

Milton Keynes Preparatory School Summer Term 2019 School Newsletter



Congratulations to our National Primary Maths Challenge Winners!

In November 2018 around 67,000 children from 1600 schools took part in the Primary Mathematics Challenge.

10% of those children scored between 18 and 25. The top 3.5% of those children were invited to take part in the Bonus Round in February. Twenty MK Prep children were amongst that number.

Of that top 3.5%, just over half of the children achieved bronze, silver or gold awards.

80% of our children who took part in the Bonus Round achieved awards – nine silver awards and seven bronze awards. In many cases, gold, silver and bronze awards were missed by only one mark.



What an amazing bunch of children!

New Cricket Nets

Have you seen our new cricket nets on the Astro? These will enable our pupils to practice their batting and bowling techniques as never before! All pupils from class 5 to class 11 are now to play cricket as their summer term sport.



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Preparatory Department Ski Trip

Last term a party of Preparatory Department pupils from classes 9, 10 and 11 enjoyed a week's ski-ing in Alpe D'Huez in France, a resort we have enjoyed in previous years.



ISFA Under 11 Runners-up

Congratulations to the U11 Football team, finishing runners -up in the East Region of the 7-a-side ISFA competition held at The Perse School, Cambridge.

They beat Langley in the quarter-finals, defeated St Josephs in the Park in the semi-final and then progressed to the final to play hosts, The Perse.

The boys made an excellent start, scoring first from a corner. After a hard fought game they fell just short losing 3-1. An excellent achievement!

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Parents' Events this term

Speech Day Prep and Class 7

Saturday 22nd June

- All children in classes 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 attend Speech Day, 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 class 7 pupils wear **summer** uniform.
- Further details will be sent to you.

Sports Day Pre- Prep: Classes 3 to 7

Wednesday 26th June

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

We hope you will all be able to come and watch your child's events.
Refreshments will be sold and profits will be given to Medical Detection Dogs.

Classes 4 to 7: Grandparents' Day

Wednesday 26th 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. Those with a grandchild in classes 5, 6 and 7 are invited to a visiting theatre production of Charlotte's Web in the sports hall after lunch.
- Signing-up lists will be displayed on classroom doors for you nearer the time.

Sports Day Prep: classes 8 to 11

Friday 28th June

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

Pupils will compete wearing their House tee shirts.

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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 which will open the week before for appointments.
- 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.

Classes 3 to 7	Monday 24 th , Tuesday 25 th and Thursday 27 th June Specific days and classes will be allocated.
Class 8	Monday 1 st July
Class 9	Tuesday 2 nd July
Class 10	Wednesday 3 rd July

Open Morning, Prospective Parents

Wednesday 5th June

This term we have one more Open Morning 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

Eindhoven Sports Tour

Monday 14th to Friday 18th October

Our U10 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.

2020 Ski Trip

Saturday 21st to 28th March

In 2020 we are trying a new resort, Serre Chevalier, in France.

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Other Notices

Swimming - Class 7

Class 7 children swim each Monday at Bletchley Leisure Centre until Monday 24th June.

Swimming - Class 6

Class 6 children will have a “taster” lesson at Bletchley Leisure Centre on Monday 1st 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:

Monday 15th July 3pm to 5.30pm Wednesday 28th August 8am – 11.30am

Summer Closure Dates: Nursery Department and Playscheme

- Nursery Department closes at the end of the day (6.30pm) on Friday 9th August
- Nursery Department re-opens (7.30am) on Tuesday 27th August.
- Playscheme ends on Friday 9th August and re-starts on Tuesday 27th August.

Term Dates 2019 - 2020

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

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

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Advance Dates September 2019

Thursday 19th 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 26th 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.

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Dates Sheet Summer Term 2019

June 2019

Wednesday 5th	Open Morning, prospective parents, 10 – 11.30am
Thursday 6th	Whole school photograph, classes 3 -11 10.30am
Tuesday 11th	Half class 8 to Recycling Centre
Wednesday 12th	As above
Friday 14th	Steel band workshops, prep and pre-prep
Monday 17th	French day, prep dept - inc French lunch and French play
Tuesday 18th	Class 11 Open Day at The Farm 11am – 3pm
Wednesday 19th	Class 6 to Hammerton Zoo Park
Thurs 20th	Class 9 to Warwick Castle
Friday 21st	Last day to book for summer holiday playscheme Class 5 trip to Whipsnade Zoo Speech Day prizewinners' photographs, 12.30pm Pre-Prep Reports home
Saturday 22nd	Speech Day, 10.30 for 11am start, classes 7 - 11 - attendance compulsory
Monday 24th	Last class 7 swimming lesson Pre-Prep Parent Consultations
Tuesday 25th	Pre-Prep Parent Consultations
Wednesday 26th	Pre-Prep Sports Day: Class 3 at 9.15am, Class 4 at 9.45am, Class 5 at 10.30am, Classes 6 & 7 at 11.15am Pre-Prep Grandparents' Day: 9.15–11.45am & 1.30–3.30pm, Classes 4 to 7
Thursday 27th	Pre-Prep - visiting theatre production, pm Pre-Prep Parent Consultations Pre-Prep inter-schools cricket, Campbell Park Prep Reports home
Friday 28th	Prep Sports Day. Track events 2pm – parents invited

July 2019

Monday 1st	Class 11 to Caldecote Activity Centre, all day Class 6 taster swimming lesson Parent Consultations, Class 8, form tutors and subject staff
Tuesday 2nd	Parent Consultations, Class 9, form tutor and subject staff
Wednesday 3rd	Parent Consultations, Class 10, form tutors and subject staff
Friday 5th	End of Term
Monday 8th	Playscheme until Friday 9 th August
Monday 15th	Stevensons in sports hall: 3pm – 5.30pm

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August/September 2019

Friday 9th August

End of Playscheme. Nursery closes

Monday 12th August

Building closed until Tuesday 27th August

Tuesday 27th August

Nursery re-opens. Playscheme re-starts

Wednesday 28th August

Stevensons in sports hall: 8am – 11.30am

Friday 6th September

Staff meetings

Monday 9th September

Autumn Term starts

Thursday 19th September

5.00pm Senior School Meeting – class 9 parents and parents joining the school in class 10

Thursday 26th September

5.00pm Curriculum Meeting – class 4 and new class 5 parents