



# Parent Newsletter

Autumn Term 9 – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024

The school disco was a great success - thank you again to our wonderful PTA - the children had a fabulous time with some great shapes being thrown on the dance floor!

Parent consultations are underway this week. Please do make sure that you sign up to speak to your child's teacher.

We are looking forward to the first of our opening mornings on Thursday for prospective Reception 2025 parents. Do tell anyone that you think might like to come along and see our school. We have a second one planned for January.

It feels like the winter has fully set in. Please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately as the colder weather continues with shoes or wellies that are waterproof and a warm coat.

Thank you to everyone who is coming to school dressed appropriately - blue jumper, a white or pale blue polo shirt/t-shirt and black or grey trouser/skirt/tunic. As much as we like sparkly clothes and football shirts, please keep them for the weekend!

**Sarah Stepney**

## Attendance Policy

The attendance guidance from the Local Authority changed in August, and as a result the school Attendance Policy has changed. The policy was sent out on Parentmail earlier today and will be available on the school website. All children's attendance is monitored in accordance with this policy.

We want to make you aware that all absences from school count against a child's attendance, whether authorised, not authorised, a medical appointment, or illness. Arriving late after the register is closed at 9.15am also counts as an absence for that session. For a child to be counted as present, they need to be in school.


## Flu Immunisations Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

The School Immunisation team will be coming into the school to deliver the vaccine on **Tuesday 19th November**. Please be aware that children can NOT receive this vaccination with their GP unless they are clinically vulnerable.

Please note that you can consent for either the **Flu nasal spray, OR the non-gelatine IM Flu vaccine**. Please make sure you complete the form online as soon as you can, to say whether you consent or wish to decline.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/cambridgeshire>

Flu can be very unpleasant for children and can sometimes cause serious problems, such as pneumonia. Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies and older people.

<p><b>No Parking Around the School</b></p>	<p>Just a reminder that parking is not allowed on the yellow zigzag lines outside the KSI gates or the double yellow lines around the school. This is for the protection and safety of the children.</p>
	<p>Reminder that there is a non-uniform day <b>this Friday (the 15<sup>th</sup> November)</b>. Children are encouraged to wear whatever they want to help raise money for Children in Need. Donate by bringing some change along on the day to throw in the buckets on the gates.</p>
<p><b>Looking for the perfect party venue? Know a club that needs somewhere to meet? Want to start a new community group?</b></p>	<p>Our Community Room, Main Hall and Small Hall are available to hire at very reasonable rates. For more information email Kate: <a href="mailto:kchallis@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk">kchallis@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk</a></p> <p>Thinking of a party but need an entertainer? Jhoanna offers entertainment services for children's parties from 4 to 12 years. She can organise themed activities according to request such as collaborative and competitive games like versions of potato sack races, egg and spoon races, treasure hunt, musical chairs, Mexican hot potato game, games with foam, themed quizzes, crafts, decorated crepes, face paint, pass the parcel, games with music, prizes for every guest, themed Mexican pinatas and karaoke upon request, as well as new games requests. See Jhoanna's flyer attached to this newsletter.</p>
<p><b>Celebrating Sporting Achievement</b></p>	<p>We are really enjoying celebrating the children's wide range of sporting achievements from outside of school. Please remember to send any photos for our celebration board to <a href="mailto:rbarnes@mayfield.camb.sch.uk">rbarnes@mayfield.camb.sch.uk</a> along with a note.</p>
<p><b>News from the PTA</b></p>	<p><b>Final call for Christmas trees!</b>  <b>Order by Saturday 16 November</b>  We need to give our final order of trees on Monday, so your deadline for buying your tree through us is this weekend. Don't miss out - our trees are great quality, cheaper than at a garden centre and your purchase supports our school!  Order your tree here: <a href="http://fundmayfield.com/trees">fundmayfield.com/trees</a></p> <p><b>Next PTA meeting</b>  <b>Tuesday 19 November, 7.30pm in the Community Room</b>  Join us next week for our regular PTA catch up meeting. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to come along and have their say. We'd love to see you there.</p> <p><b>Wreath-making workshop</b>  <b>Friday 29 November, 7.30pm</b>  Calling all grown-ups - we'd love you to join us for our festive wreath-making workshop! The entry price includes everything you need to make your own beautiful and unique door wreath, plus we'll keep you supplied in mulled wine and mince pies throughout the evening.  Book your spot here: <a href="http://fundmayfield.com/events">fundmayfield.com/events</a></p> <p><b>School Disco</b>  Huge thanks to everyone who made last Friday's school disco such a fun evening! We had an amazing turnout with loads of Mayfield pupils coming along for a dance with their friends.  Find out more and learn how much we raised at <a href="http://fundmayfield.com/news">fundmayfield.com/news</a></p> <p><b>Other dates:</b>  Year 5 Bake Sale - Friday 22 November</p>

<p><b>Dates for the Diary</b></p>	
<p>Parent Teacher Consultations</p>	<p>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</p>

Open Morning for Prospective Parents	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November
Children In Need Non-Uniform Day	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
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PTA Meeting	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
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