Maybury Primary School
January 2019 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and would like to wish all our families a very Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who support all of our Christmas activities before we broke up for the holidays. We were very proud of all the children and their fabulous performances in *Born in Bethlehem* and *Children of the World.*

The Christmas Fayre was a huge success and raised over £1,100. This money is put towards funding school trips. We think it is very important that children get the opportunity to learn away from the classroom and try to organise a broad range of experiences for the children as they make their journey through the school. By raising money in this way, it means that we can keep the cost of parental contributions towards visits to a minimum and sometimes are able to offer trips at no cost at all. Mrs Donnelly and Year 6 raised £537 towards the new Reading shed for the playground.

The children are already working hard on their new themes for the term:
Foundation: **We're going on a bear hunt**
Year 1: **Where have we been in the world?**
Year 2: **Where does Rainbow Fish go?**
Year 3: **Where does chocolate come from?**
Year 4: **What have the Romans done for us?**
Year 5: **How does Space exploration help us understand our planet better?**
Year 6: **How important is the monarchy?**

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will start on the week beginning **Monday 21st January**. Letters will be sent out this week notifying children of the clubs they have a place at. Some of our clubs have been extremely popular and are oversubscribed. Where there are not enough places for the children who have requested the club, a waiting list will be put in place. It is very important that your child attends the club each week. All clubs will continue until **Friday 29th March.**

Early Help drop in clinic

We are hosting an Early Help drop in clinic on **Tuesday 29th January** from **8:40 am**. If you feel you would like some support or have any concerns or needs that you would like to discuss, then you are very welcome to come and join Selina Evinson from Early Help for coffee, biscuits and a chat.

Also, if you are interested in becoming a family mentor and wish to know how you can volunteer to give support, then please come along.

Attendance ✔

Most of our children have very good attendance and we would like to thank their parents for their continued support. However, there are a small minority of children who do not have such a good record. It is really important that children attend school regularly so that their learning is not interrupted. Later this week, we will be sending you an Attendance Information Letter which will also inform you of your child's attendance for the Autumn Term. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can support you.

Home/School Reading

Reading at Maybury is a real strength. Our results for Phonics Screening in Year 1; Reading at the end of KS1 and in the National Tests at KS2 are all above National Average. This is due to the hard work put in by the children and teachers at school and by you as parents with the home reading scheme. Thank you for your support with this. We need to keep working hard at reading so that our children can achieve the best they can be. There are now just one or two children in each class who are not reading at home. These children generally are making slower progress than the others. Please support your child by making sure that he or she reads their home school reading book each night.

School Holiday Dates

Spring Term 2019	
Friday 15th February	School closes for Half Term
Monday 25th February	School re-opens at 8:40 am
Friday 5th April	School closes for Easter Break
Summer Term 2019	
Tuesday 23rd April	School re-opens
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday – School closes
Friday 24th May	School closes for half term
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens
Friday 19th July	School closes for Summer Break

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