

# New Marston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd March 2017



## Vision Evening

Our new governing body met today for the first time. It was a really positive meeting, and we all see a really exciting future for New Marston. We have agreed with staff suggestion that it is time to launch a new fresh vision for NMPS. To this end, we would like to hold a Vision Evening, where we can talk about where we see the school going, and what the school vision, values and our unique selling point should be going forward. 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, Ms. Smith will invite them personally next week, but we would love to hear their voices too.

## Dates for your diaries.

### Friday 10th March—FONM Breakfast Morning—8AM

The Friends of New Marston will be holding their Breakfast Morning. It will be continental breakfast delight. Please can as many parents try to attend as possible, as it's a lovely way to support these great parents who do so much for our school, and to meet other parents and staff.

### 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 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.

## Parent Community

We are looking for ways of engaging our parents in school life, more information coming soon!

## Helen Pearson

We are really saddened to announce that Helen Pearson, teacher in Year 1 Michael Rosen class, will be leaving us after 8 years. Helen has been a wonderful member of teaching staff and we will all miss her so much. She is moving to a school nearer to home, and we all wish her the very best.

## School Uniform

Just a little 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 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).
- Sensible hairstyles and minimal hair accessories.

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**Dates for your diary:****March**

**Tuesday 7 March** – Parents coffee morning (EYFS/Y1) focusing on phonics

**Tuesday 7 March and Thursday 9 March** – Parent consultation evenings

**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)

**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**

**Saturday July 8th Summer Family BBQ**

**BEETLE DRIVE!!!**

Come along for a family event after school on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. More information to follow but be prepared for some fun!! £1.50 per person, 3:30-4:30 in the school hall.

**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. They are a lovely group so please help them to help our children.

**Payments to the school**

Thank you to those who have made payments.

We will be renewing and changing some of our systems over the coming months. Please can we ask that you try to keep up to date with all payments to school for trips, swimming and lunches!

Please contact the school office if you are aware that you cannot cover payments so that we can come to an arrangement.

**Year 6—Glamping**

We have arranged a night of Glamping fun for our Year 6 children, at Hill End Camp on Tuesday 4th July so please put it in your diaries now! The night includes a BBQ, school led activities and a sleepover with an evening around a fire-pit.

**Absence reporting**

If your child is off sick, please call as soon as possible to inform the school. If your child has any vomiting or diarrhoea our school policy is that they must not return for 48 hours after the last episode. Please can you also ensure that you still call in to let us know.

**School Dinners**

From Monday 27th February, the reception will no longer accept hot packed lunches for the children, unless your child has a pre-arranged arrangement due to special dietary needs. Our kitchen can cater for any special diets, please ask Jane for details. We will need to have a doctor's note specifying the needs of the child, and this will only apply to the child in question and not to any siblings. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.