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Key Diary Dates:

Monday 4th April - Parents Evenings telephone appointment,
 Tuesday 5th April - 3NB Parents Evening telephone appointment.
 Wednesday 6th April -Parents Evenings telephone appointment
 Thursday 7th April - Easter Egg Hunt from 3.30pm, £1 per child
 Friday 8th April - Non-uniform, yellow and blue theme (suggested £1 donation for Ukraine)
 Date to be confirmed - Year 3 & 4 Easter Assembly, this will be filmed and sent to parents.
 Friday 8th April - School closes for Easter Holidays.
 Monday 25th April - School reopens.
 Tuesday 26th April - 3NB visit to Woodhorn Museum.
 Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday
 Tuesday 3rd May - 3EW visit to Woodhorn Museum.
 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)
 Wednesday 29th June - Year 1 trip to the Beach.
 Friday 22nd July - School closes for Summer.

Messages from Mrs Holmes:

Spring has sprung...apart from the snow! It has very much caught us off guard this week but we've still managed to play outside every day.
 We are looking forward to catching up with parents next week for parents evening. If you have not made your appointment yet, please contact the school office. We had a fantastic Red Nose Day, it was lovely to see all of the children participating and raising funds! Next Friday, we will be raising funds for Ukraine with a non-uniform day.
 After the Easter holidays, there will be a uniform check in the first week. If your child is not in the correct school or PE uniform, you will be contacted and asked to ensure that this is rectified immediately. Trainers are not part of school uniform, they should only be worn on PE days. If you require any support with uniform, please contact the pastoral team.
 Thank you to all of the Year 6 parents who attended the SATs and London meeting, everyone is so looking forward to the trip and of course showing off all of our hard work during SATs!
 School closes Friday 8th April for Easter. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to Summer Term.

EYFS News	KS1 News	KS2 News
<p>This week in Nursery we have been reading 'Supertato' and have enjoyed making collages of him. We have also used our fine motor skills to squeeze the evil peas! Just a little reminder- PE is on Mondays so please wear PE kit (black joggers, white top and either school jumper or a plain black hoodie).</p>	<p>In year 1 we have been exploring carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We have really enjoyed learning about this in Science! Year 1 are quickly approaching their Phonics Screening. Please can we make sure we are reading every night at home and</p>	<p>This week in Year 3, we have finished our Money unit in maths. The children have enjoyed adding, subtracting and calculating change from £5, £10 and £20 notes. In English, we have been changing the setting of the traditional tale Little Red Riding Hood. The children have loved thinking of how the change in setting can</p>

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Our topic in Reception this half term has been "Growing" - we have learnt all about vegetables, fruit and plants. This week we have been learning about how we grow! The children were asked to bring in photos or memories of them growing up - we have talked about how they all looked as babies/toddlers and what they could do before and what they can do now. We have also learnt all about what we need to help us to grow strong and healthy.

practising our sounds and words as often as we can. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Year 2 have tried hard this week in English lessons writing a setting description. They have used adjectives to describe and commas in a list!

Year 2 have been reading lots over the past few weeks and we have given out lots of prizes! Can you remember to bring your child's reading book in daily so they can complete their accelerated reader quiz. Thank you!

impact and change the villain of the story. We can't wait to read the final pieces!

This week in Year 4, the children have been working on decimals in maths. Ask your child what happens when you divide a number by ten.

In 4SH, the children have made great progress in their swimming lessons and they will continue to go swimming next half term.

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.

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

Malvins children have been enjoying playing outdoors using a variety of equipment. This week we have seen children playing shops, building towers and making sledges using the crates. It is wonderful to see everyone joining in using their imagination!

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.

School Disco

A huge thank you to all the pupils and parents for your support at the Spring disco last night. All the children had a great time and your support raised over £500 which will be added to our fundraising total to provide outside resources or all year groups.

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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

NURSERY PLACES

APPLY NOW — PLACES AVAILABLE

Malvin's Close Academy can offer your child up to 30 hours childcare per week (term time only)

You may be able to get up to 30 hours free childcare if your child is 3 to 4 years old.

- Morning & afternoon sessions available
- Competitive rates—£10.00 per session (if not eligible for free hours)
- Seamless transition into school



We are open Monday-Friday

Morning sessions:

8:30am-11:30am

Afternoon sessions:

12:30pm-3:30pm

Check your eligibility for free childcare here:

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>



For more information please contact:

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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!

E-safety Updates:

Social Media Apps

What age should my child be to use these apps?



What risks are there of my child using these apps?

Whilst there are benefits to being online, there are risks too regardless of your child's age. Risks include your child viewing inappropriate content, sharing personal information, cyberbullying and grooming.

Reporting functions

If your child is using any of the above apps then make sure you show them how to use the reporting facilities within each app and ensure your child knows that they must tell you or another trusted adult if they see anything upsetting online. Use the apps together and explore the different security and privacy settings.

Further information

Is your child too young to use the above apps but is still asking you if they can join social media? Then you could suggest an alternative option. Internet Matters list several apps that have been created for younger children, they are grouped for ages 6 – 10 and ages 11 – 13:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids/>

Net Aware provide further information about the most popular apps, games and social media sites:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

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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>

What is bullying?

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/all-about-bullying/understanding-bullying/definition>

Reading updates

Every Tuesday afternoon, we have a reading celebration assembly. In this assembly, the whole school celebrates the children who have earned a reading award. Children earn a sticker each time they read at home. Please read with your child each night, and write in their reading record, to help them reach their next prize! Reading records are checked daily in school.



Year 3 are currently reading 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. The children are really enjoying getting to know the characters in the story and they cannot wait to see what is going to happen in the end!

Maths updates

Maths at Malvin's continues to be a strength of our children, who are always keen and excited to show their books off to visitors.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind Year 4 parents of the upcoming national Times Table check that their children will participate in in a few months' time. This looks at the children's recall of all their times tables up to 12 x 12. The soundcheck feature on Time Table Rockstars allows your child to experience the types of questions and timings that they will experience on the day. All children have logins for Times Table Rockstars and we encourage them to use it both in school and at home if at all possible in order to improve their recall. For our Key Stage One and Reception children, Numbots can be accessed, which will help their recall of number facts.

Pastoral Team Updates:

Young Carers:

A number of our children have taken on the role of being a Young Carer for a range of reasons. We are proud that Malvin's Close Academy has recently been recognised as one of the schools in Northumberland who are providing outstanding support for our Young Carers:

"Our shining light for good practice is on Malvin's Close Academy who have engaged with our Young Carer Service, going above and beyond to support young carers in their schools. The Family Support Team within the school have identified, supported, and referred 10 children to our Young Carer Support Project over the last few months. Our Young Carer Support Coordinator regularly visits children providing a range of one-to-one support, tailored to the individual needs of each child. The Family Workers keep in regular contact with our services and share service information, newsletters, and information about what support is available to both the young carers and their

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families. One of the first to receive the new Young Carers in Schools Toolkit as pilot, they were keen to embed this into daily practice and have already taken on board many of the key recommendations outlined in the Toolkit. One of the most exciting developments for young carers are plans for a dedicated Young Carers Group within the school and it is hoped that this will be launched when the new term begins. Well done Wise Academies, we are looking forward to what the future brings and are excited to continue working with you to improve the lives of young carers attending your schools! Ann-Marie Johnstone - Young Carers Coordinator

As a result we will be launching a Young Carers Support group in school for pupils who may have a caring responsibility at home. If you think your child may qualify for Young Carers support, please contact Ms Felgate or Mrs Quinn for further information.

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:

Friday 6th May - Anti-bullying workshop - more details to follow

Safeguarding

1. Online Safety

Using online facilities to help with learning, keep in contact with others and to give some 'down time' is part of all of our lives, but it is important that we all know how to keep children safe when doing so.

- All social networking platforms and apps have minimum age limits. Some social networks use technologies that might not be appropriate for some ages, or engage with communities that are made up of people much older than your child.
- Many sites include an instant message function which allows private conversations. Not everyone your child meets online will be who they say they are. -
- Most social networking sites have an app version, meaning your child will have access to the social network from their smartphone or tablet. Some app versions of social networks use the location of the phone.
- Chat rooms and forums can connect people who are complete strangers and can be unmoderated.
- Information shared between friends can be easily copied and may spread.
- It isn't easy to take back information that has been posted – and can be impossible if it's already been shared.

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- Chat rooms and forums are one of the places online groomers go to connect with children. They can also be places where people use inappropriate language. This is sometimes done through video chat programmes.

What can I do to keep my child safe?

1. Think about online routines: Have a conversation with your child about online safety and agree to some rules to help keep them safe.
2. Have a conversation about online pressures and cyberbullying: Remember to talk to your child about what they are doing online and who they are talking to. Check in with them regularly and remind them they can talk to you, another trusted adult, like a teacher, or a ChildLine counsellor about anything they are worried about.
3. Set up devices safely: Make sure you set it up with your child, exploring any safety features. Remember to use parental controls.
4. Keep children safe on conferencing apps: Supervise your child when they use these apps; remind your child not to share chat links or passwords on social media; explore any security features like how to report and block; talk to your child about what they are sharing.

Designated Safeguarding Team



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