

# MALMESBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter: 1st March 2024



Dear families,

Our Spring term is always a short term but a very busy one. Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day. As always, this is another opportunity to celebrate our love of reading at Malmesbury.

'Reading for pleasure is a key indicator of a child's future success. When children learn to read at an early age, they have greater general knowledge and a wider range of vocabulary, their reading is more fluent, and they have improved attention spans. Achieving good standards in reading is key to unlocking the rest of the curriculum and is an indicator of future success in further education, higher education, and employment.' (DfE)

We will have special assemblies for EYFS, KS1, LKS2, UKS2 classes. Children are also welcome to dress up. Costumes can be homemade and not costly:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resource/dressing-up-ideas-for-parents/> Best costume winners will receive a book prize. We'd love children to bring their book/book cover with them.

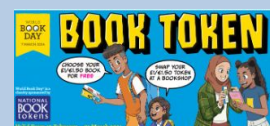


### Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March: **Y5/6 boys' football tournament**
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: **World Book Day**
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March: **Y3 Songs that move us workshops:** TH's Town Hall
- 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> March: **Ramadan begins for our Muslim families**
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup>: **Y2 local area trip to Mile End park**
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March: **Y1 Parent Partnership session**
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> **Y3/4 Dodgeball Tournament**
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: **Easter holiday begins @ 1:45pm**
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: **Summer term begins**

### Malmesbury Book Fair

Our book fair was really popular. We hope that children are enjoying their new books. The book fair also raised £650 towards the school's book funds – we can't wait to buy some new books for our children to enjoy in school too! If children haven't used their book tokens they can use them until 31<sup>st</sup> March.



Last week we hosted inter-school games for our boys/girls football teams.

This week our Y5/6 girls' football team beat 27 other schools to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a Borough competition. We are incredibly proud of them!  
 #collaboration  
 #perseverance #pride



### Attendance

Did you know ....a child whose attendance averages 90% will have missed a whole school year by the time they sit their GCSE's? That's 19 days per year in lost learning.

Our whole school attendance figure is currently 94.2%, our target is 96%.

On the week beginning the 11<sup>th</sup> March, we will shine a spotlight on attendance with our first 100% attendance week. Every child who is in school every day that week will get a small reward to recognise and value great attendance.

#perseverance #care  
 #collaboration



We have lots of support in school and in our wider community to support families who have children with additional needs.

On **Tuesday 5th** we have a **SEND coffee morning** – this is an opportunity to drop-in and chat to other families with children with special educational needs. Rebecca, our inclusion lead, will be around to support conversations and answer questions.

Two other sessions run at Bigland Green and Wapping children's centre, may also be of interest.

It is important for us that our families have the support they need and also connect with other families.



### Annual Review Workshop for Parents

The Tower Hamlets & City SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) are offering workshop for parents to discuss key issues about an EHCP Annual Review, including:

- What should happen before, during and after an Annual Review
- What key questions / topics should be covered during the review meeting
- Ensuring a child's EHCP is ready for transferring to secondary school.

Date: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Time: 10am – 12:30pm

Venue: Wapping and Bigland Children and Family Centre,  
 15 Richard Street,  
 London E1 2JP

For more information or to book a place please contact Tower Hamlets & City SEND IASS (Information Advice and Support Service) 020 7364 6489

or email [towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk)



### Parent Training



Fathers and male figures are invited to

join our parent training on:

### Understanding ASD

Date: Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Time: 9:30am

Come to the school office at 9:15am for the in person training in the hall.

#### Information on the training

In this session we aim to discuss what autism means for your child and how it can impact behaviour and communication at home. We are joined by our phoenix outreach teacher who will help us look at strategies for supporting your child and understanding their individual experience. We focus on each area of difference within Autism to develop a better understanding of how these differences may impact your child/young person. This is designed to increase confidence around the topic of autism and allow open discussion of what you, as parents and carers, experience.

Translation will be available

