

*July 2023*

# The Meppershall Magazine

Dear Parents/Carers

End of the year is always bittersweet. We all look forward to a break and some time to relax with family but we are also sad to see people leave. As we say farewell to our year fours we also say goodbye to Mrs Hindess who is leaving the teaching profession to explore new challenges. As well as being a class teacher, Mrs Hindess has also led Science and Computing and I know many staff members are going to miss her depth of knowledge when we have technical difficulties at school. I am sure you will all join me in thanking her and wishing her well in her new occupation.

Our Year 4 pupils have had a whirlwind of a term with lots of transition events as well as PGL, swimming, leavers service as well as (joined by Year 3) their production, 'A Blast from the Past' which was a tongue in cheek look back at the history of education. They all did brilliantly and there were many laughs along the way. However, the final song really tugged at the heart strings and many parents were left in tears. A truly remarkable production directed by Mrs Allen supported by Miss Hornsey and Mrs Mitchell. We thank them all for their time and effort and to parents for providing costumes and helping pupils learn their lines.

It really has been a remarkable year and to end with a good grading in SIAMS is very special. We all know how wonderful our pupils, school staff, parents and governors are but to have someone from outside our community come and see it in action and reflect what they have seen in their report is heartwarming. Thank you to you all for your contributions whether it was by completing the survey, talking to the inspector on the gate or taking part in the many meetings held that day, we are really grateful for all your support.

So as another year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy summer holiday. I know many of you will still be working but hope that you get at least some time to spend with your families. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you at the start of the new school year on **Wednesday 6th September 2023**.

Kind regards,

Margaret Newman

Head of School

Meppershall Church of England Academy

## Moving on Service

Thank you to Keith and Ruth Callard for conducting our leavers service at the Village Hall and to MAPTA for providing each leaver with a scientific calculator and year book. This was followed by tea and cake at the school. The beautiful cake was made by Katie East and was very quickly devoured by our Year 4 pupils - there was even enough left for them to have some at breaktime on the last day.



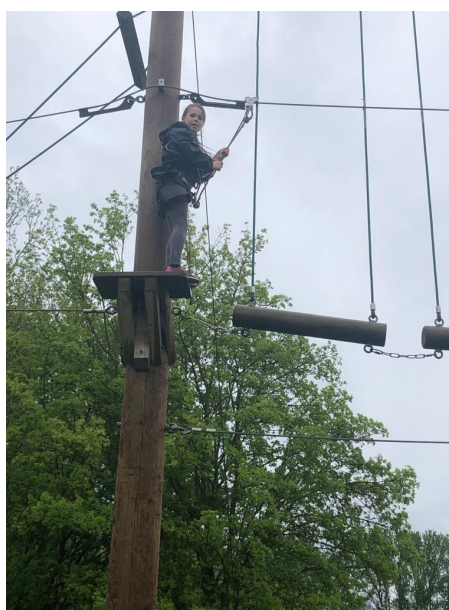
## Open Afternoon for Parents

We were blessed with glorious weather during our Open Afternoon. It was such a lovely atmosphere and the photographs really reflect this.



## PGL

Our Year 4 children enjoying their time at PGL. Thank you to Mrs Allen and Mrs Mitchell for accompanying them and also to Mr Cowie and Mrs Cranston. As you can see from the photographs, they enjoyed the activities as much as the children!



## Celebration Assemblies

Some pictures from our weekly Celebration Assemblies. Can you guess which were taken on Crazy Hair Day, which were taken after football award ceremonies and after kickboxing gradings? We love celebrating outside of school achievements.





This last picture shows our Quad Kids athletics team who took part in the Redborne School Partnership Competition with their certificates. Thank you to our PE coordinator, Mrs Lopez for taking them.

## Last Assembly of the Year



## The King's Coronation

We enjoyed celebrating the King's Coronation with a picnic, Morris Dancing, tree planting ceremony and hosting our own special visitor from the council who presented all the children with commemorative mugs. One of the children did mistake him for the King but was rather disappointed he wasn't wearing a crown!



## A Picnic to celebrate SATs



# Family Breakfasts

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Class family breakfasts went down very well this year and raised money for the school.

Thank you for supporting this event and we look forward to running them again next year.



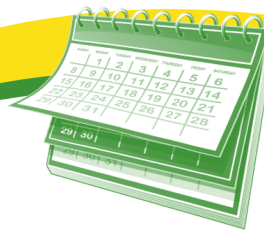
## Parking

Unfortunately, parking still remains a problem and we receive many complaints from local residents and other members of the school community. We now receive regular visits from parking enforcement officers and will be borrowing our



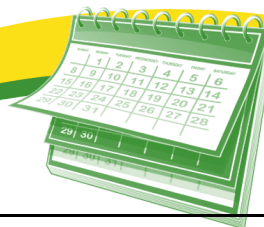


# Dates to Remember



Date	Event	Additional Information
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
06/09/23	Welcome back to School for the	All children attend full time
06/09/23	Tea and tissues for new parents in the school hall	9:00am in school hall
15/09/2023	AGM in the school hall	2:30pm in school hall
27/09/23	Phonics information event for par-	Reception & KS1 parents
28/09/23	School Harvest Service	Location & date tbc
29/09/23	Training Day	
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
04/10/23	Open Afternoon for prospective parents	For parents considering applying for a reception place in 2024.
20/10/2023	Non-uniform day	Chocolate donations
22 <sup>nd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term	
28/10/2023	Halloween Disco	tbc
30/10/23	Return to School	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
05/11/2023	Firework Night at Meppershall	
07/11/23	Parents Consultations	3.45pm – 6.30pm
08/11/23	Parents Consultations	3.45pm – 6.30pm
09/11/23	Open Afternoon for prospective parents	For parents considering applying for a reception place in 2024.
11/11/23	YR2 parents SATS meeting	3.30pm – 4.00pm
12/11/23	Remembrance Sunday	
14/11/23	Tempest Photography	Individual photo's (& siblings in school)
18/11/23	Children in Need	
25/11/2023	Shefford light switch on	Tbc

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<b>DECEMBER</b>		
01/12/23 tbc	Barn Nativity (YR4 only)	Date tbc
04/12/23	Christmas Post Box	Please make sure cards are marked clearly with name and
TBC	Advent Window	We will be lighting up our window
07/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day	Donations to Save the Children
19/12/23	9 Lessons and Carols	KS2
19/12/23	Grandparents Carol Service	10.00am in school hall
21/12/23	Year 4 & Choir visit Care Home	
20/12/23	Reception/KS1 dress rehearsal 2pm	Preschool and parents with siblings
21/12/23	Reception/KS1 Performance 10am-	Performance without siblings
Tbc	Christmas Lunch	
22/12/23	Last day of term	Another opportunity to wear Christmas jumpers
<b>JANUARY</b>		
08/01/24	Return to School for Spring Term	
15/01/24	Closing date for CBC 2024 Sept	
tbc	Young Voices	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
13/02/24	Shrove Tuesday	
05/03/24	Parent Consultations	3.45pm – 6.30pm
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14/04/24	Tempest Photography	Class photo's
19-23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Half Term	
<b>MARCH</b>		
10/03/24	Mother's Day	
29 March – 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Half Term	

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<b>APRIL</b>		
15/04/24	Return to School for Summer Term	
<b>MAY</b>		
06/05/24	May Bank Holiday	
7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 4 PGL residential	
16/06/24	Father's Day	
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Half term	
03/06/24	Return to school for Summer Term	
19/06/24	Sports Day	2.00pm – 3.30pm
22/06/24	September 2024 Reception Parents event	5.30pm – 6.30pm in Acorn Class
26/06/24	Alternative Sports Day	2.00pm – 3.30pm
02/07/24	September 2024 Reception Stay & Play	1.30pm – 2.30pm
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05/07/24	Step Up day	9.30am – 11.30am
05/27/24	School reports out to Parents	
11/07/24	Parents Open Afternoon	Opportunity to look at pupil books
18/07/24	Church Moving Up Service	Location tbc
19/07/24	Last day of term	
22/07/24	Summer holidays begin	