

New Marston Primary

School Newsletter

Monday 15th January 2018

Attendance:

Please ensure you contact the school office as early as possible on the first morning if your child is ill. Please see our attendance policy on our website:

<http://www.new-marston.oxon.sch.uk/information/policies>



Newsletter from Ms Smith:

Office Team

You may have noticed that we now have a new Office Team. Tina Flannery is now our School Business Manager and Zoe Garrett is our Office Manager, who is be the person you will be most likely to see at the reception desk. Cherelle Williams is supporting them in the office, along with Bernie Bisson.

Applications for Reception Class

The final day for these is today. Please call in and see Kate Stratford, our Home School Link Worker, if you need any help with your application.

Parental skills

Calling all parents! We know that we have a huge bank of talent amongst our parent community. We would like to be able to utilise some of your fantastic skills and talents with our pupils. We would like to start to build up a bank of parents who would be willing to come into school sometime to help provide some enrichment for our pupils. Please can you let us know if you are able to help us with this, by emailing Sarah Douglas at sdouglas@new-marston.oxon.sch.uk

Home Learning Policy

We have written a draft of a new homework policy (which we are calling Home Learning). It needs to be agreed or amended by our Governors next week, so we will complete it and share it with you very soon.

Feedback Policy

This is now complete and available to see at <http://www.new-marston.oxon.sch.uk/information/policies>

More Able, Gifted and Talented Policy

This has been updated and is also available to view at <http://www.new-marston.oxon.sch.uk/information/policies>

Class Assemblies

These are held on Fridays at 9am and everyone is welcome to come along. Thanks to Aspen for last week's assembly.

Other dates:

Friday 19th Hazel

Friday 26th Yew

Friday 2nd Feb Lime

Friday 9th Feb Hawthorne

Friday 23rd Feb Rowan

Friday 2nd March Oak

Friday 9th March Beech

Friday 16th March Poplar

Friday 23rd March Elm

Which leaves Silver Birch, Willow, for after Easter.

Year 6 Residential

We have booked the Year 6's onto a residential trip to the Woodlands Activity Centre in Glasbury on Wye for the last full week of the Summer term, 16th—20th July 2018. Letters have been sent home this week.

<https://www.woodlandsoec.org>

Collecting at the end of the school day

We are sorry, but if your child is not collected from school by 3.30 at the latest, we will put them in after school club and charge parents. Staff have meetings after school has finished and cannot look after children.

Parents Evenings—see dates opposite

FONM Facebook page

Please sign up to this for information—the weblink is
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1480960318824343/>

English Class for mothers

The first mother's English class will start on Tuesday 16th January from 9:00-10:00 in the ICT suite.

Meet the new Reception Teachers

Rachel and Sarah will be available every Monday morning at 8.45 in Reception class and Nursery class—please introduce yourselves to them.

NSPCC

The NSPCC have been broadcasting a TV advert to raise awareness of how parents can help their younger children keep safe from child sexual abuse. If you've missed it, you can watch it here:<https://youtu.be/nMIKUsZjirA>. They refer to the PANTS campaign which is online via the NSPCC website.

Roadworks—Headley Way—due to start on Monday 22nd Jan

For the first three weeks the contractors will be installing traffic lights at the bottom of Headley Way and traffic will be reduced to single lane. Temporary roundabouts will be re-installed, but the single lane traffic will remain for the duration of the works. Walking pedestrian paths will be open throughout the works.

We realise this will inconvenience some of our families, so please plan your journey so that you arrive in time and in safety.

Newsletters

Will be sent out fortnightly on a Monday from now on.

Menu

The new menu can be found by visiting <http://www.new-marston.oxon.sch.uk/information/menus>

Dates for the term

Term Ends—Friday 9th February at 3.15pm.

Term 4 begins—Monday 19th February.

Year 4 trip to the Think Tank—Wednesday 17th January, all day.

Year 1 trip—19th March (details to follow)

Nursery Maths sessions tbc

Friday class assemblies: see dates overleaf

English for Mothers—Tuesday 16th Jan, 9-10am

Stay and Play—Friday 26th January 3.15-4.30

Parents Evenings—Tues 6th March 4.30-7pm and Thursday 8th March 3.30-6pm

Year 6 residential—July 16th-20th 2018

INSET days for 2018-19

4th Sept, 21st Dec, 7th Jan, 3rd June, 24th July.

Uniform

Most children have come back ready to learn with full uniform, including black shoes. Please can everyone make sure that uniform is adhered to and that other clothes are not worn.

And finally.....

We have had a lovely start to the term. We have been thinking about new resolutions, setting new targets for ourselves and new beginnings. We have been thinking about making new starts in our learning and remembering to be kind at all times. We are thinking about the values that we think are the most important to us and our school.