

Milton Keynes Preparatory School



Spring Term 2018 School Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Welcome to all our new children and their families!

Staff

During the autumn term Mrs Herron FCCA joined us as Bursar.

This term we welcome Mrs Heaton, BA(Hons), PGCE, and Mrs Swanepoel, BA to the Preparatory Department, Miss Modha BEd(Hons) to the Pre-Preparatory Department and Mrs Savage, our lunchtime and after school assistant.

We also welcome Miss Waller, Miss Gentry and Miss Smith, Nursery Nurses, and Miss Amy Grimes, Nursery Assistant.

Events this Term for your Diary

Wednesday 17th January	Open Morning 9.15 – 10am for parents in classes 4 and 7, to see older pupils at work
Friday 9th February	Break up for half term, classes 3-11. Mid-year reports home, classes 4 to 7, 10 and 11
Monday 12th February	Playscheme week for those booked – classes 3 to 11
Wednesday 21st February	MKPS Under 10 5-a-side Football Tournament
Friday 23rd February	Mid-year reports home, classes 8 and 9
Tuesday 27th February	Class 8 Parent Consultations, subject staff
Wednesday 28th February	Class 9 Parent Consultations, subject staff
Thursday 1st March	World Book Day Children may dress as their favourite book character

Thurs 1st & Fri 2nd March	Book Fair from 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 7th March	Open Morning 9.15 – 10am for parents in class 6, to see older pupils at work
Saturday 17th March	Ski trip departs
Saturday 24th March	Ski trip returns
Wednesday 28th March	Pre-Prep Easter event for parents (pm)
Thursday 29th March	End of term, Prep and Pre-Prep

Open Morning for Classes 4 and 7 Parents

On Wednesday 17th January parents in classes 4 and 7 are invited to spend some time visiting the older classes at work between 9.15am and 10am, if they would like to do so, before our Open Morning for prospective parents begins.

Please wait in the entrance hall and staff will meet you there.

Open Morning for Class 6 Parents

On Wednesday 7th March parents in class 6 are invited to look at the older classes at work between 9.15am and 10am, before our March Open Morning for prospective parents begins.

Please wait in the entrance hall and staff will meet you there.

Entrance Examinations for Prospective Pupils

On Thursday 25th January, external pupils, currently in Year 2 or above, who would like to attend MKPS, are invited to take our Entrance Examination.

If you would like details for friends or colleagues, please ask in the Reception Office.

Open Mornings for Prospective Families

This term we have 3 Open Mornings for prospective families, between 10am and 11.30am:

- Wednesday 17th January, Saturday 20th January and Wednesday 7th March

If you know anyone who may be interested in attending, please inform them of these dates. Appointments are not necessary on Open Mornings.

Remember that you could receive Introductory Discount for introducing a new family!

World Book Day Thursday 2nd March and our Book Fair

Children may dress up on World Book Day as a character from a book or poem which they enjoy. Details will be sent out nearer the date.

We will be holding a Book Fair after school on 1st and 2nd March and we invite parents and children to come and select books.

Children will be given a £1 book token which can be used against the cost of a book, so do please come and browse with your children after school on those 2 days.

Residential Trips 2017 - 2018

1. Sports Trip to Arnheim - October 2017

In October our Under 11 hockey and football teams visited Arnheim for 5 days of coaching, matches and sight-seeing. A photographic display of their visit is on the entrance hall notice board.

2. Ski Trip - March 2018

Mr Bates is leading our ski trip to Alpe D'Huez from Saturday 17th to Saturday 24th March.

3. Weymouth - May 2018

Mrs Robson will lead our junior prep trip to Weymouth, from Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th May.

Fund-Raising in the Autumn Term

Thank you to everyone for so generously supporting the different causes for which we raised money last term:

Children in Need £271, Christmas Jumper Day £181, Christmas Concert Donations £294.

Christmas Fair

Thanks must go to the Parents' Association for the organisation and running of the Christmas Fair and to all of you who helped/attended. It was a really successful event, with something for everyone to enjoy.

£1400 was raised for The Children's Ward at Milton Keynes Hospital.

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Christmas Productions

The pre-prep children gave us some wonderfully energetic performances in their various nativities.

We also enjoyed the enthusiastic acting and singing in the junior prep “Prep School Musical” and senior prep’s “Jack and the Beanstalk”.

Summer Uniform

Summer Uniform is worn from the first day of the summer term, Monday 23rd April.

Stevensons Uniform Selling Events

The next selling event, held in our Sports Hall, will take place on:

- Thursday 12th April, 8am – 11.30am

You can purchase items at the event to take with you.

Term and Holiday Dates

Spring Term ends	Thursday 29 th March
Half Term/Playscheme	Monday 12 th February 2018 for one week.
Closed	Friday 30th March and week beginning Monday 2nd April
Playscheme	Monday 9 th - Friday 20 th April 2018
Summer Term	Monday 23 rd April 2018 – Friday 6 th July 2018

Reminders

Registration Times

- Prep Department children are registered at **8.30am**.
- Younger children should be in their rooms ready for registration by **9am**.

Parent Contact Details

Please ensure that we have your current details at all times.

Medicines

- Any medication for children must be brought into the building by parents. Children may not bring in their own medicine and it should never be left in your child's bag.
- Parents in classes 3 to 11 go to the Reception Office and sign in their medicine.
- Nursery department parents sign the book in the nursery department and hand medicines to a senior member of nursery staff.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

May we remind you that if your child has diarrhoea or vomiting, there must be **48 hours'** clearance after the last bout, before he or she returns, in order to protect everyone.

Diary Dates Spring Term 2018

January 2017

Monday 8 th	After School clubs start this week
	Private Music lessons start this week
Tuesday 9 th	First half of class 6M, plus 6S, to Whaddon Church, morning
Friday 12 th	Second half of class 6M, plus 6E, to Whaddon Church, morning
Monday 15 th	Lego activity day, class 10, in school
Tuesday 16 th	Individual and class photos, morning
Weds 17 th	Open Morning classes 4 and 7 parents, 9.15 – 10am
	Open Morning for prospective parents 10 – 11.30
Saturday 20 th	Open Morning for prospective parents 10 – 11.30
Tuesday 23 rd	Ski Trip meeting, parents and pupils, 5pm
Wednesday 24 th	Siblings, Nursery Department and team photos, morning
Thursday 25 th	Entrance Exams for external candidates
Friday 26 th	Last day to book for half term playscheme
Monday 29 th	Class 4 Bears' activity morning at school

February

Thursday 1 st	Class 11 Forensic Science Day at MKPS
Thursday 8 th	Class 5 trip to Howe Park Woods, morning
Friday 9 th	Mid-year reports home, classes 4 to 7, 10 and 11
	Break up for half term
Monday 12 th	Half term week. Playcheme available.
Tuesday 20 th	Duckling eggs arrive at school
	Class 9 trip to The Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford
Weds 21 st	MKPS Under 10 5-a-side Football Tournament
Friday 23 rd	Classes 8 and 9 mid-year reports home
Tuesday 27 th	Class 8 Parents' Consultations, with subject staff
Wednesday 28 th	Class 9 Parents' Consultations, with subject staff

March

Thursday 1 st	World Book Day and Book Fair
Friday 2 nd	Book Fair
Wednesday 7 th	Open Morning class 6 parents, 9.15 – 10am
	Open Morning for prospective parents 10 – 11.30am
Friday 16 th	Last day to book Easter playscheme
Saturday 17 th	Ski trip departs
Friday 24 th	Last day to book for Easter playscheme
Saturday 24 th	Ski trip returns
Weds 28 th	Pre-Prep Easter event for parents to attend (pm)
Thursday 29 th	Break up for Easter, all departments

April

Monday 9 th	Building re-opens, playscheme for those booked, classes 3 to 11 Nursery open
Friday 20 th	Playscheme finishes
Monday 23 rd	Summer term begins

Advance Dates for the Summer Term 2018

Speech Day classes 7 to 11	Saturday 23 rd June at 11am Compulsory attendance for those classes
Pre-Prep Sports Day	Wednesday 27 th June (am)
Prep Sports Day	Friday 29 th June (pm)