

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to 2022-23, we are so excited to be welcoming our children and families back to Maidensbridge tomorrow at 8.45am, staff will be on the playgrounds from 8.35am for a catch up and a chat.

The staff have been working hard with their training over the last couple of days on Safeguarding and Nurture and all of the classrooms are looking fabulous and ready for lots of learning and fun!

### **Welcome Meetings**

We would like to welcome you to a meeting on Monday 12th September, where you will have the opportunity to meet your phase leader (Mrs Pryde or Mr Pearson) as they outline some key expectations for the year and the priorities for your children as they enter their new year group. It will also give you an opportunity to meet the staff and see your child's classroom. We haven't been able to do this for the last two years, due to Covid so it would be lovely to see you all. Please enter via the main school office.

**KS1 (Year 1 & 2) at 4.30pm**

**KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) at 5.15pm**

### **Whole School Theatre Trip**

We are very excited to announce that we have booked a whole school trip to see 'Nativity The Musical' on Thursday 1st December at The Rep in Birmingham. Details of the cost of this trip will be with you shortly. We have tried to make this as affordable as we can, and we will be offering some options for part payments to support families who need it. If your child is entitled to free-school meals, you can also contact the office to discuss options for your child's payment.

### **Uniform**

Please see our school website to make sure children are adhering to our school uniform. If anyone needs support with this, please contact the office and we can put you in touch with people who may be able to help. Your child will need to wear their Maidensbridge PE kit to school on the days they have PE.

### **Attendance**

The Government have created new guidance for attendance that schools must follow this year and will be made statutory for all schools from September 2023. There is a national agenda to ensure all children attend school regularly and on time, as this is the best way for them to be as successful as possible. Unfortunately, Covid has left a legacy across the country of children missing days, taking holidays in term-time and not attending school on time so this is now a priority for education. Holidays will not be authorised in school time and as many appointments as possible should be made out

of school hours. I know there will be exceptional circumstances for some families, and we can work together through these to ensure the children maintain the best possible routine of attending school.

Our attendance policy is on our website and if you have any questions, please contact the school office.

### **School Life App/Website**

If you haven't already downloaded our school app, please do. This is where you can access all letters, newsletters and dates for the whole year. Any problems speak to the school office.

[www.maidensbridge.dudley.sch.uk](http://www.maidensbridge.dudley.sch.uk)

### **Duchenne Awareness Day**

On Friday 9th September, we would like the children to wear a brightly coloured accessory with their uniform to celebrate the very special children in our community and all over the world who tackle life each day with Duchenne. They can wear bright socks, a bright wristband, hairband, bobble, badge etc with their Maidensbridge uniform so that we can shine brightly for these children.

[World Duchenne Awareness Day.](#)

### **Roof Repair**

We are due to have a new roof over the section of the building from Reception to Year 4 facing Beachcroft Road. There will be scaffolding going up over the next few weeks. We will inform you of any changes in arrangements at school nearer the time when we have confirmed dates from Dudley.

### **Swimming**

Swimming lessons this year will be at Summerhill Secondary School, and we will start with Year 3 on Tuesday 13th September.

### **Forest School and Cooking**

We will be continuing with our extended curriculum of Forest School and Cooking. Watch out for these dates each term on the school app and website.

### **Healthy Eating Policy**

Just a reminder that children should be bringing fruit or a healthy snack for their breaktime if they would like one. This should not be chocolate bars and crisps. We will be

re-introducing our Healthy Eating policy over the next half term and working with the children on this.

## **HSA**

The HSA (Home School Association) have planned many lovely events for the children and our community for the year ahead, please see the school calendar on the app and the website for these details.

If any of our new parents would like to join and get to know the members of the HSA, there is an AGM meeting in school, the evening of Monday 26th September.

We hope you have all had a fantastic summer. However, if there is anything significant that you think might impact on your child's return to school, please get in touch with us so we can be as prepared as possible to welcome them back either by calling the school office or emailing [info@maidens.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@maidens.dudley.sch.uk) to be passed on to the relevant staff.

See you tomorrow.

Mrs K Thomas

Headteacher

Sent via

School Life