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MALMESBURY PARK NEWSLETTER

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GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Today we bid a fond farewell to some members of the Malmesbury Park family. **Mr. Goodman**, is leaving us to take up a new role as EYFS and Key Stage 1 Leader at Livingstone Academy. We wish him lots of success in his new role. I am sure he will show the same dedication and commitment to his new team as he has done at Malmesbury Park and will lead with empathy, courage and resilience. Congratulations on your promotion Mr. Goodman, you will be missed at Malmesbury Park.

Miss Shanahan is leaving us to take up a new role as a teacher of SEND at Winchelsea Special School. We wish her lots of luck in her new role. We are sure she will enjoy the new challenges ahead.

Congratulations to **Mr. Fletcher** who is leaving us following a promotion to Assistant Headteacher, he will be working at Ocean Academy. We wish him lots of success in his new leadership role. I am sure he will meet the challenges ahead with positivity, determination and resilience. Good Luck Mr Fletcher!

READING CORRIDOR



We are currently revamping the reading corridor in school. We are updating the reading books available to the children, making sure they follow on seamlessly from RWInc (our phonic programme for children in EYFS – Y2). This means you might see some changes to the colour bands on the books your child brings home. The changes to the colour bands are because we are introducing the Oxford Reading Tree Reading Scheme, who also publish the RWInc programme and books we use in school. The changes will ensure the children move straight onto the appropriate levelled book as soon as they complete the phonic programme at grey book level. You can see the different colour bands on the reading page of the website: <https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2019/07/19/13/52/18/160/OxfordLevelsAndBookBands.png>

Year group	Age	Oxford Level	Book Band
Nursery	Up to 4 years old	1	Light blue
		2	Blue
		3	Light blue
		4	Blue
Reception / Primary 1	4-5 years old	5	Light blue
		6	Blue
Year 1 / Primary 2	5-6 years old	7	Light blue
		8	Blue
		9	Light blue
		10	Blue
Year 2 / Primary 3	6-7 years old	11	Light blue
		12	Blue
		13	Light blue
		14	Blue
Year 3 / Primary 4	7-8 years old	15	Light blue
		16	Blue
		17	Light blue
		18	Blue
Year 4 / Primary 5	8-9 years old	19	Light blue
		20	Blue
Year 5 / Primary 6	9-10 years old	21	Light blue
		22	Blue
Year 6 / Primary 7	10-11 years old	23	Light blue
		24	Blue

MOBILE PHONES

The Department for Education (DfE) expects schools to be mobile phone-free environments by default to reduce distractions, bullying, and improve behaviour. The Reach South Academy Trust Mobile Phone Policy applies to all schools in our Multi-Academy Trust, including primary, secondary, all through schools and further education settings, and reflects the guidance published by the Department for Education with regards to prohibiting Mobile phones in school and covers all age ranges from 4 to 18. For the majority of pupils in a primary setting, there is no reason to bring a phone to school, as they travel with parents/guardians to and from the school. The default position on mobile phones within primary settings is that they should not be brought into the premises and should be left at home or with parents. Therefore, in-line with the Reach South Trust policy, as of Monday 13th April 2026, we will no longer be allowing children to bring their mobile phones to school unless: Their device is required for their medical needs (i.e. diabetes) and we have documented this.

You have told us in writing that your child is walking to school and needs their device to be able to contact you (this can be via email to the school office office@malmesburypark.bournemouth.sch.uk).

As of Monday 13th April, any children found with a phone in their possession (unless covered by points a and b above) will have it confiscated. Parents will be called to collect the device from the school office.

The full policy can be found on the safeguarding page of the school website: https://www.malmesburyparkacademy.org/_site/data/files/about/safeguarding/0B078F0728993FD15D791BF5F939DFDE.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact the school office, or speak to a Senior member of staff or DSL at the gate.



COMING SOON to INSTAGRAM...



SEND REFORMS

The Government has published its White Paper outlining proposed reforms to the national system for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). A public consultation on these proposals is now open until 18 May, and we will be submitting a response. Parents and carers are also encouraged to share their views directly. You can take part in the consultation here: [SEND reform: putting children and young people first - Department for Education - Citizen Space](#)

Alongside the national consultation, Local Area Partnerships have been asked to explain how we would deliver the reforms set out in the White Paper locally, with a focus on strengthening inclusive mainstream education. This will involve partners from the NHS, the Council, Parent Carers Together, and local schools and settings working together to develop a Local SEND Reform Plan.

Before we begin drafting that plan, we want to start with you – our local parents and carers, as well as children and young people. Your lived experience and insight are absolutely vital, and we really want your voices, experiences and priorities to shape our planning and ambitions for BCP children and young people with SEND. We are therefore holding two engagement sessions—one in person and one online—where you can help us think about what matters most for children and young people with SEND in our area. These sessions will inform both our local SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy and our Local SEND Reform Plan.

We hope you are able to join one of these sessions.

EASTER HOLIDAYS



FS2	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday Wednesday
Year 2	Monday Thursday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Thursday

PE DAYS

PE Days are not changing after Easter.



HAPPY EASTER

We wish all of our families a restful and happy holiday and to those of you celebrating the Christian Festival, a very Happy Easter.

We hope you all enjoy the break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Monday 13th April 2026.**