

### 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:

#### Friday Assemblies

During Friday assemblies, Mr Lewis gives the results of our House Point competitions. Due to popular demand and the result of our Parent Forum, we will be re-instating more performances from our pupils and also celebrating birthdays. All parents are welcome. We will shortly publish a list of Class Assemblies which we will resume in January.

**International Evening** - This was such a fantastic event. Many thanks to everyone who came along, helped, contributed food and generally came along to celebrate all of our countries and cultures.

**Parent Forum—feedback** - Thank you to everyone who came along to our inaugural meeting. We discussed things which are going well and things which could be improved. There was a general feeling that the school has stabilised, pupils are happy and communication has improved.

**Also improved:** Payment systems, organisation, consistency, school feeling more upbeat, exciting and positive; enthusiastic staff. Parents evening and open mornings.

**Things that we discussed:** Inconsistency of homework, spellings, Friday assemblies (see above), reading records, calculations, phonics, sports, homework club.

In response to those issues raised: We will be working on a new Homework Policy in January and will share with parents. We have shared our new **Calculation Policy** on our website: <http://www.new-marston.oxon.sch.uk/curriculum> (top of page)

We are entering into more Sports Competitions (Year 5/6 currently). We have organised 2 phonics sessions for parents (see opposite). The next meeting is on December 14th, at 8.45 am.

### Chair of Governors

River Learning Trust have appointed Nick Chatrath our new Chair of Governors and he will write to parents when he commences his new term of office very soon.

### Phonics workshop for parents

We will be holding 2 information sessions for parents: at 9am and 6pm on Thursday 30th November. We will be explaining how we teach phonics and what our “Read, Write, Inc” teaching involves. Please come along if you can—parents in Years N-4.

### Mathletics

Jason Fernandez, in Silver Birch Class, was second IN THE WORLD last week—well done for showing off New Marston School so well Jason!

### Safeguarding Audit

OCC carried out a Safeguarding Audit last week on all aspects of safeguarding in schools, as this was one of the areas picked up by Ofsted. Last week we were rated **Outstanding**. Thank you to all of our Inclusion Team, particularly Rachel V.

### Phonics workshop for parents

Please come along and find out how we teach phonics and spelling and how you can support at home. 9am and 6pm on Thursday 30th November.

### Silver Birch

After Christmas, Ms Salido will be teaching topic-based work in Silver Birch during the afternoons, with Mr Lewis teaching Maths and English in the mornings. Ms Salido has been known to the children as a Spanish Teacher, but she is also a fully-qualified experienced primary teacher.

### Cherries

Mrs Wilkins (Beverly to the children), will be teaching the class on Thursdays and Fridays. The children know her well, as she team-teaches with Amy at the beginning of the week.

### Dropping off times and picking up

Please ensure children are dropped off by 8.45 in the mornings and collected at 3.15.

## Harvest Thanks

Message from Jane Benyon, Food Bank Volunteer:

Dear Head Teacher

I would like to once again to thank your school for the wonderful collection of tinned and dried food that the children donated to the Community Emergency Foodbank during your Harvest Festival Service. The food will be given to families in Oxford who are going through a period of crisis and find themselves with not enough money to buy food for themselves and their children. Would you be so kind as to pass on our sincere thanks to all those involved?

Since the beginning of October, with the predicted delay in payments during the introduction of Universal Credit into Oxfordshire, the numbers of people coming through our doors has increased considerably. CEF provides a life line during this period of financial difficulty. I can assure you therefore that every tin/packet donated will be used.

Very Best Wishes

Jane

**Please let myself or the office know if you are experiencing difficulties and need school to refer you to the Food Bank.**

## 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.

## The Kindness Project

Hello there. We are the Kindness Ambassadors and we have been formed to spread kindness across the school until there is no unkindness left in our school.

Our challenge this week is for you all to start drops of kindness. For example:

When someone is stuck with their work you can help them or if someone is looking lonely you can go and play with them.

Our strap-line as a group is 'WE CARE - YOU'RE KIND'

The members of the Kindness Ambassador group are:

Mason May, Eden Widgery, Kelis Brockall and

Cory White.



## Dates for the term

**New:** Phonics Information sessions for parents: 30th November at 9am and 6pm.

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

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

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

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

Parent Forum-14th December, 8.45am

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

Spring Term begins—Monday 8th January

INSET days for 2018-19

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

## 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.

## REMEMBER FONM FILM NIGHT NEXT FRIDAY AT 3.15.

£1.00 to watch Polar Express and eat popcorn.

**Have a lovely weekend!**