

## Dear Parents

It has been lovely to see the school open again, buzzing with learning action and full of happy children as we welcome new and old families back to MPS. We look forward to welcoming a few more families in the next few weeks and working closely with you all this year. I am always available at the front of school in the morning for a quick chat and appointments with teachers or myself, can be made via the school office.

## In Albatross Class:

We have had a very busy first few days in Albatross class. It has been lovely seeing old friends again as well as welcoming new friends. The children all arrived on Wednesday happy and ready to learn. They enjoyed exploring our classroom and are quickly picking up the routines of the class. We are looking forward to the year ahead and the exciting new challenges it offers us. Well done Albatrosses for settling back into school so well - keep up the great work!



## In Caracara Class:

Welcome back! The Caracaras have had a lovely few days getting to know the new member of the class and catching up on friendships. We have learnt about our class namesake and went on a caracara hunt, whilst learning how to use binoculars. We saw 5 different species of bird, but the caracara was elusive.



## In Falcon Class:

It has been lovely to welcome the class back to school this week and to get to know our newest members, Teddy and Crisha. Everyone has settled in beautifully and the class has a lovely vibe to it.

**Teddy** - "I like that there are computers for everyone and the maths is really enjoyable here."

**Crisha** - "I like that the class is calm and quiet and there are lots of things to do."

**Dirk-Pieter** - "I have liked drawing my portrait this week using dots to create my face."

**Edward** - "I have liked doing art this week and most of the lessons have been fun so far."



## In Meadowlark Class:

Welcome everyone to Year 5 and 6 Meadowlarks. It was great this week to see all the smiling faces in the playground at the beginning of the new academic year. We had a lot of fun this week, getting to know each other and starting with our classroom routines.

We also discussed our classroom rules and set personal goals for this year, from finding more diamonds in Minecraft to getting a pen licence!

### Housekeeping and homework:

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned to school on a Wednesday. P.E. is on a Monday afternoon - please ensure that your child comes to school with their kit in a bag with appropriate footwear and a water bottle.

A weekly spelling test will take place on Friday.

Reading - please ensure that your child reads daily at home and records in their Reading Journal.

Tackling tables - I know that data is super expensive, but please allow your child to practise their time-tables online for a few sessions a week.

EdShed - your child has a login to practise their weekly spellings at home. A spelling booklet will also be provided for your child, to practise their spellings at home.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about your child's learning or have any other questions.

**Mr Blom**



## Newsletter

### 1st September 2023

#### **Phonics and Reading Workshop Friday 8th September 08:45-09:30**

Parents of children in FS2-Year 6 are invited join us for a reading and phonics workshop in the school hall on Friday 8th September 2023. We look forward to welcoming you then as we look at how MPS teaches phonics and reading.

#### **Learning/Launchpad Friday 8th September at 9:30-10:15.**

The first opportunity to join your child in school session, will be on Friday 8th September at 9:30-10:15. This session is open to all classes including Nursery and EYFS

The class overviews of the terms learning will also be shared.

#### **Swimming:**

Children in FS2-Year 6 will be swimming on Friday afternoons, soon, start date TBC. A letter from Mrs Grindlay, who is our qualified swimming teacher, will follow shortly. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible. The children will be bused to and from the pool and will be back at school for the end of the day.

#### **Dates for your Diary until Easter 2024**

- Friday 8th September - Phonics and Reading Workshop for FS2- Year 6 parents in the school Hall
- Friday 8th September - Join your child in Learning/Launchpad - 09:30-10:15
- Tuesday 12th September - Clubs Start - 1505-1600 (details to follow)
- Wednesday 18th October - Parents Evening - 1515-1730
- Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October Half Term
- Monday 30th October - 2nd Half Term starts for children
- Friday 10th November or Saturday 11th November Remembrance - Event & Timings to be confirmed
- Friday 17th November - Children in Need - Events TBC
- Friday 1st December - Christmas Tree decoration Event at 1400
- Thursday 7th December - Christingle in the school hall at 1415
- Wednesday 13th December - School Production at 1400
- Thursday 14th December - School Finishes at 1300
- Tuesday 9th January 2024 School Starts for children
- Friday 12th January - Join your child in Learning/Launchpad at 1415
- Friday 2nd February - Sports Afternoon for FS2 - Year 6 - 1330
- Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February - Half Term
- Monday 26th February 2nd Half term starts for children
- Thursday 7th March World Book Day - details TBC
- Wednesday 27th March - Parents Evening 1515-1730
- Thursday 28th March - School Finishes at 1300
- Tuesday 16th April - School Starts for children

**Full year term dates can be found on our website.**