



## **Congratulations to our National Primary Maths Challenge Winners!**



**Congratulations** to all our pupils who were invited to take part in the Bonus Round of the National Primary Maths Challenge last term, especially our award winners!

68,000 pupils nationally entered the Primary Maths Challenge in November.

3,255, or 5%, of those pupils who scored highly, were invited to take part in the Bonus Round in February 2018. This is a very challenging paper that covers a variety of mathematical skills.

21 of our senior pupils in Years 5 and 6 qualified to take part in the Bonus Round: the Mathematicians of the Future. 18 pupils actually took part on the day and of those, 15 won bronze, silver and gold awards: A magnificent achievement!



## **MKPS Under 11 Girls' Netball Team – IAPS National Finalists!**

We were delighted that our U11 Girls' Netball Team qualified for the IAPS National Netball Finals for the 6th consecutive year!

After some hard fought and well played matches, the girls came 2nd in their region and so qualified to go through to the finals in Basildon, where the 40 best teams in the country were competing for the winner's trophy. There was some very stiff competition and we were proud to see our team finish 8th in their group. Well done to them all!





## **Poets in the Making - MKPS Poetry Slam with Mark Niel, Milton Keynes Poet Laureate**

MKPS celebrated World Poetry Day with our Annual Poetry Slam and welcomed Milton Keynes Poet Laureate Mr Mark Niel to the school.

Class 11 pupils took part in a masterclass delivered by Mark and performed and polished their poems to each other throughout the day. The successful performances were voted through to the final assembly, where the children delivered their poems confidently and amusingly to an enthusiastic audience.

Well done to all the pupils who took part, and huge congratulations to Supreet Dhami who was crowned MKPS Poetry Slam winner 2018.





## **Preparatory Department Ski Trip**

Last term Mr Bates led a trip to Alpe D'Huez in France, a resort we have enjoyed in previous years. The conditions were fantastic and the children had a brilliant week.



### **Our School Twitter Feed**

Please use our new Twitter accounts for all updates when your children are out on trips and visits and playing in fixtures. The accounts are:

@MKPSsport

@MKPStrips





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## **School Developments**

Some of the more observant of you may have noticed a new telephone pole has been erected outside the school as you enter the car park and around the school are some visible purple cables.

These are a result of our new technological infrastructure. The entire school is being rewired and updated to support future developments in computer technology, meaning the children will be able to use iPads and laptops more efficiently and with greater scope.

## **Parents' Events this term**

### **Speech Day: Prep and Class 7** **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

- All children in classes 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 attend Speech Day, our annual formal event where pupils' achievements over the past year are acknowledged.
- Children should arrive at school at 10.30am, for an 11am start and the proceedings finish by lunch time.
- All parents of children in those year groups are invited to attend.
- Prep pupils wear **winter** uniform and pre-prep pupils wear **summer** uniform.
- Further details will be sent to you.

### **Sports Day Pre- Prep: Classes 3 to 7** **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

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| Class 3       | 9.15am  |   |
| Class 4       | 9.45am  |   |
| Class 5       | 10.30am |   |
| Classes 6 & 7 | 11.15am | <b>(House tee shirts to be worn by classes 6 and 7)</b> |

We hope you will all be able to come and watch your child's events.

The Parents' Association will provide refreshments, in aid of the Children's Ward at Milton Keynes Hospital.



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## **Classes 4 to 7: Grandparents' Day** **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

On Pre-Prep Sports Day, we welcome our Class 4 - 7 children's grandparents to school.

**Timings: Between 9.15am – 11.45am or 1.30pm – 3.30pm**

- We hope that they will enjoy coming to Sports Day in the morning and those with a grandchild in Classes 5, 6 and 7 are invited to a visiting theatre production of The Little Princess in the sports hall after lunch.
- Pre-prep grandparents who also have grandchildren in the Preparatory department are welcome to visit them that morning, between 9am and 11.15am.
- Signing-up lists will be displayed on classroom doors for you nearer the time.

## **Sports Day Prep: classes 8 to 11** **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

We do hope you will be able to come and watch the events which begin at 2pm on the school field.

Again, we are very grateful to the The Parents 'Association for providing refreshments.

**Pupils will compete wearing their House tee shirts.**

## **Open Morning Class 7 Parents** **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 9.15**

If you would like a further opportunity to view the prep department at work, you are very welcome to visit between 9.15am and 10am, before our general Open Morning.



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**Parent Consultations**  
**Classes 3 to 10**

- Each family is allocated one appointment per child with a member of staff.
  - There is an on-line booking system.
  - Children do not accompany parents to consultations, so please ensure that you arrange for them to be collected by 6pm if your appointments are at, or after that time. They may not be left unaccompanied elsewhere in school.
1. **Classes 3 to 7** Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Specific days and classes will be allocated.
  2. **Class 8** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July
  3. **Class 9** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July
  4. **Class 10** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Open Mornings, Prospective Parents**  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Wednesdays 16<sup>th</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> June**

This term we have 3 Open Mornings for prospective families, from 10am until 11.30am.

Do invite your friends or colleagues to attend.

No appointments are necessary, as all visitors are given an individual tour upon arrival.



## **Forthcoming Residential Trips**

### **Weymouth Trip Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Our Junior Prep trip for classes 8 and 9 are off to Weymouth again this year for 4 days of energetic activities, outdoor adventures and challenges.

### **Football and Hockey Tour Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Our U11 boys' football and girls' hockey teams will have 4 busy days of professional coaching, playing matches and visiting some of the attractions of the city and the locality.

## **Parents' Association News**

### **Refreshments at Sports Days**

Refreshments will be sold at Sports Days and we rely on your generosity in providing home-made cakes and biscuits for us to sell please!

If you could help, either by baking beforehand or on the day, please email Mrs Laura Jackson, [laurandavid@yahoo.com](mailto:laurandavid@yahoo.com) or Mrs Lisa Belsham, [lisabelsham@yahoo.com](mailto:lisabelsham@yahoo.com).

Profits from refreshments will go to the children's ward at Milton Keynes Hospital.





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## **Other Notices**

### **Swimming Class 7**

**Class 7** children swim each Monday at Bletchley Leisure Centre until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Swimming Class 6**

Class 6 children will have 2 “taster” lessons at Bletchley Leisure Centre on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, in readiness for weekly lessons in September.

### **Stevensons’ School Uniform Selling Event Dates**

Stevensons will set up a “shop” in our sports hall on the following 2 dates:

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| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July      | 3pm to 5.30pm |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August | 8am – 11.30am |

### **Summer Holiday Playscheme**

Bookings should be made by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **Summer Closure Dates: Nursery Department and Playscheme**

The nursery department will close at the end of the day (6.30pm) on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August and will re-open on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30am.

Playscheme ends on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August and re-starts on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Term Dates 2018 - 2019**

These can be downloaded from the Parent Zone on the website or are available from the rack outside the reception office.



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## **Reminders**

### **Sun Hats for Games Lessons and Outside Play/Activities**

Children should have a sun hat here daily.

- In classes 3 -7 this is the red “beanie” school sunhat.
- In classes 8 to 11 this is the red peaked cap, for both boys and girls.

### **Sun Cream**

#### **1. Nursery and Class 3 parents**

- Please put some once-a-day sun cream on your child at home and you may provide some (named) which staff can apply later if your child has sensitive skin.

#### **2. Classes 4 – 7 parents**

- Please put some once-a-day sun cream on your child before school.

#### **3. Prep Department**

- Once-a day sun cream should be applied before school.

### **Medicines**

1. All medicines and inhalers should be handed in by parents at Matron’s office where you will be asked to sign the appropriate book, giving your instructions for dosage.
2. Please NEVER leave medicine in your child’s school bag.
3. Nursery parents should sign medicines into the nursery book, in the nursery.



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## **Advance Dates September 2018**

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September Senior School Meeting 5pm**

This important meeting is primarily for parents whose children will be in Class 9 in September, to learn about the processes for senior school entry. However, it is open to any other prep department parents who would like to attend.

### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September Class 4 Curriculum Meeting 5pm**

This meeting is for parents with children in Class 4 in September.

It is important for at least one parent per family to attend, to hear about the expansion of the curriculum and in particular the introduction of our Reading and Mathematics schemes.

Children do not accompany their parents.



## Dates Sheet Summer Term 2018

### April/May 2018

|                                     |  |
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| <b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> | 11Q River Studies day at Hudnall Park<br>Class 7 swimming starts                                       |
| <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>   | 11C River Studies day at Hudnall Park  |
| <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>      | Class 11 to Tate Modern's Picasso exhibition<br>Sevens into Prep meeting, 5pm – parents and pupils     |
| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>        | <b>Closed.</b> Bank Holiday.   |
| <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>       | Junior Prep trip to Weymouth   |
| <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>       | Weymouth trip returns  |
| <b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>     | Open Morning, prospective parents, 10–11.30am  |
| <b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>      | Class 4 to Pizza Hut (morning and lunch)   |
| <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>    | Open Morning, prospective families, 10 – 11.30am<br>Open Morning class 7 parents, to see Prep, 9 –10am |
| <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>     | Sports Leaders to Aylesbury High School (am)<br>Class 7 to Cadbury World                               |
| <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>       | 6M and half 6E to Howe Park Wood (am)  |
| <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>      | 6S and half 6E to Howe Park Wood (am)  |
| <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>   | Class 5 walk to Emerson Valley Park  |
| <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>       | Half Term. Building <b>closed</b> for a week   |



**June 2018**

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| <b>WB Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>  | Prep revision week  |
| <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>  | Open Morning, prospective parents, 10 – 11.30am   |
| <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>   | Stowe School Keyboard Day – selected prep pupils  |
| <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>    | Senior Prep exam week<br>Class 9 assessment week and Class 8 assessments  |
| <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>   | Class 8 assessments<br>Class 8 to the Recycling Centre  |
| <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>    | Last Class 7 swimming lesson  |
| <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>  | Class 6 to Sea World in Birmingham  |
| <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>    | Last day to book for summer holiday playscheme<br>Pre-Prep reports home   |
| <b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>  | Speech Day, 10.30 for 11am start, classes 7 - 11  |
| <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>    | Class 6 taster swimming lesson<br>Pre-Prep Parent Consultations   |
| <b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>   | Pre-Prep Parent Consultations   |
| <b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b> | Pre-Prep Sports Day: Class 3 at 9.15am, Class 4 at 9.45am,<br>Class 5 at 10.30am, Classes 6 & 7 at 11.15am<br>Pre-Prep Grandparents' Day: 9.15–11.45am & 1.30–3.30pm,<br>Classes 4 to 7 |
| <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>  | Pre-Prep Parent Consultations<br>Prep reports home<br>Class 8 to the Recycling Centre   |
| <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>    | Prep Sports Day track events (pm)   |



## **July 2018**

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| <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>    | Jena Pang Piano Competition<br>Second class 6 swimming lesson<br>Parent Consultations, Class 8, form tutors and subject staff |
| <b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>   | Parent Consultations, Class 9, form tutor and subject staff   |
| <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b> | Parent Consultations, Class 10, form tutors and subject staff<br>Senior Prep Inter-House cricket and rounders                 |
| <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>  | Class 4 to The Riverside Hub, Northampton   |
| <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>    | End of Term   |
| <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>   | Playscheme until Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> August   |
| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>   | Stevensons' uniform selling event, sports hall: 2.30pm – 5.30pm   |

## **August /September 2018**

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| <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>  | End of Playscheme. Nursery closes.                            |
| <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>  | Building closed until Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August         |
| <b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b> | Nursery re-opens. Playscheme re-starts.                       |
| <b>Weds 29<sup>th</sup></b>    | Stevensons' uniform selling event, sports hall: 8am – 11.30am |

### **Autumn Term starts on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

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| <b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> | 5pm Senior School Meeting – class 9 parents and parents joining the school in class 10 |
| <b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> | 5pm Class 4 parents' Curriculum Meeting  |