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Key Diary Dates:

Tuesday 28th June - Year 2 trip

Wednesday 29th June - Year 1 Trip to the Beach.

Wednesday 29th June - Year 5 Trip to Seaton Delaval Hall.

Thursday 30th June - Year 5 Road Safety Event at Pegswood Fire Station (PM only)

Thursday 30th June - Year 6 trip to Newcastle Quayside.

Tuesday 5th July - Year 4 trip to Blyth Port.

Wednesday 6th July - Lion King performance 2.30pm and 5pm (more info to follow)

Thursday 7th July - Lion King performance 5.30pm (more info to follow)

Friday 8th July - Sports Day (Reception and KS1 9.30am & KS2 1.30pm) See info below

Monday 11th July - Year 4 Blyth Library visit

Tuesday 12th July - Year 2 Blyth Library visit

Wednesday 13th July - Year 5 Blyth Library visit

Thursday 14th July - Year 3 Blyth Library visit

w/c 27th June - Local history and geography week.

20th July- Reception Graduation (2pm)

Friday 22nd July - School closes for Summer.

Messages from Mrs Holmes:

Thank you for all of your donations for the Summer Fair! We are so looking forward to seeing everyone on the 5th July, fingers crossed that the weather is as glorious as it has been this week!

A huge thank you to the parents who took the time to come to the parent forum. I am hopeful that going forward, parent events will be much better attended now that restrictions are being eased.

Keep your eyes peeled for information around our fabulous Y6 production of 'The Lion King'. It is truly west end worthy!

41 of our Year 6 children returned from two days in London on Thursday night. Their exhausted but beaming faces when they returned told me all I needed to know about how much of a success the trip had been. I am delighted with the reports I have had about how well they represented Malvin's in the capital city. Year 5 parents, communication will be coming soon about next year's trip to London.

This week we were visited by members of the WISE Regional Hub Board. They toured school and looked at examples of our brilliant work. Mr Martindale reported that: *"Throughout the day people commented on the sense of purpose, the high expectations, the quality of the learning environments, children's manners and behaviours"*. Wow! This is an incredible representation of our school. I am so proud!

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.

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School Fair

Our school Fair will be held on the 5th July from 3pm

We will be having Tombolas, Raffle, balloons, games, refreshments and much, much, more!!!



Raffle tickets will be coming to you on Monday!

This year we will be having a number of Fairground rides on the front field

Proposed attractions:

Giant inflatable slide Bouncy Castle Penalty Shootout

Toyset Carousel Tea Cups

Flying Planes Inflatable activity centre

Meltdown action ride (Activity based. Height restriction of 1.2m)



We will be selling wristbands for unlimited rides for £9 per child or it will be £2 per ride on the day - more information to follow.

Pupil Data Sheets

You will soon receive a data sheet which shows the information and permissions held in school for your child and details of our Privacy Notice.

It is essential that your child's data is kept accurate and we would be grateful if you could read the enclosed letter and check the information as soon as possible and return the signed data sheet showing any necessary amendments needed.

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.

Children should not be bringing any toys into school. If children are found to have toys from home they will be confiscated until the end of the day where they will then be handed to the parent/carer collecting.

OPAL & Outdoor play

Please can you provide your child with a sunhat and water bottle if possible as the days are getting a lot warmer and we will be outside at playtimes and lunchtimes.

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.

Climbing Frame

Please do not allow your child to use the climbing frame at the beginning or end of the school day. The climbing frame is closed for repair.

Sports Day

We are delighted to welcome parents back into school for Sport Day. This year, Reception and KS1's sports day will start at 9.30am and KS2's sports day will start at 1.30pm.

- All children must come to school in their PE kits, with a water bottle and sun hat/sun cream if needed.
- Children must arrive at school at their normal start time and are to be collected at their normal finishing time at the end of the day.

All of the children and staff are very excited and we cannot wait to share this day with you all.

EYFS News:

Nursery are really enjoying our new topic about farm animals. We have created some fantastic models of cow, pigs and sheep! We had a fabulous PE lesson on Monday where we built our own obstacle course and travelled over and under obstacles. If the weather is warm/sunny please could you apply sunscreen to your child before they come to Nursery. Thank you!

KS1 News:

Year 2 have worked so hard to improve their writing over the past few weeks and we are all so proud of them! We have been learning about position and direction in our maths lessons and have enjoyed directing our partners around the playground.

KS2 News:

In Year 3, the children have a few ongoing science experiments. They have removed the leaves from one plant and kept them on the other to help answer the question *'Do plants need leaves to survive?'* We have also planted a cactus, tomato plant and cress seeds. We have changed the variable so one is planted in soil and one is planted in sand. In Year 4, we have been using CAD software on the iPads this week to complete a 3D design of a wind turbine. Year 4 are currently designing a wind turbine that will power a small house and they will build this in a small group towards the end of term. They have worked hard in completing evaluations on their prototypes, discussing what worked and what would work better. In Year 5, the children have been enjoying their *reading for pleasure* books. In 5PA, the children are currently reading *The Titanic*, which is written as a diary, as their chosen reading for pleasure book which will help them enormously when they write their own

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		<p>Titanic diary entry in English next week. 5RC are reading Murder most unladylike and are enjoying the boarding school setting. Year 6 have had an incredibly busy week, rehearsing for the Lion King production and then a school trip to London. We can't wait to hear all about it!</p>
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E-safety Updates:

What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is an app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that can only be seen for a set time period e.g. 10 seconds. Users can also upload snaps to stories which then disappear after 24 hours.



What should I be aware of?

Who is your child friends with? Talk to your child about who their 'friends' online are.

Group chats - in a group chat there may be people that they're not friends with on the app who can then communicate with them in the group. This also increases their risk of interacting with strangers.

Snap Map - The map lets users see where 'friends' are. Location sharing via the map is optional and is off by default (we recommend that it remains off).

Snapchat streaks - Streaks count how many consecutive days two people have been sending Snaps to each other, this can increase pressure to respond daily.

Inappropriate content - due to the nature of the app your child may come across content that is inappropriate.

Screenshots - whilst Snaps disappear, users may take screenshots before they do, potentially resulting in them losing control of what they have shared as it could be sent to other people.

Bullying - there is a risk of bullying on all platforms so please ensure your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary.

<https://snap.com/safety/safety-reporting/>
<https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB/a/remove-blockfriends>

CAN YOU HELP US PLEASE?

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers and how to act safely when using the internet. We are therefore delighted to announce that Malvin's Close Academy have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online and have worked with National Online Safety to deliver an interactive online workshop for all our parents & carers.



The course can be taken at your own convenience and covers:

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- *Information about online dangers and the newest platforms
- *What online risks to look out for and how to protect your child

Please find below the URL you need to visit to register your account You will need to complete your details and select Parent/Carer.

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/malvin-s-close-academy?fbclid=IwAR2kVGq7e9OH0Pc_Ks4L4c2LAUicBJpoh9163IcXCLpX61DrGFseuzadWw

We need at least 10 parents/carers to complete the course to become a certified National Online Safety school so we would really appreciate it if you could help us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Pastoral Updates:

Pastoral Team - who are we and what do we do?

The Pastoral Team at Malvin's Close are available to support you and your child with a range of concerns, difficulties and are available for advice.

Mrs Quinn - SENCo - Special Educational Needs Coordinator

Ms Felgate: - Pastoral Support

Mrs Carroll - Nurture and Emotional Well being support

Mrs Stables - Speech and Language Teaching assistant

Mental Health and Well-being Support for parents/carers and young people:

<https://www.beyounorthumberland.nhs.uk/support/parents-carers-support>

NEW Wellbeing Intervention:

At Malvin's Close Academy we believe every child has the right to feel safe, valued and heard. We are passionate about children's mental health and wellbeing and aim to support children develop self-worth, to safely explore and understand their emotions and to develop the skills to help them to express and regulate their feelings.

In September we will be launching our new Intervention programme 'Hamish and Milo' to help children express themselves.

Hamish and Milo is a comprehensive set of ten different wellbeing intervention programmes that focus on key emotional themes: friendship, resilience, anxiety, diversity, angry feelings, change, conflict, loss, sadness and self-esteem. Each programme is aimed at children who need the extra help of a targeted, small nurture group to support their mental health and wellbeing and each consist of explicit session plans to be delivered once a week over a term.

Visit their website to find out more information <https://hamishandmilo.org>



Peer Mentors:

Thank you to all the Year 5 children who have submitted the application to be a Peer Mentor for next year. Ms Felgate will be interviewing all the children who have applied over the next week.

School Parliament:

Preparations for our performance have been going very well and the children's songs, raps, drumming and kazoo playing sounds delightful. We also spent a morning at The Oaks Care Home with the residents learning dances from a choreographer. The children did the school proud and were very kind and courteous towards everyone as well as offering their own

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ideas for dances. We are very excited for the actual performance

Anti-Bullying Updates:

This week is Don't Face it Alone 2022. This is a campaign run by The Diana Award which Malvin's Close Academy participates in. The campaign supports children speaking out about any concerns and reminds them who they can talk to and how they can report any bullying. We will be focusing on reminding the children they deserve to be heard and the support that is available to them.

Video from the campaign: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4f6dXDzy2c>

Reading updates



A huge well done to all of the children who took part in the Jubilee Reading Challenge! The children have now received their prizes or certificates. If you are still wanting to take part, read a book from each of the 7 decades, fill out the Jubilee Reading Challenge form and hand it in to your class teacher.

What are we reading at Malvin's Close?



3NB - After reading 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown earlier in the year, the children in 3NB were very excited to find out that there is a sequel, The Wild Robot Escapes. Mrs Buckle managed to find a copy of the book and we have started to read it this week!

RAE-W - This week, RAE-W has read Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson. The story revolves around a child-like monkey who has lost her mother in the deep, thick, hot jungle. The monkey is then assisted to find her mother by a butterfly, who tries to think of whereabouts in the jungle she might be.

Maths at Malvin's:

Nursery have been exploring shapes and making animals using a variety of shapes. This has helped us apply our mathematical vocabulary when talking about shapes and their properties. Meanwhile, Reception have been consolidating their knowledge of place value - some children have been working on numbers to 5, some to 10 and some have been challenged with teen numbers! They even created "number stories", where they represented a number in as many different ways as possible: using Numicon, number fans, counters, part-part-whole models and number sentences.

Across the corridor in KS1, Year 1 have continued to build on place value knowledge by exploring numbers to 100 whilst Year 2 are just starting direction.

Upstairs in KS2, Year 3 have completed their work on fractions and can add and subtract them amazingly! Year 4 have been learning to tell the time, which is an important life skill, and it would be excellent if they could continue this at home too. In Year 5, the children have been working on the properties of shape and identifying and sorting quadrilaterals whilst Year 6 have been recapping units that will help them in Secondary school as well as dipping into a Theme Park Maths project that teaches them about budgeting, profit and loss.

TTRS and Numbots news: We are NUMBER ONE in the area on Times Table Rockstars now! A fantastic effort by all - keep it up so we can maintain our top spot.

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PESSPA Updates:

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme to reward and recognise school's engagement in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



Physical Education

All of the children have been working extremely hard during their PE lessons this term. We have been covering a wide range of units throughout the school.

- Reception - Throwing/Team Games
- Year 1 - Gymnastics/Running
- Year 2 - Tennis/Throwing
- Year 3 - Throwing/Rounders
- Year 4 - Tennis/Athletics
- Year 5 - Athletics/Rounders
- Year 6 - Sitting Volleyball/Tennis

School Sport

Every Thursday, a coach from Newcastle Falcons will be working with Year 6.



Physical Activity

Last week, 12 children from Year 5 and 6 were invited to take part in a Commonwealth Games Launch Event at Alnwick Castle & Gardens. The children had a wonderful day taking part in a range of activities.



Designated Safeguarding Team

What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead?

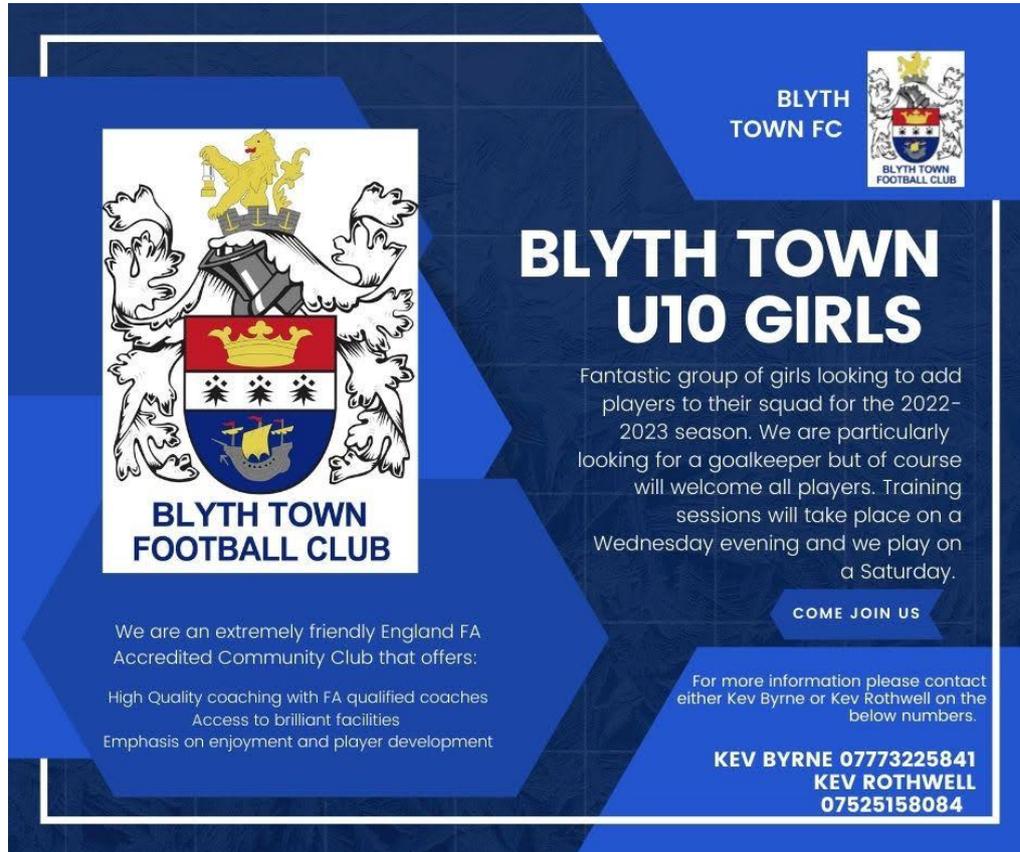
Governing bodies should ensure that the school or college designates an appropriate senior member of staff to take lead responsibility for child protection.

Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' role include:

- Making sure all staff are aware how to raise safeguarding concerns
- Ensuring all staff understand the symptoms of child abuse and neglect
- Referring any concerns to social care
- Monitoring children who are the subject of child protection plans
- Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records
- Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures, and ensuring they are implemented and reviewed regularly

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Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:



BLYTH TOWN FC



BLYTH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

BLYTH TOWN U10 GIRLS

Fantastic group of girls looking to add players to their squad for the 2022-2023 season. We are particularly looking for a goalkeeper but of course will welcome all players. Training sessions will take place on a Wednesday evening and we play on a Saturday.

COME JOIN US

We are an extremely friendly England FA Accredited Community Club that offers:

- High Quality coaching with FA qualified coaches
- Access to brilliant facilities
- Emphasis on enjoyment and player development

For more information please contact either Kev Byrne or Kev Rothwell on the below numbers.

KEV BYRNE 07773225841
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