



Matthew Arnold Primary School

Developing True Potential

Newsletter January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been a great start to the spring term at Matthew Arnold and all our children have been working really hard. The last few weeks have flown and I can't believe we will soon be heading towards half term. This newsletter contains a couple of key updates / information.

We appreciate your ongoing support and are looking forward to the rest of the spring term

Mrs L Evans

Staffing Update

We have two members of staff, Miss Newitt (Class 7) and Miss Bauress, who will be going on maternity leave towards the end of February.

Miss Newitt's class 7 teaching position will be covered by Miss McCormick. Miss McCormick has spent time teaching in our school before and will be working with Miss Newitt prior to her maternity leave to ensure a smooth transition.

Miss Cook will be covering the position of Learning Mentor. She will be working with Miss Bauress for the remainder of the half term to ensure a seamless transition and continuity with the children.

Miss Wilson will be supporting in Year 5, again, there will be a planned transition between her and Miss Cook.

We wish both Miss Newitt and Miss Bauress all the best during this exciting time.

Y4 / 5 Residential

As some of you may be aware, from last week, Kingswood, Colomendy is no longer operating. We are pleased to let you know that we have secured dates for the residential at PGL, Boreatton Park so the residential will go ahead as planned.

We have attended PGL in previous years, and know that all the children will have a great time.



In on Time—Ten to Nine!

Teaching begins at 8.50am—please make sure your child is on school by that time. Punctuality not only sets a positive tone for the day, but it also ensures that children don't miss out on key activities and important lessons that happen at the start of each school day.

Arriving late can disrupt the flow of the class and may make it more challenging for children to catch up. To help ensure a smooth and productive day, we encourage all families to aim for an early start. A few tips for building a successful morning routine include:

- **Prepare the Night Before:** Pack bags, lay out clothes, and get lunches ready in the evening.
- **Set an Earlier Alarm:** Giving yourself a little extra time in the morning can help prevent the rush.
- **Make Mornings Fun:** A positive start can set the tone for a great day ahead!

If there are any specific challenges or circumstances affecting your child's punctuality, please feel free to contact the school office. We're here to work together and support your child's success.

Ready, Respectful, Safe