Challenging'

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Our Value for this half term is: **Perseverance**

Dear Parents,

Mrs Moore – We would just like to let you know that Mrs Moore has sent messages of thanks to the children and parents for the gifts and the wonderful events to celebrate her time at Madresfield C.E. Primary School.

Walking bus – Thank you for such a positive response to the changes to the after school walking bus. I would like to clarify that after February half term:

- All children must be collected from their classroom doors.
- Only those older children whose parents have signed and returned the 'Independent Walkers Permission Slip' will be allowed to leave the school without an appropriate adult.
- School is not responsible for the safety, behaviour or well-being of any child that leaves the school independently.
- All families are encouraged to use the 'Walking Path'.

Whole School visit to SS Great Britain – To speed things up on Thursday morning, if you haven't already done so, please send in the suggested £3 spending money in a named envelope on Wednesday 7th.

- There will be NO walking bus on the day of the visit
- There will be NO clubs on the day of the visit
- Children need to be in school by 8.20am as the buses are leaving at 8.30am.
- Please remember to bring a packed lunch, drinks, a coat and wear school uniform and appropriate shoes.

Mrs George's club is cancelled on Monday 5th February due to staff training.

Mrs Quinn's club is cancelled on Tuesday 6th February due to staff training.

Miss Thomas's netball club is moved from Wednesday 7th to Tuesday 6th (for one week only).

Waitrose Community Matters – This scheme has now ended and we are very pleased to say that we have been informed by Waitrose that Madresfield C.E. Primary will be receiving a cheque for £250.

Christingle – The children participated in a lovely service in the church this week. Thanks go to Mrs McCulloch for her support. The children raised £145 for The Children's Society; any candles with money yet to be returned to school would be very welcome. Thank you for your continued support for our charity work.

Forest School Request - You may have seen our article in the Malvern Gazette this week. Mrs George is going to start developing our pond area into a Forest School site soon. If you have any outdoor materials that you would like to recycle, please speak to Mrs George.

Reception – Please could all parents send in a spare pair of pants and socks for your child. These are particularly useful for P.E. Please could I also remind parents that school uniform should be clearly named so that lost items can be easily identified and returned to the rightful owners.

Lunches - The menu next week will be **Week 3**.

'Tea and Chat' session, Monday 12th February at 2.30 p.m. in the cottage – Mrs. Rowberry and Mrs. Colbourne warmly invite all parents to discuss any aspects of their child's welfare, those seeking support or parents needing a friendly chat about any area of concern.

Malvern Cube Projects Taster Day, Monday 19th February – Malvern Cube Projects are offering a taster day for children aged 11 – 14. They invite you to come along and see what they have to offer such as drama, sport, dance and much more. Please see flyer on the Friends Noticeboard.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J. Greenwood

Events next week

Monday	p.m. Class 2 Forest School 3.15 p.m. Spring Sports with Mr. Bond
Tuesday	3.15 p.m. Year 3 - 6 Choir 3.15 p.m. Year 4 – 6 Netball Club
Thursday	Whole School trip to SS Great Britain
Friday	NO CLUBS

Please see the Friends Meeting Minutes for 26th January 2018 below.

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MINUTES of Friends' meeting

26th January 2018

Attending: Laura (chair), Angela (deputy), Linda (treasurer), Beverly C. (secretary), Tracy, Gemma, Pippa, Christine, Emma, Dee C., Dee V., Fi & Matt Box, Helen, Louise, Joanna, Susie, Mrs Greenwood

Apologies: Anne, Lindsey, Karen, Abi, Hannah, Gemma G.

Important dates:

- **Valentine's Day Bake Sale, Wed 14th Feb (cakes needed)**
- **Daffodil Sunday, Sun 18th March 1–4pm (10 parents needed for car parking)**
- **School Fete @ Madresfield Court, Sat 23rd June (save the date)**

Can you help?

- **Fencing & mud kitchen for new Forest School area – can any parents provide quotes?**
- **Waitrose and Tesco are both doing token collections for our school**
- **Can you sign up to help at the Fete this year? Contact Helen Owen**

Spring Term 2018:

It was great to see the first meeting of this term so well attended! Thanks for coming along and getting involved. Every parent is a Friend of the school and everyone can get involved through the meetings, helping at events or contributing when needed.

1) Report on Christmas Fayre

The Fayre raised £1,403.24; costs were £130 of which £100 was the first prize in the raffle. Thanks to all who got involved, ran stalls, contributed items and came along and spent money. A substantial sum was raised by the innovative Year 5 and 6s who devised and ran games in their classrooms, raising £150 – well done.

2) Report on Christmas Lunch

The kids & staff all loved the Christmas lunch but there was a suggestion to change the format due to: food wastage, big burden on parents to supply hot food and several parents dropping out at the last minute causing panic to resupply items. For example, instead supply turkey buns, mini sausages and cold party/buffet food instead. It was suggested a letter could be sent to parent to gauge wider opinion. Also suggested having the lunch the week before end of school on a Friday when more parents would be available to help. Parents should inform the school about their children's dietary requirements well in advance. Loss of £160 (cost of food and presents for children).

3) Wish List

Mrs Greenwood thanked parents for everything they do for the school and money raised. This year she would like to propose using Friends' money for:

- Fencing the newly cleared Forest School Area (next to garden beds) to fence off the pond to make it safer, and also extend the area into the field to make it bigger and more useable. Current fencing is broken. This will cost approx. £1,000. *Can any parents provide quotes for the work?* Several people were suggested.
- Supplying Reception with 15 x mud/splash suits for Forest School to protect clothing.
- Creating a wooden-framed 'mud kitchen' for Forest School Area.

4) Valentine's Day, Wed 14th February

Bake sale, bric 'n' brac and second-hand uniform stalls. Please donate cakes! Children can wear **RED** clothes & accessories on the day (no need to buy anything new) or non-uniform for a £1 donation.

5) Daffodil Sunday, Sun 18th March 1-4pm

Madresfield Court has asked if we can help with supplying 10 car parking attendants on this day. They give us a donation for this service so if you can volunteer, please let Laura know asap.

6) Easter Egg hunt, date tbc

The Friends organise an Easter Egg hunt on the field where laminated pictures of eggs are scattered far and wide for the children to race after and find. All children will receive a small chocolate egg as a prize. It was suggested that this year we could organise a 'decorate a hard-boiled egg' for £1 and 1 boy and 1 girl from each class would be chosen as the winner (last year they decorated Easter bonnets).

7) School Fete @ Madresfield Court, Sat 23rd June

Helen Owen ran through the details for the Fete, explaining that this is the BIGGEST fund raising event for the school in the year. Last year, we raised ~£4,700 with 20% going to Madresfield Parish Church. Helen has been booking stall holders and events, such as Morgan cars, dog show, pony rides, rabbits, ferrets, birds of prey, bouncy castles, ride-on-bull, etc. and also looking into saving costs, e.g. cheaper Brass Band. Helen is also looking into seeing if it is possible to extend the opening time.

All parents will receive 2 x free tickets to get in, under 11s are free and all other adults are £5 entry. *Can you help on the day?* (Note: your children must be supervised at all times by another adult). Can you invite others or spread the word? Please let Helen know. Get the date in your diary now!

AOB:

Coming up soon – Sports Day, School Disco.