

# New Marston Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 19th July 2017

## Breakfast Club and After-School Club

Everyone will have all sessions they have asked for. Login details for ParentPay have been issued to parents - please email pp@new-marston.oxon.sch.uk if you have a problem. Items to be paid for will be populated next week but you can start paying into your pot if you wish.



Newsletter from Ms Smith:

Dear Parents/Carers,

A big welcome to our newsletter, where you can find lots of exciting information for next term!

### Website updates

We have started to update our new website: <http://newmarstonprimary.org/>

Keep looking out for changes over the summer holidays, as we improve the whole site. We will be including links to what and how we teach and guiding parents with ways in which you can help your children learn well, as we intend to accelerate the learning of every child next academic year. Our expectations for their learning will be ramped up, and so any ways in which you can help your children would be most welcome!

### A New Curriculum for 2017-18

Recent research indicates that children read and write best when they study high-quality books with a level of challenge. All of our topics next year will be based around a quality/classic book for each term - please see the whole-school plan <http://newmarstonprimary.org/perch/resources/2017-18-books-topic-list.pdf>

To find out more about our new approach to teaching reading, you can find out more here

[https://www.focus-education.co.uk/blog/reading-in-schools/?utm\\_source=ReviveOldPost&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=ReviveOldPost](https://www.focus-education.co.uk/blog/reading-in-schools/?utm_source=ReviveOldPost&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=ReviveOldPost)

[https://www.clpe.org.uk/sites/default/files/12696%20CLPE%20Choosing%20and%20Using%20Texts%20HYPER%20%28002%29\\_0.pdf](https://www.clpe.org.uk/sites/default/files/12696%20CLPE%20Choosing%20and%20Using%20Texts%20HYPER%20%28002%29_0.pdf)

### New Class names

So as not to confuse ourselves with all of the lovely books we will be studying, we are reverting to the names of trees for classes. See below for your child's new class name from September:

| 17-18 Class Name | Teacher         | Short Name |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Cherries         | Amy and Jane    |            |
| Chestnuts        | Lucy            |            |
| Lime             | Mrs Chrystal    | 1L         |
| Beech            | Mrs Minion      | 1B         |
| Oak              | Mrs El-Aghoury  | 2O         |
| Yew              | Mr Johnson      | 2Y         |
| Poplar           | Ms Sahonta      | 3P         |
| Rowan            | Mr Wolstenholme | 3R         |
| Aspen            | Ms Greenaway    | 4A         |
| Hazel            | Mrs Harris      | 4H         |
| Silver Birch     | Mr Jee          | 5S         |
| Hawthorn         | Ms Shapland     | 5H         |
| Elm              | Mrs Procter     | 6E         |
| Willow           | Mr Field        | 6W         |

### Hasbey Chowdhury

Some great news to share is that Hasbey, one of our Year 6s, has won himself a bursary and will be starting at Magdalen College in September.

### Reading Fun for the Holidays!

Oxfordshire Libraries are delighted to launch their Summer Reading Challenge tomorrow! It will run from Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July to 16<sup>th</sup> September in Headington, Old Marston, Cowley Libraries and all other Oxfordshire Libraries. The challenge is called "Animal Agents" and includes many cool characters, drawn by Tony Ross, who have a mystery to solve. Your children have to read 6 library books over the summer holidays, and can win stickers and prizes along the way. Once they finish, they will be awarded a medal and certificate.

The short film clip can be shown in classes and at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C99JxaUBcMU>

The fun children's website is at: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/join-in>

There is also a fantastic Reading Competition for adults, with some great prizes. It is called "Oxfordshire Reads" and the link can be followed for all the brilliant prizes to be won: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2017/jul/oxfordshire-reads>. Parents, carers and teachers – get reading too!

And remember that we will be celebrating the successes of Animal Agents in school in September, along with launching our own reading challenge, linked to the National Literacy Trust, of Global Miles Around the World Reading;

[http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/schools\\_teaching/competitions/reading\\_miles\\_global\\_challenge](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/schools_teaching/competitions/reading_miles_global_challenge)

### Guitar Lessons

Mark Cope, our guitar teacher, is able to take on new pupils from September. Lessons cost £6 for a half-hour lesson in a group of 4. Please contact him on [markcope9@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:markcope9@yahoo.co.uk) if you are interested.

### Year 5 Jobs for Year 6

Year 5 pupils have all written letters of application for jobs they would like to have responsibility in Year 6. Mr Lewis and I have interviewed them and sent them offer letters. We will share all of the news in September, but we will have Prefects, Librarians, Admin Assistants, Playleaders, House Captains and many more!

### Uniform and Hair

In preparation for September, please can we ask for parents to start getting black footwear and correct uniform. The children who do wear correct uniform look so lovely and prepared for learning. We would also like to start moving towards black, white and blue PE kits.

Could we also ask that hair cuts are smart and that boys don't have large sections of their hair shaved please.

And finally.....goodbye and good luck to all of our lovely Year 6 pupils. You have done us proud and we wish you all the best for your futures!!!

### Fundraising

A big thank you for all of your support with our fundraising over the past few weeks. We raised £1,400 at our lovely Summer BBQ. Some of the money will be put towards subsidising our theatre shows which will be supporting our topics in the Autumn. Year 5 and 6 will be going to the North Wall to see A Christmas Carol and classes Nursery—Year 4 will have a fantastic production of Jack and the Beanstalk in school.

**A Big Thank You** to all of you for your support for the school over a difficult period. Thank you also for helping to make Mr Lewis and myself so welcome. We have really enjoyed being at New Marston and are very much looking forward to seeing all of the huge improvements that we have planned. All of the staff are working so hard to ensure that we move the school to being excellent as soon as possible. Have a great summer!

**Tracey Smith**