



## February 2024 Newsletter & Reminders

### End of Term

As we come to the end of Term 3, I wanted to take the opportunity to say how proud we are of the children at our school. I would also like to express my appreciation to you, the parents, and carers, for your ongoing support.

As we approach the half term break, I want to remind you about the importance of rest and relaxation. It is essential for children to recharge their batteries and take a well-deserved break. Encourage them to engage in activities they enjoy, spend time with family and friends, and explore the wonders of the world around them. This downtime allows their minds to rejuvenate and prepares them for the upcoming challenges of the next term.



### Book Week

**Book Fair, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March** – books needed! Thank you to all families who have already donated books (used and unwanted but in good condition). If you have any more books to donate, please pass them to any member of the MPET team after half term – Thank you!

**World Book Day, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – children are invited to dress up as one of their favourite book characters, and bring along the book to share with their classmates. There is no need to buy a costume and there are plenty of simple ideas online to choose from.

**Parent/carer readers** - We are often asked how parents/ carers can get involved in and support the school – this is a great opportunity. We would love parents/carers to come in and read a story of your choice to your child's class. If you would be keen to do this, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange the day. We are planning for this to happen throughout the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March from 2.45-3.00pm daily.



## Punctuality & Attendance

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



Regular attendance is vital for your child's academic progress and social development. Attending school every day ensures that they have access to the full range of learning experiences and opportunities, enabling them to thrive and reach their full potential.

Our school gates are open from **8:40am – 8:50am**, please ensure children arrive at school **before 8:50am**.

Children need to be in class ready for registration at 8:50am. A late arrival can mean an unsettled start for your child and disrupted learning for the rest of the class.



## Children's Mental Health Week



At MPET we have been taking part in Children's Mental Health awareness week. The theme this year has been "My Voice Matters" which links well with the work we do on respecting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This year's theme links to Article 12 "I have the right to be listened to and taken seriously".

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. If you are interested, you can access lots of resources using this link:

### [CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK](#)





### Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February was Safer Internet Day. As our Computing Lead Steph shared sessions and resources with all teachers, these were used in class to discuss and raise the profile of online safety. We were also visited by James, a STEM Ambassador, he led Internet Safety Day Workshops for all pupils in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4 & 5).

As adults, it becomes our responsibility to support our children and equip them with the necessary tools to stay safe online.

Here are some links to sites that offer guidance on internet safety. These resources can support you in establishing a safe online environment for your children:

**UK Safer Internet Centre** - The UK SIC website has resources for parents, including guides on parental controls, online gaming, social media, and much more.

**Internet Matters** - This organisation offers information on a range of online safety topics. Their website includes guides, resources, and tips for parents, ensuring that you have all the information at your fingertips.

**National College** – This site has courses, guides and videos for parents and carers, there is no charge to sign up.

**Thinkuknow** - This website by the National Crime Agency's CEOP command offers advice for parents and carers, providing age-specific guidance and activities for children in different age groups.

### World Thinking Day

Every year on 22<sup>nd</sup> February the Guiding and Scouting movement celebrate World Thinking Day. It is a day to reflect and think about other Guides and Scouts around the world and express thanks for the movement.

If your child is a member of the Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers or Cubs and would like to wear their uniform to MPET on the 22<sup>nd</sup> they are very welcome to do so.





## 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).

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>



## General reminders

- **School Office** - The school office is not staffed on a Wednesday afternoon. If you urgently need to contact school at this time, please ensure you leave a voice mail as the answer phone will be checked at the end of the day.
- **Lost Property** – The lost property box is located at the back of the school and is kept on the bench near the doors where Year 3 and Year 4 enter/exit. It is currently overflowing with items of unnamed clothing. If your child has lost an item of clothing, please take a moment to look through the box one day at drop off/pick up.
- **Dogs** -We are seeing an increasing number of dogs being brought onto school property (thank you for remembering to carry dogs if coming through the gates). If you bring your dog to school drop off/pick up please consider some of our community are nervous around dogs, even young puppies, who may be excited and yappy. We kindly ask that if you are carrying a dog and it starts barking/yapping please step away from the doors/children and exit the school grounds quickly – thank you.

## Dates for the Diary



12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term break
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term 4
4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Day – come dressed as a character from a book
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Neurodiversity Week
25 <sup>th</sup> March & 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Evenings
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term 3
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 5
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Class photos

Have a lovely half term break!



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