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## MALPAS ALPORT ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

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### We wish you a very happy and healthy 2025!

Welcome back to the spring term where we are excited about the weeks ahead. Despite a cold start to the term, the children are responding with warmth and excitement to their new curriculum topics and themes in writing. As I walk around school, visiting lessons and spending time on both Key stage 1 & 2 playgrounds, I am continually impressed with the excellent standard of behaviour, respect and kindness from all of our pupils. Our Friday morning celebration assembly is a highlight of the week and so many children are being recognised for going over and above what is expected of them and excelling in their learning attitudes and progress. There is a buzz of learning around the school and an excitement about the additional activities planned.

Eco-council are busily planning our second Eco Day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February with a focus on endangered species, conservation and what we can all do to make a difference. Children will be invited to wear upcycled/ pre-loved/ green clothing of their choice and bring in a £1 donation to support the purchase of a new bin for the KS2 playground and further plants to enhance our sensory garden.

We are also planning to take part in the Big Walk and Wheel to school week in March, where we will be encouraging all children to walk or wheel to school. Or for those who live a long distance from school, park further away and walk the last 10 minutes for the exercise and air pollution benefits!

### Young Carers' Assembly

This week we have been visited by Emma from Cheshire Young Carer's, who led an assembly for the children looking at what a Young Carer is. She talked about having a parent or guardian in the home or a sibling with mental or physical needs, that means the child has to do jobs or tasks. We have a Young Carer's club in school once a fortnight and there are lots of trips and activities over the holidays. Get in touch if you feel your child may be a Young Carer and would benefit from the support.



### Calendar:



**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Jan: Visit to Opal Court**

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb- ECO DAY**

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 5**

**Liverpool Trip**

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 1&2**

**Chester Zoo Trip**

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb- Finish for half term**

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb- Children return to school**

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Feb- Year 6 day trip to Tower of London**

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> March- secondary school places allocated**

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day & Book Fair**

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> March- Year 2 Residential to Burwardsley**

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> March- Own Clothes for Easter Bingo Egg**

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> March: Walk and Wheel to School Week**

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Bingo**

**Tue 1<sup>st</sup> & Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April- Parents' EVENING**

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April- Finish for Easter  
Return to school: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

### **Parents Evening**

Advance notice of Parents evening on

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2.00-6.30pm**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 3.00-5.00pm**

Appointments will be available for face-to-face or phone call. But if you have any worries or concerns about your child's learning, please don't wait until then- email the class teacher and arrange a time to talk.

### **Parent Governor Election**

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor in school. Details of the role and responsibilities will be coming out soon. Once you have read the information, if you are interested in the role please complete the form and return to the school office.

### **Late Arrivals and Attendance**

Our school gates open at 8.30am every day and there are specific learning activities in every classroom from this time. This is a good time for Teachers and Teaching Assistants to read with children 1:1 and an opportunity to recap learning or consolidate activities from the previous day or complete a next step challenge. A child who is in school at 8.30am every morning has an hour and a quarter more learning time EVERY WEEK (over 38 hours of education extra per year) compared to children who arrive at 8.45 and two and half extra hours of learning per week compared to a child who arrives at 9am! If your child arrives at 9am they are missing 95 hours of education per school year, this equates to 95 days of school missed in their primary years and will impact their progress and academic attainment.

Whole school attendance is currently 96.6%- please support us to get to 97% this year.

If you are struggling to get you child into school, please contact the school office as we can help and support you.

### **Fire Station Parking:**

As a school we work closely with the local community and aim to foster good relationships and strong links. We teach the children about community responsibility and pride. Please ensure that you NEVER block the fire station entry/ exit. They are called out at very short notice and are helping save lives. They attend very traumatic incidents and we wish to support them in their crucial work as a school.

### **Easy Fundraising**

Malpas Alport Endowed Primary School are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. **You can find our easyfundraising page at [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/malpas-alport-endowed-primary-school/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-email1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/malpas-alport-endowed-primary-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1)**

**All comments, feedback, questions and suggestions gratefully received.**

**Many thanks for your ongoing support.**

**Mrs N Wetton (Headteacher)**