



MAUNDENE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Maundene Weekly

18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**"Last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice." – T.S Eliot**

## Term Dates

**22/01/19**

Year R Learning with your  
child workshop - Phonics  
9-10am

**24/01/19**

Year 6 Learning with your  
child workshop – Maths  
9-10am

**25/01/19**

Kestrels Class Assembly

Year 4 Kew Gardens Trip

**28/01/19**

Yr R Health Check

**31/01/19**

Woodpeckers Class  
Assembly

**01/02/19**

Inset Day (no children in  
school)

**05/02/19**

Year 3 Learning with your  
child workshop –  
Reading  
9-10am

**08/02/19**

Falcons Class Assembly

**13/02/19**

Parents' Evening 3.30-  
7pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is our second week back and it has been a busy one of events and learning!

On Monday, we were welcomed by a letter from our MP, Tracey Crouch, congratulating us on our improved Key Stage 2 SATs results. When she visited us on Friday, she eluded to the fact that she had written us a letter and the Minister of State for School Standards specifically mentioned our school and the improvements it has made. We are so proud of how far we have come and we strive to ensure our children get the best education. We have attached the letter at the bottom of the newsletter for you all to read.

On Tuesday, we were overwhelmed with the number of parents who came to the 'Learning with your Child Year 1 Phonics Workshop.' We had so many positive comments from parents around how useful it was and how much they had learnt! Well done to Ms Elmas for teaching a lesson to the parents and of course the Key Stage 1 team for their support.

On Wednesday, we celebrated our stars of the week and 100% attendance. Well done to all those who received a certificate. We also had teachers and leaders from Medway who came in to look at how we teach our whole class reading. They had a session with Mr O'Mara and then a walk around the school. We had lots of positive comments on how the school looked, the children and our high expectations. One teacher said 'the children's behaviour for learning is exceptional!' We also had a visit from the cabinet member for education in Medway, Martin Potter. He also commented on how well the children behaved and our high expectations and congratulated us on our recent improvements. He told us he had spoken to the Regional Schools Commissioner and specifically mentioned how much we had improved. He did say we are THE most improved school in Medway, something we are so proud of and could not be achieved without the staff, our children, the partnership support and our Maundene community. Well done to everyone!

On Thursday, the Year 4 children received their response to their letters that they wrote to Tracey Crouch, they loved reading her response regarding the hypothetical selling of some of the school field and forest school.

**Ms D Indresano and Mr K O'Mara**

## Inset Day/Staff Development Day

A reminder that we have our next Inset day  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019** – the school will be  
closed to children.



## School Clubs

Please note Sports Crew after school club **will not** take place on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**.

Due to Parents' Evening, there will be **no after school clubs on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February**.



## BBC Children in Need

We have received a thank you from Children in Need for the **£360** we raised that will help support disadvantaged children & young people across the UK.

**14/02/19**

Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm

**15/02/19**

Finches Class Assembly  
Year 2 Learning Exhibition

**01/03/19**

Jays Class Assembly

**05/03/19**

Year 2 Learning with your child workshop - Reading 9-10am

**08/03/19**

Swans Class Assembly

**12/03/19**

Year 4 Learning with your child workshop – Reading 9-10am

**15/03/19**

Blackbirds Class Assembly

**19/03/19**

Year 5 Learning with your child workshop – Maths 9-10am

**22/03/19**

Robins Class Assembly

**04/04/19**

Year 4 Learning Exhibition



### Roving Reporters – Summer Loveridge and Harry Wells

In EYFS, the children have been estimating one more and one less and in English they have been looking at what animals need to survive.

Year 1 are learning number bonds to 20 and are also looking at describing emotions from the film 'Up.'

In Year 2, the children have been multiplying and looking at their core text 'Window.'

Year 3 have been using columns and methods and in English they have been retelling the book 'Tin Forest'.

Year 4 are learning about fractions and are generating vocabulary from their core text.

Year 5 children are learning about short division and are writing a persuasive letter.

Year 6 have been learning about ratio and writing a diary entry based on their core text 'Trash.'

### Parents' Evening

We will be having Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 3:30-7pm and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 3:30 – 5:30pm**, letters went out this week. Please sign up for the slot that you would like and bring the slips in quickly as the popular times do go fast! It will be on a first come, first served basis.

### Learning with your Child Workshops

We will be holding a range of workshops where parents can come in and learn with their child. These have proven to be very successful and a chance for parents to see how their child learns at school. Here are some dates that we have set leading up to Christmas. We hope to see many parents there, learning with their child.

Date / Time	Year Group	Focus
Tuesday 22 January 9-10am	Year R	Phonics
Thursday 24 January 9-10am	Year 6	Maths
Tuesday 5 February 9-10am	Year 3	Reading
Tuesday 5 March 9-10am	Year 2	Reading
Tuesday 12 March 9-10am	Year 4	Reading
Tuesday 19 March 9-10am	Year 5	Maths

### MYG Athletics Festival

On Tuesday, some of our Y5 and Y6 pupils participated in the MYG Primary (yrs 5 and 6) sports hall athletics festival at Medway Park.

Our pupils participated so well and tried really hard! They all enjoyed the races and field events with Adrian and Prynce in particular with how fast they ran! All pupils supported each other brilliantly and were a pleasure to represent.

They came 12<sup>th</sup> in the morning session and 23<sup>rd</sup> overall. Well done to all the children who participated.

### Key Dates for Spring Term

- Parents' Evening **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February** (more information will be sent out in January)
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 2 Learning Exhibition (more information will be sent out in due course)
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 4 Learning Exhibition (more information will be sent out in due course)

## Stars of the Week



A BIG well done to our Star of the Week pupils who received their certificates in assembly on Wednesday:

### Kestrels Class

Zak Ponton

### Finches Class

Tyler Copestake

### Robins Class

Maddie Molinari

### Blackbirds Class

Sophie Cruickshank

### Woodpeckers Class

Amelia Pawlaczyk

### Falcons Class

Sienna-Rae Ripley

### Owls Class

Ewan Beard

### Ravens Class

Fletcher Ward

### Swans Class

Henry Link

### Jays Class

Nazli Husseyin

### Ospreys Class

Mason Fraser

### Eagles Class

Zack Bedwell



### Adverse Weather Guidance

We are apparently due snow next week. So, in anticipation: we will always try to remain open during adverse weather. Our priority is to provide a safe environment for children and staff, but we must also take into account journeys and road conditions as many of our staff live far from the school. However, it is your responsibility as parents, during bad weather, to make the decision whether it is safe for you to bring your child to school or collect them early. In **extreme** weather conditions, your child's attendance record will not be affected. Once we have evaluated the site, we will make a decision between 7-7:30am whether we close. If you do **not** receive a text message by **7:30am**, then this will mean the school **will be open**. Please also check the website for updates, this will be on the front page on the scrolling bar and in the latest news section. Making a decision to close the school is always a difficult one and our main priority is to make sure our children, staff and community are safe.

### Maundene Training Room

Those of you that follow us on Twitter, may have seen some CPD that we are offering to other teaching professionals. Our aim is to have our school as a centre of excellence in Medway. In light of our recent improvements and feedback from external professionals, we have put together a bank of affordable training for other schools. When Gloria Opara, the Ward Council for Princes Park came to visit us, we mentioned this to her and she gave us £1000 to help the funding of our training room. This room is located between Woodpeckers and Falcons and is the old Hawks Room. When it is not in use, this room will still be used for children. We have already had interest in our training which is fantastic. We believe that collaboration and sharing is key; our children are benefiting from the way we teach here and we want other children in Medway and beyond to also benefit from this.

Here is a list of our training, please forward on to any teachers or leaders you may know.

Training	Date
The Impact of Climate on Children (Ethical Leadership)	29th January 9am - 12pm
Transforming Learning Environments	6th February 9am - 12pm
Whole Class Reading Strategies	26th February 1pm - 4pm
Teaching Assistant Programme	6 sessions beginning 7th March
Developing a 21st Century Curriculum with Global Themes	3rd April 1pm - 4pm
Planning for High Quality Outcomes in English	12th March 1pm - 4pm

### House Points

The running total for the house points are as below. The winning house at the end of term will be allowed to come to school in non-school uniform on 05/04/19. If you are unsure which house your child is in, please see the class teacher who has a list.

<u>Fort Amhurst</u>	<u>Cooling Castle</u>	<u>Upnor Castle</u>	<u>Rochester Castle</u>
411	291	264	267

### Attendance

Well done to **ROBINS CLASS** this week.

<u>Kingfishers</u>	<u>Doves</u>	<u>Kestrels</u>	<u>Finches</u>	<u>Blackbirds</u>	<u>Robins</u>	<u>Falcons</u>
95%	96%	95%	95%	95%	97%	95%

<u>Woodpeckers</u>	<u>Owls</u>	<u>Ravens</u>	<u>Swans</u>	<u>Jays</u>	<u>Ospreys</u>	<u>Eagles</u>
96%	96%	96%	96%	94%	96%	96%

Whole school attendance is 96%.

The national target for whole school attendance is 97%. This is what we are aiming for, so please ensure your child is in everyday!

*Have a wonderful and warm weekend and see you all back on Monday!*

Tracey Crouch MP



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Ms D Indresano  
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9 January 2019

Dear Ms Indresano

**Key Stage 2 Results**

The Minister of State for School Standards has been in touch with me regarding the latest Key Stage 2 (KS2) results of primary schools in Chatham and Aylesford. He particularly wanted to highlight those schools that have seen an improvement in their results of which your school was one, and I wanted to write and congratulate you and your team on this.

I know that there has been significant change to KS2 testing as well as further pressures on school funding, creating an extremely challenging environment for your teacher staff. However, it is fantastic to see that despite this, the improvements that your pupils have made outstrip the national average. This is a real testament to the hard work of you, your teaching team and of course the pupils themselves and I hope is being celebrated accordingly.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Crouch'.

TRACEY CROUCH MP