



# Milton Keynes Preparatory School

## Spring Term 2019 School Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Welcome to all our new children and their families!

### Inspection Excellence

We are delighted to inform you of the outcome of an inspection last term by the Independent Schools' Inspectorate.

You will all receive a copy of the report, either by email or in paper copy. The report is on the Independent Schools' Inspectorate website and on the school website [www.mkps.co.uk](http://www.mkps.co.uk).

The inspection was twofold:

Firstly to ensure Compliance in all areas. Here there is no grading for outcomes, which are either met or not met. We are very pleased that we met each one.

Secondly there was a full inspection of our Early Years Foundation Stage, where the inspectors looked at our age range from babies to Reception year.

There are 5 main areas of consideration: Overall Effectiveness, Leadership and Management, the Quality of Teaching and Learning, Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare, and Outcomes for Children.

We were rated **OUTSTANDING** in all 5 areas, the highest grading possible. This is excellent news and testament to the professionalism of our dedicated staff who work with our young children. I do urge you to read the full report.

## Events this Term for your Diary

<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	Open Morning 9.15 – 10am for parents in classes 4 and 7, to see older pupils at work
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Second-hand uniform sale 10am – 11am, Sports Hall
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parents' Association Cake Sale Mid-year reports home, classes 4 to 7, 10 and 11
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half term. Playscheme classes 3-11 for those booked
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	MKPS Under 10 5-a-side Football Tournament
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Mid-year reports home, classes 8 and 9
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Classes 8 and 9 Parent Consultations, subject staff
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Classes 8 and 9 Parent Consultations, subject staff
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day. Children may dress as their favourite book character
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> and Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Book Fair from 3.30pm – 5.30pm
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Open Morning 9.15 – 10am for parents in class 6, to see older pupils at work
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Ski trip
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Pre-Prep Easter event for parents to attend (pm)
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	End of term, Prep and Pre-Prep

### Open Morning for Classes 4 and 7 Parents

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> January, external pupils, currently in Year 2 or above, who would like to attend MKPS in the future, are invited to take our Entrance Examination.

If you would like details about this for your 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:

- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March and we invite parents and children to come and choose some books to buy.

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

### Residential Trips 2018 – 2019

**1. Sports Trip to Madrid - October 2018**

In October our Under 11 hockey and football teams visited Madrid for 5 days of top-level coaching, matches and sight-seeing.

**2. Ski Trip - March 2019**

A party of our older pupils will be in the ski resort of Alpe D'Huez from Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**3. Weymouth - May 2019**

Mrs Robson will lead our junior prep trip to Weymouth, from Tuesday 7<sup>h</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

### Fund-Raising in the Autumn Term 2018

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

- Children in Need £281
- WWF's Wear it Wild Day £195
- Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day £138
- Christmas Concert donations, for Medical Detection Dogs £445
- We also raised money for The British Legion Poppy Appeal.

## Christmas Fair

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

£1800 was raised for Medical Detection Dogs, our main charity this year.



## Christmas Productions

The pre-prep children entertained us all with their wonderful adaptations of the nativity story in December.

We also enjoyed the enthusiastic acting and singing in the junior prep production “The Greatest Fairytale Ever Told” and senior prep’s “Panto Pandemonium”.





## Second Hand Uniform Sales – will the service continue?

As many of you will be aware, a core group of our parents has been running the highly successful and popular termly second hand uniform sales for several years.

From September, if this service for families is to continue, we need some new helpers and in particular someone, or more than one person, to take charge of the process and arranging the sales.

It would be advisable for this person/these people to be involved in the sale on 9<sup>th</sup> February, to see the work involved and then make a decision. If anyone would like to volunteer, please email Mrs Jackson at [mkpsparents@yahoo.com](mailto:mkpsparents@yahoo.com).

If we cannot find volunteers to take this on, the service will come to an end in July 2019.

## Summer Uniform

Summer Uniform is worn from the first day of the summer term, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

## Stevensons Uniform Selling Event

The next selling event, held in our Sports Hall, will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 8am – 11.30am

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

## Term and Holiday Dates

Half Term	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 for one week. Playscheme available.
End of Term	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Playscheme	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 inclusive
Closed	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 inclusive
Playscheme	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Nursery re-opens	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Summer Term	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2019

## Advance Dates for the Summer Term 2019

**Speech Day classes 7 to 11**      Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 11am      Compulsory attendance

**Pre-Prep Sports Day**      Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June (am)

**Prep Sports Day**      Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June (pm)

## **Reminders**

### **Parking**

Last term we received several complaints from motorists and residents of Tattenhoe Lane and the surrounding areas, about our parents parking on the road and on the grass verge opposite school.

Please be respectful of other road users and residents trying to get to and from their houses in the area and be mindful of your own and your children's safety.

We are still pursuing our application to use land adjacent to school for further spaces, but I am afraid that I cannot give you any positive news at this stage.

### **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. We have recently sent out forms for you to complete with your current details. These should be returned to the office asap.

### **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 2019

### January 2019

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	After School clubs start this week
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Private Music lessons restart this week
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for prospective parents 10 – 11.30am
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ski Trip meeting, parents and pupils, 5pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Morning Classes 4 and 7 parents 9.15 – 10am Open Morning for prospective parents 10 – 11.30am
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Class 4 trip to Milton Keynes Museum
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Entrance Exams for external candidates

### February

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last day to book Feb half term playscheme
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Class 8 to Tring National History Museum Class 6 to Milton Keynes Museum
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Second Hand Uniform Sale in the sports hall, 10am – 11am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Class 10 cross-curricular day – Electricity and Lego workshops
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-year reports home, classes 4 to 7, 10 and 11
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Half term week. Playcheme available.
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	MKPS Under 10 5-a-side Football Tournament

### March

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mid-year reports home, classes 8 and 9
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Class 8 to Howe Park Wood Classes 8 and 9 parent consultations with subject staff
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Classes 8 and 9 parent consultations with subject staff
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Class photographs, all departments
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning Class 6 parents, 9.15 – 10am Open Morning for prospective parents 10 – 11.30am
Thursday	Class 11 Forensic Science Day
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ski trip departs
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day to book Easter playscheme
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ski trip returns
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Class 10 to Hampton Court Palace

### April

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pre-Prep Easter event, sports hall, afternoon
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Term ends
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Playscheme
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Stevensons' Selling Event in the sports hall 8am – 11.30am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of playscheme. Nursery closes at end of day for Easter break
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery re-opens. Playscheme.
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Term begins - summer uniform compulsory