



2 October 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

Forthcoming Events

I am writing to let you know about a number of forthcoming special days in school, dates for your diary and to give you some other updates.

E-Safety day

On Wednesday 7 October we will have a special day devoted to different aspects of e-safety. Miss Brooke, lead teacher for computing, has worked hard to organise a very important day exploring different aspects of online behaviour, etiquette and safety. We are particularly thrilled that we will be welcoming six IT industry professionals from Symantec and Bletchley to lead and facilitate sessions. Mrs Nicholls and her catering team will also be offering a special themed lunch menu for the day.

Mathematics Puzzle day

Hot on the heels of E-Safety day, on Monday 12 October we will have a special day devoted entirely to Mathematics, puzzles and codes. The aim of the day is to excite students about Mathematics and show its relevance in everyday life. Miss Moran, lead teacher for Mathematics, is co-ordinating the day and has invited the "Happy Puzzle Company" to enthuse and provide some great activities through the day.

Parent involvement meeting – Tuesday 6 October 7.00-8.00pm

We have our "Parent involvement" meeting on Tuesday 6 October from 7.00-8.00pm at the school. The purpose of this meeting is to explore how parents might get more involved in different aspects of the life of the school. We plan to take parents on a tour of the facilities we have in our temporary building and we will give an update on the permanent building. There will also be an opportunity to meet our Governors and learn how to become a governor. Please telephone or email the school to confirm your attendance. (School Office No: 0118 9668065. Email: MERoffice@maidenerleghschool.co.uk).

Settling in meeting/Tirabad briefing- Thursday 15 October 7.00-8.00

This meeting is an opportunity for you to meet with the staff team and to find out how your child is settling into their new school (parents only please). We will take the opportunity to talk about the year ahead, with a particular focus on the residential trip to our Tirabad outdoor centre in Wales.

Staff training day – Wednesday 11 November

A reminder that the school will be closed all day on **Wednesday 11 November** for staff training.

Student Lockers

After a longer than expected wait, our student lockers are finally ready to be used. A separate letter will be published with details of how to apply and pay the annual charge for a locker. Thank you for your patience.

Open day report

Finally, we were very proud of the dozens of students for their service to the school on Open Day on Monday 28 September. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school and spoke with poise and confidence to our many visitors. We estimate between 450-500 people passed through our doors to see demonstrations of learning activities, displays of work and a confident performance from our choir. The Open Day also gave visitors the opportunity to discuss the new school building and hear from Dr Thomas and students, staff and

governors about the kind of school we are and the reasons why we believe Maiden Erlegh School in Reading is a great choice of school for those in Year 6 considering their secondary school options.

We will write to you again soon with news of your school.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Thomas". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping tail on the 's'.

Dr P. Thomas
Headteacher