



## December 2023 Newsletter & Reminders

### Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the Autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a thank you from the MPET team for your ongoing support. Your contributions, whether through volunteering, attending school events, or simply being there for your children, have such an important impact on our school community.

It has been lovely to see the progress your children have made since the beginning of the academic year. Their growth and achievements would not have been possible without the hard work of the staff at school and the support you offer. Every milestone they reach reflects the collaborative effort between home and school, and for that, we are grateful.

As we head into the winter break, I hope you will all be able to rest, relax, and have quality time with your loved ones. The holidays offer a wonderful opportunity for children to recharge and return to school ready for the challenges and adventures that the new term will bring.

Have a lovely winter break.

Sarah & the MPET Team



### Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 2nd January	First day of term 3
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day – school closed to children
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term 3
12 <sup>th</sup> February – 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term 4



## Punctuality & Attendance

Article 28: Every child has a right to an education.



Regular school attendance is fundamental to your child's academic progress and overall development. I encourage you to instil in your child/children the importance of attending school regularly and punctually.



## Class Christmas Hampers

Thank you to all families who donated to the Christmas Hampers, winning tickets were picked during our whole school assembly, well done to the following winners:



Blue Hamper Grace	Green Hamper Amiyah
Purple Hamper Charlie	Red Hamper Joel
Yellow Hamper Isla & Esme	Orange Hamper Olive

## Volunteer Opportunities at the School

We greatly value the support and involvement of our parents and carers in our school community. If any of you are interested in volunteering at the school, whether it's helping with reading sessions, assisting in the library, or getting involved in school events, please pop in and speak to Becky in the office.



## Christmas Jumper Day

It was so lovely to see many children and adults in Christmas themed jumpers on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to parents and carers who made a donation to Save the Children via our Just Giving page, £66 pound has been raised so far, you can still make a donation if you wish to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mulberry-park7>



## Pupil Premium – Free School Meals



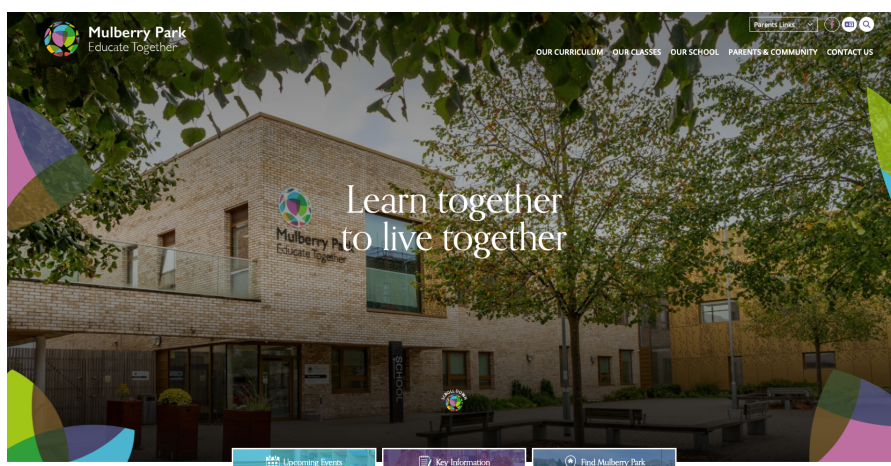
If you are experiencing any changes in your circumstances that may make your child eligible for 'pupil premium' we encourage you to apply. The pupil premium (sometimes called Free School Meals) provides additional funding to the school, enabling us to provide more to our pupils. Pupil Premium is not a personal budget for individual children. At MPET we aim to use the majority of our Pupil Premium funding towards offering pupils high quality teaching (as recommended by the DfE). Currently we are hoping to use Pupil Premium funding to enable us to recruit additional staff who can work in school to offer support pupils and run interventions.

Please take a moment to see if you are entitled to apply for this additional funding, this can be done via the following link:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

## New Website – Now Live!

Our new school website is now live, over the next few months the content and pages will evolve.





## Meals

- If you have children in KS2 (Years 3, 4 and 5) please check any debt on school meals accounts are cleared as soon as possible.
- Meals for next term are now available to book on Arbor (see menu below)
- For the first week of term please select your child's choices by the end of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January. After this, the deadline will revert to 9am on a Friday morning for the following week.

*Mulberry Park Term 3 23/24*

## LUNCH MENU

EAT WELL - FEEL BETTER - LEARN MORE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Option 1</b>	Tomato, Basil & Pesto Pasta Bake  Served with Garlic Bread & Seasonal Veg	Beef Burger in a Bun  Served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn	Roast Turkey Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Honey & Lemon Garlic Chicken  Served with Fluffy Rice & Seasonal Veg	Giant Cod Fish Fingers Served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans & Homemade Bread
<b>Option 2 Vegetarian</b>	Oven Baked Jacket Potato  Served with a choice of Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Mixed Bean Burger in a Bun  Served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn	Roast Quorn Fillet Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Honey & Lemon Garlic Diced Quorn Served with Fluffy Rice & Seasonal Veg	Vegetarian Cottage Pie Served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans & Homemade Bread
<b>Option 3 Halal</b>	Tomato, Basil & Pesto Pasta Bake  Served with Garlic Bread & Seasonal Veg	Halal Chicken Burger in a Bun Served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn	Roasted Halal Chicken Sausage Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Honey & Lemon Garlic Halal Chicken Served with Fluffy Rice & Seasonal Veg	Giant Cod Fish Fingers Served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans & Homemade Bread
<b>Dessert</b>	Fruit Platter  Organic Yoghurt	Glazed Cherry Shortbread Biscuit  Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Chocolate & Vanilla Marble Cake & Custard  Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Flapjack  Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream  Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

ASK US ABOUT FREE SCHOOL MEALS!

FRESH BAGUETTES AND SALAD BAR AVAILABLE EVERY DAY!



## Clubs

### Breakfast Club & After School Club

Booking for Term 3 & Term wraparound care open at 07:00am on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please clear any debt on accounts first – *we cannot accept bookings for next term until this term has been cleared.*

### Sports Clubs

Bookings for sports clubs open 07:00am on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### Team Sports Club – Years 3,4 &5

On Mondays 3:15pm – 4:00pm. Starting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. This a free club run by an external sports coach. Please do not sign your child up for this club if they have taken part in it during terms 1 & 2 – this is to ensure equal access for other children to join the club.

### Multi Sports Club – Years 1&2

On Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:00pm. Starting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. This a free club run by an external sports coach. Please do not sign your child up for this club if they have taken part in it during terms 1 & 2 – this is to ensure equal access for other children to join the club.

## Activity Mornings

In Spring term activity mornings for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will change from a Friday to a Wednesday. They will run every Wednesday until Easter.

If you wish to visit your child's class for these sessions, please arrive promptly at 8:40am, we kindly ask for adults to leave promptly just before 8:50am so registers can be taken, and gates can be locked on time.

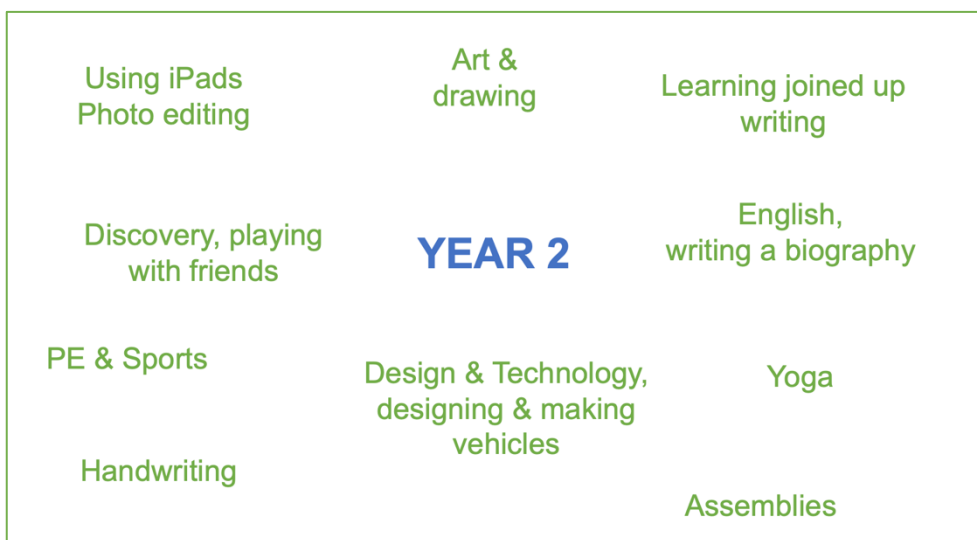
Safeguarding points:

- Phones are not to be used inside the building.
- Parents/ carers must not enter bathroom spaces or corridors.



## Autumn Term – Pupil Voice

I asked each class "What have you enjoyed in Autumn term?" below are the main responses ....



iPads, stop motion videos

Preludes music trip

Art, using charcoal

Craft & making cards

Christmas

Maths quizzes

**YEAR 3**

History – Stone Age to Iron Age

Going to the library

Music sessions

DT, making bread rolls

Weaving llamas

Pe basketball

PE, Football & tennis

Art, drawing & journals

Computing & voice recording

Going to the library

Playtime games, sharks & fishes

Having different teachers

**YEAR 4**

DT – designing bread

The food & lunch times

Maths lessons

Class Dojo

History, Stone Age topic

Designing & making pizza

Football & PE

Computing

Using Class Dojo

Following instructions - making rocky road

Christmas concert

**YEAR 5**

Science work

Writing, cold writes & hot writes

Lunchtimes

English - Myths

Daily Mile

Journals

