

# Marlborough Primary Academy School News

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**Saying Goodbye –** We will be saying goodbye to Ms. Barrows who has been working in Little Oaks whilst at the school. We would like to thank her for all she has done for the children and families of Marlborough. We wish her all the very best at her new school.

## **Anti-Bullying -**

Our school anti-bullying definition is **'STOP' (Several Times On Purpose)** and all of our children are aware of the definition of bullying;



***Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online.***

We encourage every child to feel confident to share any concerns they may have about bullying and ensure that it is addressed sensitively and in accordance with our anti-bullying policy.

Children can share their concerns with any member of staff or via the worry box which can be found on the main corridor.

<https://www.antibullyingpro.com/resources/parents-guide-to-anti-bullying> - This is a link to the parent's guide pdf on the Diana Award website which has some very helpful information for both primary and secondary children.

If you have any concerns or worries about your child or any child in school, don't forget you can talk to our Safeguarding Team. Our team is made up of 3 trained DSL's (Designated Safeguarding Leads): Mr. Dore, Mrs Perez and Mrs Green. They can be easily identified around school as they wear a yellow lanyard so they stand out.

Our doors are always open and we are here to help and support all our children and families – please do contact us if you have any concerns or worries.

**Anti-Bullying Week 2023: Make a Noise about Bullying –** This year the theme is 'Make a Noise about Bullying'. We will start the week with Odd Sock day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. We are encouraging everyone to take part and look forward to seeing lots of odd socks in school.



been appointed:

Head Girl – Daisy

Head Boy – Kaiden

Prefects: Jenson, Henry, Scarlett, Jack

Lola-Mai, Arthur, Harvey, Harry, Andy

Cassie, Isabella, Ayaan, Dennis and Flavius

The children will have a range of duties across the year contributing towards making our school a great place to be.

**Family Support Worker (Connect 2 Project) –** We are part of the Connect 2 project meaning that we will be eligible to have a paid for Family Support Worker for ½ day a fortnight. Claire will be holding a coffee morning on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November (8.45am – 11.30am) – please do come along to meet her and find out what support she is able to offer.

**Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) –** We have arranged a one off session whereby a worker from the DWP will come into school to be available for parents to meet with. The purpose of the meeting would be to enable parents to come and find out if there are any additional benefits you may be able to receive. This will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (9.15am until 10.15am). Please do come along and see if you could receive more.



**Uniform Grant –** We may be able to offer assistance with basic school clothing needs for your child(ren).

You could be eligible if you receive:

- Income support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Where your annual income does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenues and Customs)

- Working Tax credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax credit

**Please not if you are not entitled to Working Tax credit you are NOT eligible for a clothing grant.**

*What will I receive:*

Once a year you may claim for:-

- A pack of 2 shirts
- A jumper or cardigan
- A skirt or pair of trousers
- Sensible school shoes.

*What do I need to do if I think I qualify?:*

Speak to the office staff and collect an application form.



**Attendance** - Our current attendance is **95.39%** We are **below** the national expectation of 96%. It is really important that your child(ren) are in school, on

time, every day.

The class with the best attendance for the last two weeks is **Willows** Class. Well done!



**Reach South Multi-Academy Trust** – For parents and families

new to the school you may not be aware that we are part of a multi-academy trust. Reach South is a Trust of sixteen academies across the south west region, with over 900 employees and 5,500 children. It is a Trust driven by a set of core principles and values which you can find on the Trust website: <https://www.reachsouth.org/>.

We are proud to be a member of Reach South Multi-Academy Trust and part of the Plymouth Hub of the Trust. This means that we work particularly closely with several schools across the city, giving us the opportunity to collaborate through working together and supporting one another so that we can offer the children the best possible education and enable them to achieve highly.

### 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](http://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.

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Break for half term

### **HALF TERM**

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Return to school  
 Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Halloween Disco  
 Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-Bullying week 'Make a noise'  
 Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nativity 9.30am  
 Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nativity 9.30am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Class parties pm  
 Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Break for Christmas

### **CHRISTMAS BREAK**

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

### **HALF TERM**

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

### **EASTER BREAK**

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

### **HALF TERM**

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

### **SUMMER BREAK**