

## NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**'HAPPY NEW YEAR' TO ALL OUR PARENTS AND FRIENDS.**

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you for your support with our Christmas Jumper Day at the end of last term - we raised **£351** for Save the Children.

### DINNER MONIES

If your child has a school dinner please ensure that there is credit on their account. If there is no credit on the account you will be asked to supply a packed lunch as we are unable to override the system. If you are paying for school meals in cash this must be done at the payment machine in reception - please do not send cash into school to be paid in class (only cheques).

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As you will be aware all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal thanks to government funding. However, if you receive one of the following your child may be entitled to a free school meal regardless of this funding:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit)

For every child registered for a free school meal our school receives additional money to spend on resources. Therefore we are asking that you apply for free school meals to enable our school to access this additional funding. We have attached the relevant form to this newsletter to complete if you feel you may be eligible. If you have any further questions please see Mrs Cole, School Business Manager, at the office.

### COMMUNICATION

Along with this newsletter we regularly communicate with parents through our school app. If you have a smartphone (Android or iPhone) you can download **OurSchoolsApp** from Google Play Android or the Apple Store for free. Access is also available on a tablet and iPad by following the same download process.

When we update **OurSchoolsApp** with new information or news about the school, a push message notification will automatically be sent to your device to inform you of this update. You can then view the notification which will then take you directly to our app.

#### Instructions for download

1. Using the relevant device (iPad, iPhone, smart pad, tablet or android phone), search for **'OurSchoolsApp'** on your app store (Google Play for Android or iTunes for Apple devices).
2. Download the App.
3. In the search bar in the App, put the postcode or the name of the school.
4. Press the search button.
5. Once you see the school name displayed, just touch the screen on the school name.
6. Confirm your choice by pressing OK
7. You will now be presented with the 'App' for the school which contains news, information, calendar events, contacts and other relevant details.



**TWITTER (@Mabs\_cross)**

We would also like to remind you that we have a Mab's Cross Twitter account which will be used to share news about events and life at Mab's Cross.

### **UNIFORM**

We have noticed that some children are not following our school uniform policy. If children are wearing our new school uniform they should wear the school tie with their shirt. We have also noticed an increasing number of children in trainers, and wearing earrings, which are not part of our school uniform. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

We currently have a lot of lost property in school. If your child is missing anything please call into school to check the boxes. We will also display it in the school hall after school on Wednesday and Thursday morning next week. Thank you.

### **APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION 2018**

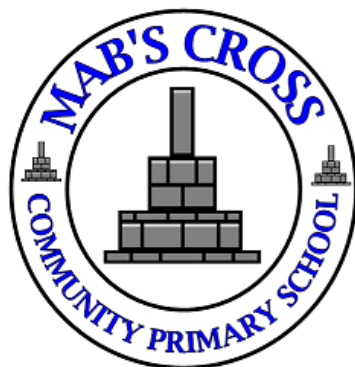
If your child is due to start school in September this year please be aware that the closing date for applications is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Half Term                      Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February (inclusive)

Easter                            Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)

Parents' Evenings          Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March



***“Bringing out the best in everyone”***