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# MALPAS ALPORT ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

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## Spring term

After being back in school for just 3 weeks I am so proud to report on the progress of the new curriculum plans across school. Children have started their new retrieval sessions to develop knowledge across the curriculum and are enjoying building connections between learning whilst developing their long-term memory. At the end of the half term, we will be making their Knowledge Organisers available to you on the class page of the website so you can see what the children have been learning and check what they can remember! Also on class pages will be a link to our homework plan and expectations and the sites that children can complete their homework activities on. As always- we are striving for at least 5 reads a week for all children- please support your child with this and record their reading. We have added to our school pets this term with the addition of stick insects and guinea pigs. Our African snail is growing well, and our therapy/ reading dogs are a wonderful addition whenever they are in. We have a KS2 'name the guinea pig' raffle- 20p for per name entry and we will draw 2 names from a hat for our furry friends! Closes Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## **Staffing News**

We are delighted to congratulate Mrs Edney as she is expecting her third child in May- we are currently advertising her maternity cover and will keep you informed when we have more news.

Miss Crow starts with us Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February as our new teacher for Oak class and we look forward to her becoming part of our school team. We are very grateful to Mrs Pincho for the 5 weeks she has spent with us in Oak- for her energy, organisation and enthusiasm.

## **Head Pupils**

I would like to personally and publicly thank Cadence and Sam for carrying out their Head Pupil roles during the Autumn Term. They did so with maturity and resourcefulness and I look forward to seeing their leadership develop as they move to KS3. I am excited to welcome Ruby and Marley to the role of Head Pupil this term and look forward to their development in the role.



# Calendar:

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb: Foxx Dance Academy in for an assembly and workshops

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb: Finish for half term

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb: Return to school

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Feb: Science Day

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> March: Children visit to Chester University- mental health day

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> March: Bishop Heber Science Fair 4:30-7pm

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> March: STEM DAY

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March: Own Clothes for Easter Egg/ Chocolate

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Bingo Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March: Rock Steady Concert

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March: Parents Eve 3.30pm-7pm

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Eve 3.30-5.30pm

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March: Finish for Easter 3.15pm

### <u>Clubs</u>

Our clubs are now up and running. If your child no longer wishes to take up their place in the clubplease let the teacher know so that we can allocate the place to another child on the waiting list.

# World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and this year we will be giving children the chance to dress up as their favourite character from a book. There will be a whole school assembly- a cat walk for those who would like to take part

and a prize for the most *inventive* costume.

#### Local Authority Fancy Dress Swap

Fancy dress swaps from this Thursday, 1 February, to Wednesday 6 March. Costumes can be donated to Barnton, Blacon, Frodsham, Hope Farm,Lache, Little Sutton, Neston, Northwich, Sandiway, Winsford and Whartonlibraries during the duration of the scheme. Anyone can then see what is available and take what is needed for their child, no donation needed.

## Malpas Alport Fancy Dress Swap

There will be a rail in the school entrance to pop on any unwanted costumes and see if there is anything your child would like to use.

## Easter Bingo

An advance notice of our Easter Bingo event on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Marcheyes down at 6pm. Please come along and join in the Easter fun with the family.

We will have an **own** clothes day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March for chocolate donations/ Easter egg donations. Many thanks for your support in our fundraising.

# **Random Acts of Kindness Day**

February 17<sup>th</sup> is *Random Acts of Kindness Day,* and we will be celebrating this in school throughout the week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Children will be encouraged to share their everyday kindness beyond their usual group of friends and write a kind comment or thanks on a paper chain, which will then be linked to a whole school chain in the hall. Staff will be modelling acts throughout the week and will encourage children to do so too. We will be encouraging the children to continue this theme into half term with acts of kindness in the home and, with your permission/ guidance, in the community too!

Random Acts of Kindness Day | Office of Wellness and Mental Health (nvcc.edu)

# Support fundraising appeal

An ex-Malpas Alport Teacher is raising funds to adapt his house to ensure his son has everything he needs to make great progress and be happy in his home. Aaron Perrin's son Louis is four year's old and hasTUBA1A, epilepsy and cerebral palsy. If you would like to support the appeal go to: https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/help4louis

#### Easy Fundraising

Malpas Alport Endowed Primary School are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. <u>You can find our easyfundraising page</u> <u>at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/malpas-alport-endowed-primary-</u> <u>school/?utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=pmc&utm\_content=gs-email1</u>

All comments, feedback, questions and suggestion gratefully received. Many thanks for your ongoing support. Mrs N Wetton (Headteacher)