



**Psalm 119:105 "God's word
is a lamp to guide our feet
and a light for our path".**

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Dear Parents/Carers and members of the local community,
We have already had 1/10 of the school year already! I can't quite believe it! The time is flying by!

School Development Plan: The plan this year continues with a some of the work we started last year. As I mention below attendance continues to be a focus, as well as our provision for all of our pupils in terms of universal offering as well as adaptations required for pupils with SEND. Writing continues to be a focus across the school with greater emphasis being put on oracy and foundational skills. The whole Trust has a focus on EYFS this year so that too is on our plan.

Parking: We have been successfully running our walking bus for KS2 pupils this term. It has reduced some of the car parking out the front of the school at the end of the day. However, it has been brought to my attention that we have had parents parking out the front from as early as 2.30p.m. This week that caused issues for the lovely preschoolers who were attending the church for a service. The pre-school have already rearranged timings so that they could get back before the parking outside school begins. Can I please ask if you do arrive before 2.45pm that you park further away from school or indeed, please do not park outside school until after 2.45p.m. to allow for any pre-school movement to be safe. I thank you for your support with this.

Walking Bus: As I mentioned above it is going well. Having run it for a few weeks we are now in the position to be able to safely offer the walking bus to Year 2 pupils after half term. Letters will be sent out over the next few weeks for you to complete and return to school if you are requiring this option.

Attendance: I was really pleased with the progress that we made last year. It again is an area of continued focus on our school development plan as we are still not in line with the expected standard set by the Government. Already this academic year- we have had 37.5 days of learning lost due to illness. With only a school of 94 pupils, that is a high number of days lost when we have only been in school for 22 days. Please use the grid below as a guide. *We are willing to help give your children paracetamol or Nurofen as long as it is supplied by you and you have given a consent form.* We will soon be launching an "under the weather" form which you can complete and send in to let us know if a child is feeling under the weather. We will then keep a closer eye on them over the school day. As you know we have moved our inset days around this year so that hopefully you will be able to take cheaper summer holidays. If you feel you need support with attendance, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance, myself or Mrs Thomas are also available.

We have our Pebble Worship for our Robins Class on Monday afternoon where we will officially welcome our Reception children into our Madresfield family.

We also have the Director of Education from our Trust visiting school on Monday, she will be visiting classes and speaking to pupils and staff.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hibell
Headteacher

Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? **YES** Rest them off school until it goes away. **NO** Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or hoarseness, as long as there is no fever and no other signs of illness.	Cold/flu Encourage them not to touch the blower or blow anyone while they have their cold sore, or to share things like cups and spoons.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP. After using antibiotics, keep them off school until all of the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like bottles and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature, or more severe, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Throatwarts Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they appear well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Get the GP surgery letter and go to an infectious diseases unit for a test 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should stay away from contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 10-14 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Keep them off school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Stomach ache If they appear well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.nhs.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

IGNITE ILLUMINATE INSPIRE



Friday 9th October – Wear Something Yellow – in support of Young Minds

Tuesday 13th October – parent tours for 2027/28 reception children – 2pm

Friday 16th October - parent tours for 2027/28 reception children – 10am

Monday 19th October – Kestrels Parents Consultations - 3 – 5.30pm – Book on Arbor

Tuesday 20th October – All Classes Parents Consultations - 3 – 5.30pm – Book on Arbor

Tuesday 20th October – SENCO Parents Consultations - 3 – 5.30pm – Book on Arbor

Wednesday 21st October – Owls, Robin and Buzzard Classes Parents Consultations - 3 – 5.30pm – Book on Arbor

Wednesday 21st October – Family Support Worker Parents Consultations - 3 – 5.30pm – Book on Arbor

Friday 23rd October – Harvest Festival – all are welcome to join us in St Mary's Church across the road from the school at 9.30am

Friday 23rd October – Flu vaccinations - further communication regarding consent will come from Vaccinations UK directly

Friday 23rd October – End of term parent booklook – 2.45pm

Monday 26th –Friday 30th October – Half Term

Monday 2nd November – Back to School

Friday 6th November – Non Uniform Day for PTFA Raffle prizes – more information to follow

Friday 6th November – PTFA Neon Disco – more information in Dojo

After School Club News

We are excited to be able to confirm that our After School Club, led by Miss Bille, will now be running until 5.15pm Monday—Thursday.

Keep an eye out for dedicated After School Club newsletter coming out soon.

Parent Consultations

Don't forget to book your meetings with class teachers, our SENCO and our Family Support Worker. Booking can be made through Arbor.

Amari's Fundraising Challenge

We welcomed a representative from Birmingham Childrens Hospital into our assembly this week for a special thank you to one of our year 1 pupils, Amari, who had undertaken a fantastic fundraising challenge over the summer.



Amari's mum, Laura, has told us all about his summer challenge
"Throughout August, Amari took on an incredible challenge to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital, and I honestly couldn't be prouder of him. He walked, ran and cycled an amazing 31 miles and, along the way, raised an incredible £385!
🎉💙 What makes me even more proud is just how much fun Amari has had doing it. We've shared so many special moments, adventures and memories together, and no matter how many miles we had ahead of us, Amari always had the biggest smile on his face. 😊 To see him putting so much effort into something that will help other children and families is incredibly special. Amari, you have shown that even the smallest steps can make a huge difference."



AUTUMN UPDATE

October 2026 Newsletter



A WARM WELCOME...

to the Autumn Term everyone! A big Hello & special welcome to all new children, parents & carers who joined in September! We are looking forward to working with everybody to raise lots of money by having lots of fun!

CONTACT FORMS

If you would like to join our WhatsApp Group or share your email address to see updates on help needed etc, please pop to the office to fill out a contact form & we'll be in touch!



THE NEW COMMITTEE

Following the AGM, the new Committee has been elected as follows:



Chair: Bex Perkins
(Bels - Kestrels)

Vice Chair: Helen Morgan
(Percy - Owls)

Treasurer: Lavinia MacDonald
(Genevieve - Owls)



Secretary: Claire Saville
(Renaë - Buzzards)

Vice Secretary: Helena Barley
(Phoebe B - Owls & Marianne - Kestrels)



Please do come and chat to us anytime and if you have any ideas, suggestions, talents and time to offer (no matter how much or how little) we would absolutely LOVE to hear from you! It would be wonderful to welcome as many people as possible to our planning meetings which involve lots of lovely tea, coffee and chat!!

DIARY DATES:

Neon Disco: Friday 6th November



Robins & Kestrels 3.15pm - 4pm

Owls & Buzzards 4.15pm - 5pm

Tickets on sale later this month



Non Uniform Day: Friday 6th November



Children are invited to wear their own clothes in return for donations toward the Christmas Fayre tombolas. More information to follow.

**Christmas wreath making workshops:
Friday 4th & Saturday 5th December**

7.30 - 9.30pm @ Madresfield Club
Tickets: £20 per person - come along for a fun and festive creative evening!



Christmas Fayre: Friday 11th December



All help with festive inspiration, set up & stall running would be SO welcome!

VOLUNTEERING UPDATE

In line with the GOV.UK 'Keeping children safe in education' statutory guidance, school policy now requires all volunteers working with children and helping at events to have a current DBS check carried out or verified by the school. If you would like to be added to our list of fabulous volunteers please speak to a committee member or pop in to the office to get your DBS application/check started.

NEXT PLANNING MEETING



9am (or straight from school drop off)
Friday 9th October @ Bilberry Cafe,
Victoria Park, Malvern.

We really hope to see you there!



COME AND JOIN US
FOR FESTIVE FUN AT OUR 2026...

Christmas Wreath Workshops!

Friday 4th December 7.30 - 9.30pm
Saturday 5th December 7.30 - 9.30pm

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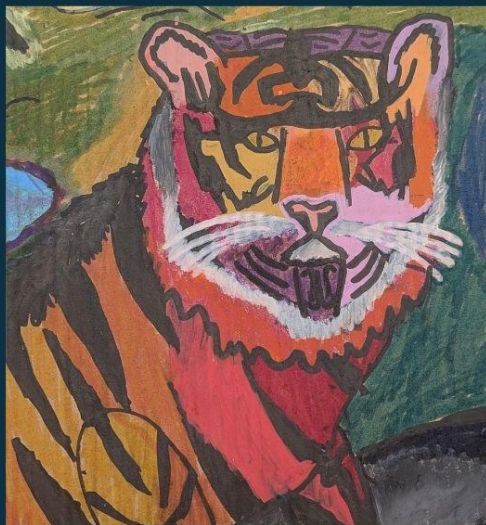
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