



Maynards Green Community Primary School

Newsletter September 2009

Welcome back!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and children and especially to those parents and children who are new to the school. I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and I look forward to working with you over the coming school year.

What's new in the building?

Windows, soffits and guttering have been replaced in the ICT Suite and Yr 1.

Interactive Whiteboards have been installed in Yr R and Yr 1.

Window blinds have been installed in Yr 4, the School House and the ICT Suite.

New tables and chairs have been purchased for pupils in Yr 5

This year's designated charity

As you will know, we hold a fund raising event for a specific charity each year. This year, the School Council has requested that we support an animal charity. The chosen charity this year is 'Search and Rescue Dogs' and dogs and handlers from the local branch will visit the school on Friday 18th September to give a demonstration. You are welcome to attend this event and see the dogs in action. The demonstration will start at 2.15pm. The actual fund raising day will be held on Friday 25th September and further details of this event will be circulated nearer the time.



School Dress for the Autumn and Spring Terms 2009

Grey school trousers or skirt

White polo shirt

Maynards Green PE T-Shirt

School sweat shirt/cardigan

Grey tights

Black PE shorts

Grey short school socks

Plain black shoes (no trainers or high heels please)

Dark green hair accessories

No jewellery or painted nails please

*You will remember from letters sent out throughout the last school year that the black/grey colour option for trousers and/or skirts has been phased out. All children should wear grey (lighter grey colour, not dark charcoal grey)

After School Activities for Autumn Terms 1 and 2 2009

After school activities will run for 10 weekly sessions and will start week beginning Monday 14th September and will finish week ending Friday 27th November. Details of all the after school activities that will be on offer in the autumn terms will be available shortly.

Voluntary help in school

If you would like to come into school and help on a voluntary basis with a variety of learning activities such as listening to children read we would welcome your help and support.

Should you be interested in helping in this way, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance. Thank you.

A celebration of Harvest time!

This year we are celebrating harvest in our Key Stages. Do come along and join KS2 on Weds 30th September &

KS1 on Fri 2nd October.

Both start at 9.15 am.



Drinking Water and Morning Snacks



Could I please ask that children bring a named bottle of water to school each day to keep in their classrooms and to drink at break-times.

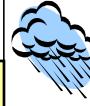


Children are welcome to bring fresh fruit, dried fruit or vegetables to school each day as a healthy snack to eat at morning break time.

Named Uniform

Could I please ask you to ensure that all items of school clothing are clearly marked with your child's name. This is important and it really would be of great help to staff. Thank you.

PE kits need to be in school every day!



Could you please ensure that your child has a weather proof coat in school everyday (named please). Thank you!

**Yr 6 parents 'Meet the Teacher Meeting'
Tues 8th September at 3.25pm**

School Photographs - important information!

The school photographer will visit on **Wednesday 23rd September at 8.30am**. Individual photographs will be taken of all the children. In addition, if you wish your child to have a 'family' photograph taken with older or younger siblings (who may **not attend** Maynards Green), please go **straight to the School Hall at 8.30am**.

If you wish your child to have a photograph taken with a sibling who **attends** Maynards Green School, please let **Mrs Stace know before the 24th September**. Thank you.

Swimming Pool Update - thank you!

We are extremely grateful to all those who took part in the latest fund raising activity. Thanks to the efforts of those who entered the 10k sponsored fun run in July, approximately £2,000 was raised for the swimming pool fund. Many thanks to the runners and their sponsors.

The current round of work to the swimming pool has come to an end. The next round will begin towards the end of Autumn/beginning of Spring and will involve a new roller and heat retaining cover to the water in the pool and landscaping the outside area surrounding the pool.

The final phase of the pool refurbishment will probably begin in early summer 2010 and will involve upgrading changing/showering facilities. Great support from you all - thank you!



Bringing bags to school

Could **all** children please:-

- carry their PE kit in a draw string bag (named on the front - there are still some school PE bags available for sale in the School Office)
- carry their reading book etc in a school Book Bag (available from the School Office)
- bring any remaining items to school in the **smallest** bag possible - coat peg space is very limited, particularly in KS2 cloakroom.

Thank you.

Children's safety!

Could I please ask all parents to avoid parking or 'waiting' on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school when dropping-off or picking up their children from school. I would encourage all parents to car share or use the Cuckoo Trail (cycling or walking) to get to and from school if possible. This would greatly relieve the perennial parking problem, keep children safer and reduce our carbon footprints! Thank you.

Friends Social Event

**The evening of
Sat 19th September**

Details to follow!

Hobbies Morning for children in Years 1 to 6 - Friday 11th September

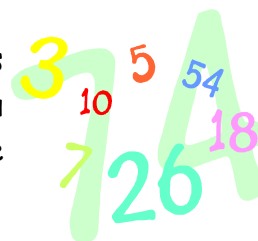


Hobbies Morning is designed to enable children to find out more about each other and about each other's interests and hobbies. Time will be set aside in the week for children to think about their hobbies and the kind of questions other children might ask about them. On the day, children will set up a table top display using artefacts, photographs, equipment etc connected with their hobby that they have brought in from home. During the morning children will talk to each other about their hobbies and what they have achieved.

Children may come to school on this day dressed in clothing that they might wear when pursuing their hobby or interest (eg specialist clothing such as sports kits and/or ordinary clothing).

Times Tables

This term we are having a big push on children learning their times tables! If you have any activities (eg number games) at home which you think might be helpful and which you would be prepared to lend to the school, please see your child's class teacher. Thank you.



Illness/Medication - a reminder!

If your child is ill and will be absent from school, please notify the School Office before 9.00am and please continue to ring the School Office **each day** your child is away from school. If you wish the school to administer any form of medication to your child you must come into the School Office and complete an authorisation form. Thank you.

School Term and Holiday dates for 2009/2010

Term 1:	3 Sept - 23 Oct 2009	38 days
<i>October Break</i>		
Term 2:	2 Nov - 18 Dec 2009	35 days
<i>Christmas Break</i>		
Term 3:	4 Jan - 12 Feb 2010	30 days
<i>February Break</i>		
Term 4:	22 Feb - 31st Mar 2010	28 days
<i>April Break</i>		
Term 5:	19 Apr - 28 May 2010	29 days
<i>May Break</i>		
Term 6:	7 June - 23 July 2010	35 days

Dates and Events for Terms 1 and 2 2009

SEPTEMBER

- Mon 7th Drumming Club demo' for children in assembly (10.15am)
Fri 11th Children's Hobbies Morning
- Mon 14th After school clubs start
Fri 18th 2.15 Demo' from Search and Rescue Dogs (do come along and watch the dogs in action!)
- Mon 21st Mike Hollands from Heathfield Library Service to visit children
KS2 Homework starts
- Thurs 24th 2.30 KS1 Phonics meeting for parents in School Hall (come along and find out how we teach children phonic and spelling skills and how you might be able to help at home)
7.00pm Full Governing Body meeting
- Fri 25th Charity Fund Raising Day for Search and Rescue Dogs (details to follow)
- Weds 30th 9.15 KS2 Harvest Celebration - all welcome. Further details to follow.

OCTOBER

- Fri 2nd 9.15 KS1 Harvest Celebration - all welcome. Further details to follow.
- Tues 13th Science Workshops today for children in Yrs 3 to 5
1.15 Swimming Pool Comm Meeting
- Thurs 22nd 3.40 - 6.30 Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings (further details nearer the time)
- Fri 23rd Last day of Term 1 closed to children for staff training.

NOVEMBER

- Tues 3rd 3.40 - 6.30 Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings
- Fri 27th Children's Festive Crafty Morning
Last day of after school clubs
- Mon 30th Last week of KS2 Homework

DECEMBER

- Mon 7th HASP Carol Concert in the evening with rehearsals in the afternoon (Yr 5 & 6 only)
- Thurs 10th 11.45 School Christmas Lunch
- Mon 14th 10.00 KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
PM KS2 Dress Rehearsal
- Tues 15th 10.00 KS1 Nativity Play
7.00pm KS2 Festive Drama
- Weds 16th 10.00 KS1 Nativity Play
7.00pm KS2 Festive Drama
- Thurs 17th PM Christmas Parties for all
- Fri 18th Last day of Term 2

School reopens on Monday 4th January 2010.

**However, this will be an INSET Day and children will therefore return on
Tuesday 5th January 2010**

Thank you for all your support Verity Poole Headteacher