

# Summer Term

Now the better weather seems to be upon us, please can you ensure that your child comes to school every day with a sun hat, water bottle and long lasting sun cream applied at home when necessary.



Legionnaire hats are available to buy on-line through Mapac our uniform supplier. There are plenty of shady areas around the playground that the children are encouraged to use when it gets really hot.



# The Messenger

MALVERN WAY INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

## Attendance Policy Update

Our whole school attendance is currently at 96.2%. This shows us we have good school attendance. However, requests for holidays and time off are having an impact on improving this further. In the week before half term, 23rd ~26th May, 27.5 school days, 137.5 teaching hours were lost due to unauthorised absences.

We would like to remind you that our Attendance Policy has recently been updated and is available to read in full on the school website. The main change is to the number of unauthorised sessions absence before a fine is imposed, this has been reduced to 15.

### **7. Fixed Penalty Notices**

7.1 Malvern Way Infant and Nursery school has, with the consent of the School Governors, adopted the use of Fixed Penalty Notices for school non-attendance.

When a pupil's unauthorised absences reach 15 sessions (half a day is 1 session), the Headteacher, in agreement with the Governing Body, will apply to the LA for a penalty notice to be issued when:

- ◆ The pupil's absences have been unauthorised for at least 15 sessions in the previous and/or current term for example unauthorised holidays etc.
- and
- ◆ The parent or carer is not willing to take responsibility for securing their children's attendance and has not co-operated with all proposed voluntary or supportive measures.

### **7.2 Amount and payment of penalty**

The amount of the penalty shall be:

- a) £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice.
- b) £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice.

The penalty is issued to **each** parent for **each** absent child.

## **Reminders:**

Please **verify** your Parentmail PMX account to enable you to purchase shop items and trips on-line, you will keep receiving reminder e-mails and texts until it is done, these are automatically generated by the system.

Please name **all** items of clothing (including hats), we have a huge amount of lost property every term that we can not re-unite with its rightful owner.

**Book Look 9am (12pm Ducklings) Friday 10th June** ~ Come and join your child in their classroom and see the progress they have made so far this year.

**Occasional day on Friday 24th June** ~ School Closed.



Our new water bottles have been very popular so far.

Please ensure that all water bottles are thoroughly washed out on a regular basis.

Bottles can be purchased **AFTER SCHOOL** from the school office or on-line with other items from the shop.

£1.70 each including lid ~ **exact money only please** as we do not hold change in school. Lids for the old water bottles are still available to buy at 60p each.



It's the time of year for Hayfever and Summer Colds. Donations of boxes of tissues would be greatly appreciated for those children who are suffering runny noses!



Thank you to all of you who could come to the Book Fair, the children so enjoy having Parents/Carers in their classrooms to share reading with them. You also dug deep and sales resulted in a magnificent **£1,154** of commission that we can spend on books for the library and classrooms.



### SCHOOL FRUIT & VEGETABLE SCHEME

Each child aged four to six in LEA maintained schools is entitled to receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each school day.

The fruit is distributed every morning by our team of wonderful Parent Volunteers.

***We are looking for Volunteers to distribute fruit on Monday's, Thursday's and Friday's from September.***

*If you could spare 20 minutes, once a week on one of the above days, please contact the office for further details.*

There have been a number of 'abandoned' scooters/bikes in the parking shelters for some time. Any left behind at the end of term will be taken to the local charity shop so please make sure you take your scooters/bikes home!



### **Sainsbury's Active Kids**

Over the last few years we have been collecting Sainsbury's Active vouchers. These vouchers have contributed to many new resources in our school, in particular PE Equipment. We are once again collecting vouchers this year and would very much appreciate as many vouchers as possible so we can purchase new equipment and resources for the children. There is a collection box in the reception area outside the school office. Vouchers need to be handed in by **Friday 8th July**.