

Marlborough Primary Academy School News

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Welcome Back- I would like to welcome back everyone to the start of what promises to be another good year for Marlborough Primary. I hope that you have all had a good summer break and have been enjoying the sunshine this week.

You will be aware that this academic year I am only going to be at Marlborough every other week (Tuesday to Friday). Mr. Dore has become Head of School. Mr. Dore and I will continue to work closely together to ensure the smooth running of Marlborough on a day to day basis and the continued focus on school improvement. We are determined to build on all the improvements made last year.

Half Termly Forecast to Parents – At the start of each half term we will be sending home a newsletter detailing the curriculum that your child will be covering in their class. We hope that this will help you to be able to support your child.

Census Day –

You may not be aware but each term the Department for Education do a census for every school. The census is used to inform and establish what our budget will be. One of the measures they collect, is how many children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 take up the hot free school meal. This data is then used to give us money, however, we are not getting as much money as we could as not enough children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 are having the free school meal.

We would like to ask that all parents in FS2, Y1 and Y2 book for their child to have a free school meal on **Thursday 5th October** – if all families did this the school would receive additional funding. This additional funding would make a real difference to us.

Newsletters to Parents – Newsletters will continue to come home once a fortnight on a Friday. These are an important means of communication between home and school so please do take a look. They will be available on the school website.

Start of Day

School begins for all children at 08:45am. Gates will be opened from 08:35am and will close promptly at 08:55am. Children in Y1-6 should be dropped off at the gate, where adults are available should they need support getting to class. If you have a message for your child's teacher, this should be given to one of the adults on the gate to pass on.

End of Day

School ends at 3:15pm for all children. Gates will open at 3:10pm and close promptly at 3:20pm. Parents should come onto the playground to collect their child(ren) from the class teachers.

Inset days – We will be holding Inset days on the following dates:

Tuesday 2nd January

Friday 9th February

Monday 22nd July

When the school holds an Inset day this means no children attend school for that day. These days are used for key staff development and training purposes to ensure that our teaching staff are the very best.

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your children look smart in their uniforms. It is great to see the children in their school PE kit too!

Naming Uniform

Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. We accrue a lot of lost property during the year, and it is impossible to reunite items with their owner if items are not named. Thank you.

Website

Please do look at our website on a regular basis as we do keep it up-to-date. The address is: www.marlborough.plymouth.sch.uk

Dates for Your Diary

Please do keep an eye on the diary dates but be aware they may be subject to change.

Thurs 5th Oct – Census Day

Tues 17th Oct – Parents' Evening (3.30-5.30pm)

Thurs 19th Oct – Parents' Evening (3.30-5.30pm)

Fri 20th Oct – Break for half term

HALF TERM

Mon 30th Oct – Return to school

Mon 13th Nov – Anti-Bullying week 'Make a noise'

Tues 12th Dec – Nativity 9.30am

Wed 13th Dec – Nativity 9.30am

Tues 19th Dec – Class parties pm

Tues 19th Dec – Break for Christmas

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Wed 3rd Jan – Return to school
Thurs 8th Feb – Break for half term

HALF TERM

Mon 19th Feb – Return to school
Thurs 7th Mar – World Book Day
Tues 26th Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Thurs 28th Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Thurs 28th Mar – Break for Easter

EASTER BREAK

Mon 15th April – Return to school
Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday
Mon 13th May – Y6 SATs week (Beech class)
Fri 24th May – Break for half term

HALF TERM

Mon 3rd June – Return to school
Mon 3rd June – Y4 table check (Sycamore class)
Mon 10th June – Y1 & Y2 phonics screen (Maple class)
Fri 21st June – Whole school sports afternoon
Fri 12th July – Annual report to parents
Tues 16th July – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Wed 17th July – Y6 LOeavers' Assembly 9.30am
Wed 17th July – Whole school picnic 2pm
Thurs 18th July – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Fri 19th July – Break for the summer holiday

SUMMER BREAK