

# New Marston Primary

## School Newsletter

### Monday 29th April 2019

**Aim Higher  
Reach Further  
Shine Brighter**



#### Newsletter from Ms Smith

#### Giving More Information about Your Child's Progress

Analysing feedback from parents in the January questionnaire and on Ofsted's Parent View <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>, a consistent theme emerged: that parents would like more information regarding progress and also what happens in school lessons. Parents have also told us how much they love using Tapestry (in Early Years), which is a school/home learning link.

We have listened to your feedback. Therefore, from September, we will be using **Class Dojo** <https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/>, which "connects teachers with students and parents to build amazing classroom communities". We will let you know more about this, including how to sign up in the near future. We will begin a trial with Poplar Class, so will be giving access to those parents next week.

From September, we will also be reporting academic progress more regularly, with shorter, more frequent reports.

#### Value for the term: Grit.....

is being a strong person when we need to be; faces difficulties; has inner strength; chooses a creative response to challenges; seeks solutions to problems; believes in own abilities; learns from mistakes; bounces back .

We began by talking about the importance of perseverance. We looked at Dr Katie Bauman and how she has been credited with the first accurate picture of a black hole, and how she has urged people to realise "*it was a team of scientists from all around the globe, working on this for years*". This quote illustrates the need for collaboration and grit in terms of perseverance and determination.

#### Family Links

Starts this Friday 3rd May 4.00pm-6.00pm. Spaces are still available, if you would like to attend please see Kate Stratford.

#### Additional funding for nursery aged pupils

Does your child receive disability living allowance? If so, please let us know. The school can access up to £615 of funding to purchase resources for your child within school and at home.

#### Facebook

We are hoping to develop our school Facebook page and provide regular updates about the learning happening in school each week. Please do follow us and feel free to share the posts! We are checking all the photography permission slips and will be contacting you if you have declined permission to check if this is still your position.

#### Coming soon - drop in sessions!

Kate, our Home School Link Worker will be opening up our computer suite for parents to use fortnightly. Kate will be on hand to help with anything she can, e.g. forms, online accounts (including Parent Pay) or for general advice.

#### SEN reviews

You should have received this by the end of the week. Please do pop and see your child's class teacher with any questions. Mrs V, our SENCO, is also available by email ([rachelv@nmps.org.uk](mailto:rachelv@nmps.org.uk)) or via the school office.

#### Family Service

Our first week of family service went really well. Please do try to pre-order your food through Parent Pay, we are trialling this and will make a decision over the next couple of weeks whether to continue with it. Any feedback you have, please speak to Zoe in the office.

## Gardening Club

Gardening Club is free and fun! Every Weds at 3.15pm. Even if you have never gardened before - now is your chance to give it a go.

Parents and children should meet outside the office and Kate will sign you in. (No children without parents please)

If you can't join in on Weds afternoon - we would love donations - particularly large pots, compost, seedlings.

We would also like you to bring in your used wooden lolly pop sticks (washed!) so we can re-use them as plant labels.

Thanks, Kate Robinson

## School 70th Birthday

New Marston turns 70 this year! We are planning to celebrate the event at our BBQ in the Summer. We are looking for ex-pupils and teachers to come along and celebrate with us. Please let them know about the event and ask them to save the date! More info to follow.

Please can you invite friends, family, ex-pupils and staff to join us for this celebration. A facebook "event" has been created, which you can invite them to join here.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1910168782450162/?ti=ia>

On our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/nmps.org/>

FONM will announce a date to plan for the event soon.

## Monday Assembly this week; The Miss P Foundation

There will be more information following on from the assembly today. Here is the contact information if you are interested:

Please feel free to call if you need any more information. Thanks again for agreeing to support Miss P foundation fundraiser.

Kindest regards, Ms Beverley Harry, Founder/Director

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## Dates for the term

**INSET days for 2018-19:** 3rd June, 24th July.

### May

Nick Cope—Monday 13th May: Nursery and Reception at 2-3pm  
Year 1 and Year 2 at 1-2pm

Wednesday 15th May Whipsnade Zoo— Year 1

20th—24th May—Year 6 Residential

Thursday 23rd May at 1.30 and 6pm—Year 4 performance of Heroes of Troy

### June

6th June-St Hilda's College-Year 2

25th June—Henley Rowing Museum-Year 4

27/28th July-Hill End— Year 2

### July

FONM are doing a "Stay and Play Wimbledon" on the 5th July

11th and 12th July-Blenheim Shakespeare (years 3,4,5)

### INSET Dates for 2019-2020

2nd Sept 2019, 4th November 2019, 6th Jan 2020, 3rd , 20th, 21st July 2020



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