

Attendance:

Attendance has dropped below 95% for the past two weeks. Please ensure you contact the school office as early as possible on the first morning if your child is ill.



Newsletter from Ms Smith and Mr Lewis:

Monday Assemblies

During Term 1, our main focus was kindness. This term it is about developing a Growth Mindset, which helps us learn better. Please click on the link to find out how you can help with this. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things>

International Evening

Please come and join us for this exciting event—children have all brought home letters. We would love it if lots of families are able to join us. 6-7.30pm next Thursday, 9th Nov. From 5.30 that evening, After School Club will be in the Year 3 classrooms, if you need to pick up.

Journalism Club

On Monday, Dan Taylor, one of our Parent Governors, will be inviting some of the children in after-school club to become founder members of a Journalism Club. Depending on the take-up, we might be able to offer extra places to other children and will let you know in due course.

Chestnuts Class (Reception)

Mrs Scammel (Lucy) will be having a baby next summer and will take maternity leave from Easter; very exciting and huge congratulations! Sarah Douglas will then become the lead teacher in Chestnuts. They will have a good long period of teaching together in the Spring, so the children become familiar with her. She used to be our Early Years Leader, so we know she is fantastic!

Questionnaire—Your views about school are very important to us. Thank you to the 14 people who have participated so far—here is the link; please take part if you can. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KTNXJSJ>

Staffing changes for January

Mr Jee will sadly be leaving the school at Christmas, to resume his teaching career abroad. Mr Lewis will be part of a job-share in Silver Birch from January. To ease the transition for the pupils, he will start teaching their Maths lessons starting next Monday. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Jee for all his hard work and commitment to the school over the past couple of years.

Mrs Adams will also be leaving Cherries class and likewise, I would like to thank her for all her dedication to Year 1 and Nursery and for leading RE throughout the school.

Children in Need

The School Council are organising some fundraising for Children in Need, which is on Friday 17th November.

The children have decided to have the open morning on the 8th November as a fundraiser where we will be selling cakes, tea and coffee. In addition to selling the cakes we could have a book sale where old or unwanted books that are in good condition are brought in and we could sell.

Children in Need day is on Friday 17th November, so on Friday 17th November the school council will do an assembly explaining what Children in Need is about and why we collect money for it as we feel many children are unaware of why they are donating money. We have decided on Children in Need day, that we will donate £1 and everybody **needs to dress up in spots or wear something spotty!**



Message from Northway Community Centre:

The Tuesday after School Run Pop in Café

At the new Northway Community Centre—9am to 11am

Each Tuesday during term time—free coffee, tea, all welcome



Pantos and costs

Friends of New Marston have very kindly agreed to pay half of the cost towards our Christmas shows this term (A Christmas Carol, Dickens for Year 5-6 at The North Wall Theatre and Jack and the Beanstalk for Years N-4, in school). Payment of £1.75 has appeared for Jack and the Beanstalk on your list of items in Parent Pay and you will have had a letter. Please contact Zoe on zgarrett@new-marston.oxon.sch.uk if you have lost your login details.

Table Top Sale

Friday, 10th November in the school hall from 3.30-5pm. There are a few tables left to book. Tables are only £5. This money goes to the 'Friends of New Marston' and then any money that you make you can keep for yourself. If you are interested in booking a table, please contact Kate on katerobinson97@yahoo.co.uk

INSET days for 2018-19

For those of you wishing to book an early holiday for the NEXT academic year!

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

Parent Forum

Please come along to our first meeting on 9th November at 8.45 if you would like to be part of the group.

Lunch Supervisors

We would like to recruit a couple of Lunch Supervisors. Please call in at the office for an application form, or apply through our website if you are interested.

Hourly rate: £7.78 per hour (1 ½ hours per day) Closing Date: November 30th 2017 Interview Dates: to be arranged. Please see <http://www.new-marston.oxon.sch.uk/about/job-vacancies> for more information.

Dates for the term

International Evening/Food Festival—Thursday 9th November 6-7.30pm

Early Pantomime in school - Jack and the Beanstalk (Year Nursery - Year 4)- Tuesday 14th November

Year 5/6 Trip to Creation Theatre (Christmas Carol) - Thursday 7th Dec

Morning Christmas Production—Nursery and Reception—Tuesday 12th Dec

Afternoon Performance (Nursery and Reception) - Wednesday 13th Dec

KS1 Christmas Performances—1.30 and 6.30 on Tuesday 12th December

Term Ends—Tuesday 19th December at 1.30pm **NO ASC that day**

Spring Term begins—Monday 8th January

Open morning—Wed 8th Nov—9-11.30am

Phonics Information Sessions—tbc

Parent Forum—9th November and 14th December, 8.45am

Family Photos

Mrs V and the inclusion team would still like your family photos! We will be putting them on display to celebrate the families in our school. If you can, please pop them into the office marked 'Mrs V'. Please note that we **won't** be able to return them.

Parking outside school

Some parents are parking on double yellow lines, blocking house driveways and making crossing dangerous for our families. Please can everyone find parking spaces further away from the school gates. It is also dangerous parking too close to the zebra crossing. Mr Lewis and myself will be at the gates most days now, at start and end of day and will be asking parents to move cars if they are parked dangerously.

Have a lovely weekend!

