

Attendance:

Last week's attendance was 95.2, which is below our target and the national average of 96%. Well done to Hawthorne Class for 100%!!



Newsletter from Ms Smith and Ms Flannery:

Parent/Teacher Consultations

We have a new online booking system for these. Today you should be receiving an email link to book appointments. It is on a first-come-first-served basis, so try to book early to get the time(s) most convenient for you. www.schoolinterviews.co.uk
Event code is : 5d57v

This year, we would like you to be able to see you childrens' books and their classrooms/learning environment, so we have a new format for the evenings: Please arrive to school 15 minutes before your appointment time

- Please go to the hall and spend 15 minutes looking at your children's books
- There will be other things to see, such as advice around attendance, information about The Swan School etc. Mr Lewis, myself and our SENCo Rachel, will be available for any questions
- There will also be some questionnaires for you to fill out
- After 15 minutes, please go to your child's class and wait outside until the teacher is free
- Teachers will have access to all the latest assessment information on your child and can speak to you about their progress, and whether they are learning in line with expectations for their age and what you can do to help.

If you have problems accessing the website to book, or need help please call and speak to Zoe in the office for assistance between 10.30-12, Monday to Fridays.

SWAN SCHOOL CONSULTATION EVENINGS:

The dates for these are - Monday 16th October, Wednesday 1st November and Tuesday 7th November, they will be held at New Marston school hall, time to be confirmed.

INSET day - Friday 13th October - SCHOOL CLOSED

Please remember that school is closed to all pupils next Friday, 13th October, for staff to have training in P4C (Philosophy for Children). This will enable the children to think more deeply and will improve their learning in reading comprehension and maths. Please click the link if you would like to find out more.

<http://www.sapere.org.uk/Default.aspx?tabid=72>

There will be no after-school club on that day.

Traffic Problems Outside School*

Parents and carers are reminded to park considerately and legally when picking up and dropping children. Please be considerate to our neighbours.

Kate Stratford - Home/School Link Worker

*we will be inviting our PCSOs to do spot-checks

Big Breakfast

On the last Friday of every half term, we will be holding a "Big Breakfast" at Breakfast Club, where families are invited to join us for a hot sandwich, waffles etc. Cost will be £1.00 and everyone is welcome.



Friends of New Marston (FONM)

This facebook page is a really good way to communicate with school and find out about all of our FONM events. Please follow the link and ask to become a member.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1480960318824343/>

Reading

As we are all encouraging our pupils to read for pleasure, it would be really helpful if you could encourage reading as much as possible at home. The power of parents as role-models can't be underestimated! This article highlights some of the many benefits of reading.

(Please ignore the advert part about speed-reading but look at the 4 benefits:

<https://curiosity.com/topics/why-you-should-and-how-you-can-read-a-lot-more-curiosity>

If any of our parents are writers, we would love to hear from you.

Parent Pay

We are completely up and running on Parent Pay now, so it is really important that if you are not currently accessing the system, that you ask Zoe in the office for a log-in. It's been a really big project to set up for the school, so huge thanks to Zoe for all her hard work.

Call Parent

By now, you should be noticing the decline in letters going home. If you are not receiving letters, please see Jane in the office for a student update form, so that we can ensure we have your correct contact details.

Lost property

Friday mornings in the dining hall, please come and check if your child is missing anything. We will be removing the boxes termly, so it is in your best interests to check as the school does not take responsibility for any lost property left on the premises.

Cycling to School

Please ensure your children have lights and helmets and dismount their bicycles before entering the school gates. Please don't forget to lock your bikes up when you get in. Parents and Carers—it is your responsibility to keep them safe on their journey too and from school, so please make sure you supervise them properly.

FONM Events for the year:

Thank you to those parents who came to the "New parents tea and cake" last Friday. We would love to have more people at our FONM events—please keep an eye on the dates.

Dates for the term (so far)

FONM events—see previous newsletter

School Closed for INSET—Friday 13th October

Parent Consultation Meetings: Tuesday 17th October—3.30-6pm

Wednesday 18th Oct—5.30-8pm

School photos: Monday 16th October (individual)

Half Term Break - 23rd October - 27th October

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

Harvest

Thank you to all of our parents who attended our Celebration of Harvest



Thank you to those parents who came along to the workshop given by the NSPCC on Keeping You Children Safe On-line. A very useful and informative session!!! Their feedback (when they visited to work with our oldest children) was "Your year 5 and 6 classes are some of the loveliest classes we have worked with" so really well done to you all.

For anyone who wanted to go, but wasn't able to make it, the leaflets that the NSPCC left are on the Safeguarding Noticeboard above the sofa next to the office. Please call in and see me if you need to discuss at anytime.