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Key Diary Dates:

Friday 18th March - Comic Relief (red nose day) non-uniform, suggested donation of £1.00.

Information has been emailed to parents.

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

Wednesday 23rd March - Year 3 trip to The rising Sun Country Park.

Monday 4th April - Parents Evenings telephone appointment, Google form will be text to parents.

Wednesday 6th April - Parents Evenings telephone appointment, Google form will be text to parents.

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:

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a restful half term. It is fantastic to have all of the children back in school this week, especially on Thursday for World Book Day. All of the children (and adults) had a fantastic day. Children wrote letters as a character from a familiar story, guessed who the masked reader was and generally had a great time being their favourite book characters for the day. DID YOU KNOW that reading with your children for 20 minutes per day significantly improves their literacy? All children are read to as a class on a daily basis; however being read with 1:1 would have an even greater impact on their literacy. If you need any support with this or with books, please get in touch, we are very happy to support this.

IMPORTANT

As of Monday 7th March, the green gate (which leads to the back field) will be locked and no longer in use.

Any adult unnecessarily on site before 3:15pm will be asked to leave.

If you are found to be entering the school site in your vehicle (without permission) you will be asked to leave. Do not come through the barrier behind another car.

If you are found to be entering the school site under the barrier on foot (even if it is raised) you will be issued with a letter explaining that you could be liable to pay for damages if the barrier breaks.

Please note, all measures around site security are in place to safeguard your children.

Whole School Messages:

Please visit our new school website for our most up to date information

<https://malvinclose.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.

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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. If your child is not in the correct PE uniform, they will be asked to come to school in their uniform and change 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.

Red Nose Day Friday 18th March 2022.

Children can come to school in non-school uniform or dressed in something red for a £1 suggested donation.

Please see the link below if you wish to make any donations via Parent Pay, but as this is for charity any donations will be accepted at the office.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6899>

We will be selling red noses from the office from Monday 7th March priced at £1.50 (correct change only).

We ask if children do not bring them into school until Friday 18th March for Red Nose Day.

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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:



If your child is online, then it's important that we talk to our child about being kind online, for example only posting positive comments, don't say anything they wouldn't say in real life and treat others as they would expect to be treated.

Your child also needs to be aware that what they see online isn't always the full picture. People only share what they want you to see and images are often filtered. It is also important that your child knows how to block and report any inappropriate behaviour when they see it.



BBC Own It have curated a collection of videos, quizzes, and tips to help make the web a kinder place:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curations/being-kind-online>

Further information

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/feeling-good-on-social-media/>

Anti-bullying:

Please find below a free information tool for parents and carers regarding bullying.

<https://learning.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/course/147/information-tool-parents-and-carers>

Please complete the Promoting an Anti-bullying Culture Questionnaire for Parent/Carers.

<https://forms.gle/iur72XG8hcCxPdyk7>

School Uniform

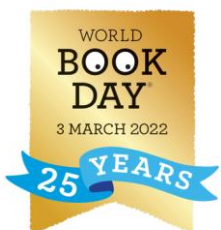
School uniforms can be ordered via Borders Embroideries, our school uniform suppliers.

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.

World Book Day



All of the children had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day. They all looked fantastic and there was a real buzz around school.

During the day, the children read books, wrote letters to the characters in the books they have been reading in school, recreated the covers of their favourite stories and the whole school worked together to write an amazing adventure story!

Well done everyone! We hope you had a really great day enjoying your

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favourite books.

Nursery



We read lots of our favourite books and drew pictures of the characters.

Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 2 enjoyed dressing up as our favourite characters. We wrote letters to our favourite characters and also made book marks using them.

Year 3



Year 3 enjoyed learning more about the characters in our story 'How to train your Dragon' and their background of being Vikings. We wrote a diary entry from our main character Hiccup about the events of retrieving his dragon from the caves.

Year 4



Year 4 wrote some fantastic letters on World Book Day. They wrote to the Grand High Witch from Roald Dahl's, The Witches to try and persuade her not to turn innocent children into mice.



Year 5



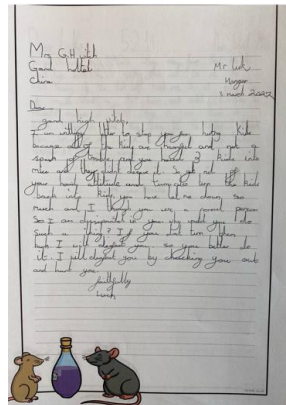
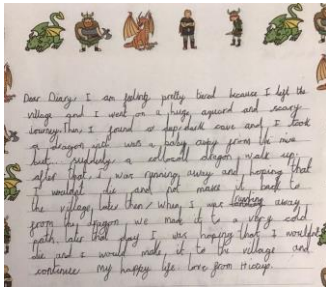
Year 5 celebrated with some very creative and imaginative costumes! They wrote letters from the point of view of Stanley Yelnats from the Year 5 text, Holes.

Year 6



Year 6 wrote some fantastic letters as various characters from our text *Clockwork* to one of the others, explaining their various, questionable actions from throughout the novel.

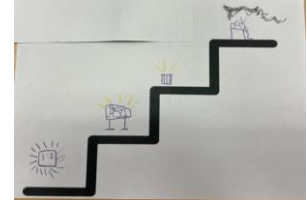
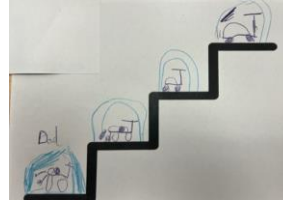
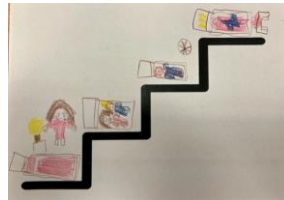
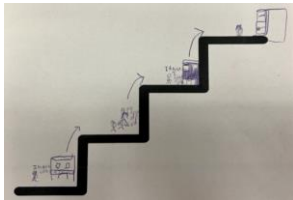
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Pastoral Team Updates:

Some of our Year 2 children have been enjoying the 'Fun Friends' sessions with Miss Felgate and Mrs Quinn. We have been thinking about our feelings, how we can be brave, different ways to relax and how to change our red thoughts into green thoughts. This week we have been focusing on doing things 'one step at a time' to help us achieve our goals.

Here are some of our the Step Plans we created:



Miss Felgate and Mrs Quinn will be running weekly lunchtime drop-in sessions for pupils in Year 5 and Year 6. We will cover: Self Esteem, Understanding Emotions, 5 ways to Wellbeing and Understanding Anger.

Parent Coffee mornings:

Dates confirmed:

Friday 4th March 9.00am - Behaviour support - what is normal behaviour and de-escalation strategies - thank you to everyone who attended this morning's workshop, we really hope you enjoyed it and were able to take away some ideas to try at home.

Watch this space for future coffee mornings.

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Safeguarding

At Malvin's Close Academy safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Anyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play.

Report any concerns

If you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused please contact a Designated Safeguarding Lead, or any member of school staff. You can also contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on: 01670 536 400. If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.

Designated Safeguarding Team



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