

New Marston Primary

School Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2018



Newsletter from Ms Smith:

Sending out early, as Monday 19th Feb is INSET day.

Extra INSET day—[reminder](#)

We are intending to make New Marston School a “High Performance Learning” school and need to train staff for this. Here is more information: <https://www.highperformancelearning.co.uk/>

School will be closed for the day on [Monday 19th February](#) for staff training.

River Learning Trust School Review

The link to the Review on the last newsletter didn't work, but it is available on our website. We were very pleased with their comments.

SATs dates

Year 6 SATs take place on Monday 14th May—Thursday 17th May this year. As these are statutory timings, Year 6 pupils will need to be in school during those 4 days, otherwise when they return to school they have to complete the tests in isolation.

Year 2 SATs take place during June—tests may be administered on any day of the teacher's choosing. The assessments are not formal like the Year 6 tests and pupils may be unaware that they are being assessed.

Safer Internet Day

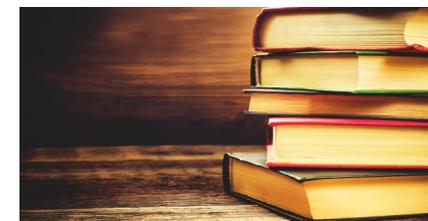
This was on Tuesday this week. Year 3 pupils led an assembly teaching us all how to keep safe on the internet. Follow-up work took place in classes. Information was emailed to all parents also. Please contact us if you have any concerns regarding your children's use of the internet.

World Book Day

Dressing up day will be Friday 2nd March.

Pupils can donate £1 to dress up as book characters and we would love it if they can bring in the book that the character is from, or borrow the book from our library, or another library, to talk about in class.

Teachers will have a book assembly on Thursday 1st March (the actual day) and World Book Day tokens will be given out. During the day, we will also be holding Book Groups in classes and organising book buddies across different classes. Please continue to promote books at home by letting children see you reading, discussing favourite books and reading to and with your children.



School Library Update

The 'Monday Family Sessions' are open to everyone. Please do drop in any time from 3.20pm and 4.15pm.

Help needed! - We always need more lovely books, as all our books are so well read, and do get tatty quite quickly. If your book shelves at home are too full - please could you send any unwanted books to the library? We need good quality kids information and chapter books. Just bag them up and label them for 'Kate in the library' and hand in to the office please. Many thanks, Kate

Road Safety Magic Show

Pupils in Reception and KS1 were treated to a Road Safety Magic Show this afternoon. Please ask them to tell you what safety advice they received!

Family Links Group—reminder

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun but looking after them can be stressful and challenging. The Nurturing programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life.

We are very lucky to have Family Links starting at New Marston! Come and find out how to get the best out of family life, through this fun and nurturing support group.

Places are available on our course, starting the week after half term on a Thursday morning 10-12 or Friday after school 4-6pm. Tea and coffee provided. Please phone or pop in and see Kate Stratford (Home school Link worker)

Spare Clothes

Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception classes) would be very grateful if anyone could donate some clothes to fit ages 3-5, for when children need spares. Thanks.

Parking on pavements

Unfortunately, this has started again. Please find somewhere further away from the school to park your car. Parking on the pavements near to the school gate is very dangerous for our pupils.

Oxford Mail School Focus

A photographer has been in school today, taking some photos of the children at work and play. We will be featured in the Oxford Mail Schools Focus section, either on Monday 12th or 19th February. Photos will only feature pupils whose parents have NOT requested that we don't use them for publicity.

School Logo and School Values

We have been asking pupils for their ideas for our new school values and also run a competition in classes this week to design a new school logo. When the winner is picked, we will have the design formatted by a logo designer. The new logo will appear on new uniform from September, but pupils will still be able to wear uniform featuring the tiger logo.

Soon, we hope to be able to offer parents a service where uniform can be ordered online.

Dates for the term

Term 4 begins—**Tuesday 20th** February.

World Book Day dressing up—Friday 2nd March

Year 1 trip—19th March

Year 2 trip—27th March

Year 6 trip to the Science Museum—6th March

Friday class assemblies: see dates below

English for Mothers—Tuesday s9-10am

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

Year 6 SATs dates—14th-17th May

Year 6 residential—July 16th-20th 2018

Scooters and bikes in school

Most of our older pupils are now getting off at the school gates, but some of the pre-school children or not. Please can you remind your children? Thanks

Class Assemblies

These are held on Fridays at 9am and everyone is welcome to come along.

Friday 23rd Feb Rowan, Friday 2nd March Oak, Friday 9th March Beech, Friday 16th March Poplar, Friday 23rd March Elm, Silver Birch, Willow, after Easter.

And finally.....

We have been talking about taking responsibility for ourselves and being in charge of our own destiny. We have discussed the poem Invictus by William Ernest Henley. We have talked about how this attitude helps us be responsible for our actions, our ambition, our work ethic and our future.

Have a lovely half term everyone!