

New Marston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th March 2017



River Learning Trust

River Learning Trust Consultation/Vision Evening

Just a reminder....

This will be on **Wednesday 15th March** from **6-7pm**, and we would like to invite Parents, Carers, Staff, and Governors to the evening. We would also really love our School Council Members and their families to attend and have sent invitations to them. We are looking to gather views and ideas on something special that New Marston could be known to have real strengths in—a “USP”, ideas for clubs and areas where parents and the wider community are able to help to have a real impact on school life and academic success.

Deputy Head Appointment

We are delighted to be able to announce that we have successfully recruited Scott Lewis. Scott has been Head of School at Cutteslowe for the past year and will be starting with us full-time after Easter and for a few days before then, to get to know us.

FONMS Dates for your diaries.

Friday 31st March—FONM Relaunch

There will be a coffee and cake morning after assembly on Friday 31st March at 9.30am after assembly. We need some more energised and enthusiastic parents to join us, so please come along.

Saturday 8th July

Summer BBQ, Picnic & live music. Please save the date, more details to follow.

Social Media

Please sign up to our Friends of New Marston Facebook Page, it's a great source of information

<https://www.facebook.com/newmarstonprimaryschool/>

Please remember that staff are unable to accept friend requests or communicate directly with you through social media, but they can communicate with you on the forum page. Please remember if you have any issues to use the correct channels and not to voice them on this page. Thank you.

School Uniform

A big thank you to all of our families and children for a huge improvement with uniform and shoes this week. The children are starting to look so much smarter.

Reminder

Should you need it, just a gentle reminder below for you on the expectation on School Uniform. This is non negotiable, and teachers will be enforcing that children are in the correct attire.

- Royal blue jumper or cardigan
- The jumper with the New Marston logo can be purchased from the school or from the uniform shop in Summertown. Second hand jumpers are available from the school for a small cost. Please speak to a member of the school office or the Exec Lead Headteacher if you have difficulty buying the school uniform, as we may be able to help.
- Polo shirt (white or blue)
- Plain black or grey trousers/skirt/dress or summer dresses.
- Polo shirts, skirts and dresses can be purchased from most department stores and supermarkets.
- Sensible and comfortable shoes or trainers (not high heels, backless shoes or football boots with studs for health and safety reasons).

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Dates for your diary:

March

Friday 10 March – Y2 to St Paul's Cathedral

Friday 10 March – FONMS Breakfast morning

Friday 10 March – Y1 Michael Rosen assembly

Friday 17 March – Y2 Nick Sharratt assembly

Tuesday 14 March – Library visit for selected children (more info to follow from Mrs Douglas)

Tuesday 14 March – Able writers day for y3/4 selected pupils

Thursday 23rd march—Parents Maths Workshop (details TBC)

Friday 24 March – Red Nose Day

Friday 24 March – Y2 Francesca Simon assembly

Friday 31 – World Autism Day

– Rock Roll dudes Assembly

- Re-launch of FONMs - Coffee and cake (after assembly)

April

Monday 3 April – Easter egg hunt for all pupils

Monday 3 April – Beetle drive

Thursday 6 April – Y3/4 performance (Time TBC)

Term ends of Friday 7 April at 1:30pm

Tuesday 4th July—Year 6 Glamping

Saturday July 8th Summer Family BBQ

Friends of New Marston

Please ask at the office if you would like to join our lovely parents group who organise lots of lovely things for the school and buy some wonderful resources with the money they raise. Please help them to help our children by coming along on Friday 31st March to join in the re-launch. New members particularly welcome—they are a friendly bunch!

A big THANK YOU to all our parents who helped and supported our Breakfast Morning this morning. A lovely way to end the week!

Attendance

Our school attendance figure regularly falls beneath Department for Education guidelines of 96.1% - our regular attendance being around 93%. As we are working so hard to improve our performance in other ways, we would be so grateful if parents could help with this, by sending children into school unless they have an infectious illness or a temperature. Requests for holidays during term time will NOT be authorised by school.

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

Many thanks to all our parents/carers who attended and particularly those who have completed a questionnaire expressing your views about the school. All this helps us to evaluate where we are as a school and what we need to work to improve.

Lunch Boxes and snacks

From time to time, we see a chocolate bar in a packed lunch box. Just to clarify - chocolate bars which contain biscuit are permitted, but not purely chocolate. Although healthier still, would be a piece of fruit or a low-sugar fruit bar. We do like to promote Healthy Lunchboxes in line with the NHS Change For Life advice. Please see:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/healthier-lunchboxes>

