

Marlfields Newsletter

9th October 2015

PARENTS EVENINGS

Don't forget, Parents Evenings are on **TUESDAY 13th** and **THURSDAY 15th** October.

If you are unable to make either of these dates, but would like to discuss how your child is doing with their class teacher, please put a note in your child's planner to that effect and the class teacher will come to an arrangement with you.

Apologies for the mix up with the dates on the original letter sent out last week with the correct dates at the top of the letter but the wrong dates/days on the return slip.

HARVEST FESTIVAL/OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you very much for your very kind donations of items for us to place into shoeboxes for the charity Operation Christmas Child. We have had a great deal of items brought in and we will be able to fill many, many boxes to bring a bit of joy to children less fortunate than our own.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Academy Photographers will be in school on **Monday 12th October** to take individual photographs of all the children as well as family groups and/or sibling groups.

If you would like your picture taken with your children or would like a younger pre-school child to be photographed with your older children or if your child goes to our Nursery but does not attend on Mondays please go round to The Studio (where we hold Coffee Mornings) **from 8:15am**. There may be a queue, but please be patient, the photographers are usually quick.

Children and those with brothers and sisters that are in school, including those in the Nursery, will be collected in turn to be photographed together.

THUMBS UP THURSDAY

Don't forget that you are invited in to school every Thursday morning from 8:45am - 9:15am to have a look at your child's books and work as well as to see their classroom displays.

GLASSES

Has your child mis-laid their glasses? Maybe they haven't told you as there are currently **THREE** pairs of glasses in the office without an owner. Two pairs have been there since the first full week back at school. If you think they may belong to your child please pop along to the office to have a look to see if they belong to you.

SNACK/DINNER MONEY

Please, please, please ensure that when you send snack or dinner money, or indeed any money at all into school, it is in an envelope or folded into paper with your child's name, class and amount clearly written on it and what the money is for i.e. snack money, dinner money, swimming or cooking money etc.

Mrs Yoxall might be clever, but she isn't a mind reader; this week alone she has had money wrapped in a tissue

with no name on it, plastic bags with no indication of who it is for, money just on its own and much more. Fortunately she can usually deduce what things are for and for whom, but it does take up a lot of her time, and your co-operation would be most welcome.

CASUAL MID-DAY ASSISTANT

From time to time one or more of our 'dinner ladies' are off through ill health or other reasons which means that we are short staffed. We therefore wondered if any of our parents would be willing to put their names on our Casual mid-day assistant list to help us out (paid) if for any reason we are short staffed. If you think you might like to do this please call in to see Mrs Yoxall who will be able to give you a bit more information.

SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Supervision of your child on the playground remains your responsibility until the bell rings at 8:50am for the start of school and from 3:15pm when they leave the building. Children should not be playing on the playground equipment including the buccaneer tower.

Please ensure your child is aware of this.

In order to have a smooth start to the day, it is essential that teachers can meet their class lines on the playground and walk them into school calmly and sensibly; please consider where you are standing at this point. Parents chatting or standing in the way of a line can make this supervision tricky.

Riding of scooters and bicycles is not permitted on the playground, in the interests of everyone's safety!

At the end of the day, staff are expected to ensure that our pupils are collected by the appropriate, nominated person. Should you make other arrangements please ensure you let us know before the end of the day so that delays are not encountered. If we have not been notified it is policy for the member of staff to check this with the main office and if required, with yourself. Often, those who you have asked get annoyed at our checking, so please consider this and let the school office know in good time for collection.

Your support in this makes a big difference and is really appreciated, thank you!

FOOTBALL MATCH

Congratulations to our wonderful team of football players who played an amazing game after school yesterday against a team from Woodcocks Well Primary School.

We are pleased to let you know that we won the game 4-0

Well done all of you.