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Key Diary Dates:

Friday 18th February - School closes for Half Term.

Monday 28th February - School reopens. PSHE Day

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day - dress up on Thursday!

Friday 18th March - Comic Relief (red nose day) non-uniform.

Monday 21st March - Friday 25th March - Book Fair in school.

w/c 4th April - Parents Evenings (tbc online or in person arrangements).

w/c 4th April - Easter Assembly Year 3/4

Friday 8th April - School closes for Easter Holidays.

Monday 25th April - School reopens.

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday

w/c 9th May - Year 6 SATs.

Friday 27th May - School closes for Half Term.

Tuesday 7th June - School reopens.

w/c 7th June - Year 1 and Year 4 statutory assessments.

Wednesday 22nd June - Year 6 London Trip (FULL)

Friday 22nd July - School closes for Summer.

Messages from Mrs Holmes:

By the time everyone reads this, our Year 4 children will be back from their incredible residential to Robin Wood. I have been receiving regular updates from the staff and have been told every day how polite, engaged and hilarious our children are. I am so proud. Robin Wood is a great experience and I encourage everyone to take up the opportunity when it comes around.

Well done to our Year 6 children who have been really working hard in class and during their booster sessions. I am so impressed with their dedication. Some parents will already have had a phone call to let them know that their child is going to get a 'special reward' on a Friday for their hard work! Here's hoping the Year 6 team will be in touch with you soon.

World Book Day will be the first week back after half term. Children will be able to dress up as their favourite book character and will participate in a day of book based fun on Thursday 3rd March. We look forward to sharing this with you on the newsletter and on social media.

As always, thank you for your support and kind words. Mrs Holmes and the Malvin's Team.

Whole School Messages:

Please visit our new school website for our most up to date information https://malvinsclose.wiseacademies.co.uk/

Remember to report your child's absence for each day that they are off school. This should be done by contacting the main school office on 01670 354082.

Failure to report an absence will result in a home visit. All children should aim to have 100% attendance.

Children should not wear earrings for school under any circumstances

Children should be in PE uniform on PE days. There is no need to carry a PE uniform in a bag. <u>If your child is not in the correct PE uniform, they will be asked to come to school in their uniform and change</u>





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into their PE kit.

OPAL & Outdoor play

Can all Parents/Carers please bring a pair of wellies into school for their child. There have been a number of days where children have had to miss playtime as the playing area has been too muddy for them to play in ordinary school shoes.

As the winter months are quickly heading this way and the weather is beginning to change it is going to be very wet and muddy, unfortunately if they do not have any wellies they will not be able to play in those OPAL zones. Please make sure that the wellies have your child's name inside!

Head lice

As parents/carers it is important that you are checking your child's hair regularly. As with any medical issue it is your responsibility to ensure that your child and family are treated as soon as possible if head lice or eggs are present.

If you would like any support or advice please contact the family team, local pharmacy or GP.







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Free School Meals - ALL Year Groups

Your child may be able to get means tested free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits. This will also entitle you to free milk and discounted school trips.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Please apply here: https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=free_school_meals



Calling all parents and carers! Does your child have a special talent? Are they part of a club outside of school? Have they been awarded trophies? Medals? Certificates?

If so, please send your photos, copies of certificates, newspaper clippings or anything that shows off your child's unique talent. Mrs Holmes would love to have a display in school!





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E-safety Updates:

IMPORTANT

We have been made aware of a video game called '*Huggy Wuggy*.' This is a horror video game from Poppy Playtime.

The certification of this game is 12 and on the IDMB website it states that there is 'violence and gore as well as frightening and intense scenes' in the game.

Please be aware of this and continue to monitor your child's internet use. There will be more guidance on this in weeks to come.

Anti-bullying:

The school anti-bullying ambassadors have had a meeting and created a new anti-bullying charter. We are meeting regularly to communicate any issues around bullying and to come up with solutions to help all. The ambassadors work hard to help reduce bullying, implement solutions and promote inclusivity.

School Uniform

School uniforms can be ordered via Borders Embroideries, our school uniform suppliers.

The school no longer take orders for uniform, all orders have to be placed via their website www.border-embroideries.co.uk/

If you are placing an order for September the last day for ordering is Sunday 25th July. Any orders placed after this time cannot guarantee delivery before September.

Reading updates

Don't forget to bring reading books and reading records in daily.

Why not try a phonics lesson at home?

Nursery:

Fred says body parts 1 https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/maywjmN7/qaMti2Ry Fred's adventures - woods

https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/k6ejmXTp/XDOyzbMA

Reception:

Set 1 - sh https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bRWuVE9r/yTaeTK1V Speed Minutes Special Friends - lesson 1

https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MsPI1RVI/tdNM0UOJ

Year 1: Set 2

reading ou https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XghxXVZi/0BAGEhaR spelling ou https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/lemLx18G/skY3Hp5i





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Year 2: Set 3

Reading ew https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/knqI5MBD/qlwCYFG7 Spelling ew https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/PRpck4dg/9YGEUB99

What we're reading at Malvin's:

3EW have just started our new reading for pleasure book Matilda! We absolutely loved reading Billy and the Minpins by Roald Dahl in Autumn term and we all were keen on reading another book by him!

A story for us all to enjoy together





Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy

by Lynley Dodd

Family Team Updates:

Parent Coffee mornings:

Dates confirmed:

Friday 4th March 9.00am - Behaviour support - what is normal behaviour?

PE Updates:

In the indoor PE lessons this term, the children have been getting creative in dance and gymnastics!

- In Early Years, children have been exploring the apparatus to develop their strength and coordination.
- KS1 children have been practising their gymnastic shapes, jumps and rolls on the floor.
- LKS2 children have been getting creative with the rhythmic gymnastic hand apparatus.
- UKS2 children have been working in groups to transfer their gymnastics skills onto the larger gymnastic apparatus.

We cannot wait to see their skills develop over the Spring term!





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