**NEWSLETTER**

**8th September 2017**

**Welcome back to school from what we all hope was a lovely summer break for you all.**

**Many thanks from all the staff for the lovely gifts which we received at the end of last term.**

**A big warm welcome to everyone who is new to the school, be it pupil or staff!**

**ITEMS TO LOOK OUT FOR**

For your information we are reminding you to look out regularly for the following during this year.

Our weekly Newsletter.  
Parental permission forms for various items.  
Class assembly invitation and remember to visit your class during the year on 'Thumbs up Thursdays'.  
Parent Workshops invitations.  
After School Clubs offered each term.  
Parents as Partners leaflets for your child's class – Autumn, Spring and Summer terms.

Our blog page on www.marlfieds,cheshire.sch.uk

School Uniform:

Parents are reminded that Marlfields has a uniform and that children are expected to wear this at all times.

Uniform forms are available from the stand outside of the office should you wish to place an order.

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| **Uniform (compulsory)**  Red sweatshirt with logo  Red polo shirt with logo  Grey tartan kilt for girls  Grey trousers for boys  Grey tights/white socks for girls  Sensible black school shoes  (**no trainers**).  **please note girls are not permitted to wear trousers** |  | **P.E. Kit: (compulsory)**  A red T-shirt with logo  Dark, preferably Black shorts  Black pumps for indoors P.E.  Trainers for outdoors P.E.  School logo track suit for outdoorP.E.which may be worn on Thursday and Fridays. |

**SCHOOL LIFE REMINDERS**

**School day**:

School starts at **8:55am**; children in Reception and Years 1 – 6 should assemble prior to this time on the big playground. Children in the Nursery should enter by the door nearest the Waggs Road pedestrian walkway which opens at 9:00am.

At the end of the school day - **3:20pm** parents should wait in the same place as in the morning and the class teacher will bring the children out to you. It would be greatly appreciated if parents did not crowd round the doors and stand well back as the teachers need to clearly see who the children are going to.

***If someone other than yourself should come to school to collect your child at the end of the day please inform the class teacher or the office who will be collecting.***  If we have not been notified we will not allow your child to leave school with that person until we have contacted you for verification which can cause consternation for whoever is collecting your child, yourself and indeed us, so please help us to help you by letting us know in advance. Similarly if you wish to allow your child to walk home on his/her own we need to have a letter from you indicating your wishes.

**ATTENDANCE**

One of the aims for this year is to improve pupil attendance. To help us to do this we are using incentives for the children. Each the class with the highest attendance combined will be given a small treat. At the end of the Autumn Term a child with 100% attendance will be given a **Bronze Badge**, at the end of the Spring Term if they have still not had any time off school they will be given a **Silver Badge** and at the end of the school year, a **Gold Badge**. At the end of the school year any child who has received all three badges may be given an extra special treat.

**ABSENCES during term time**:

The Department for Education encourages parents not to take their children out of school during term time; however a leave of absence may occasionally be granted by the Governors in **very** exceptional circumstances.

As from 1st September 2017 any requests made for a holiday to be taken in the academic year 2017-18 or thereafter which is not considered by the Governors to be exceptional in circumstances, should be recorded as unauthorised, and a Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued by the LA . School holiday dates are shown further on in the Newsletter for your information and on our web-site.

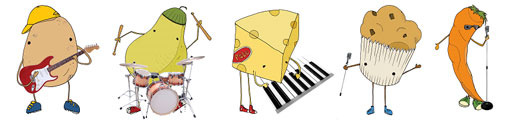
**Medicines in School**

School can only administer medication which has been **prescribed** by a health professional and is brought to school in its original pharmacy bottle with label and a form has been filled in at the office. Medications should be left at and collected from the school office by an adult.

If a child is on long term medication for illnesses such as epilepsy/anaphylaxis/asthma etc. where medication is kept at school at all times, the onus is on the parent to ensure that the medicine is in date. If your child requires medication 3 times a day this can be fitted in at home morning, tea time and evening, rather than being given during the day.

**Illness**

**Please call 01260 387057 *before 10:00am* to report your child’s absence.** School will contact you via text message or phone if a message has not been received by that time. Failure to inform school of a valid reason for your child’s absence may result in you being contacted by the Educational Welfare Officer, with the possibility of a Fixed Penalty Notice being served.

**School Meals:** 

All the children in Key Stage 1 are eligible to Universal Free School Meals; if your child is in the Reception Class, Year 1 or Year 2 please ensure that you have completed the form.

If your child is in Y3,4,5 or 6 and you think that your child is entitled to Free School Meals you will need to check with and/or apply to Cheshire East Council on **0300 123 5012**.

For all other children the price of school meals is **£12.00 per week (£2.40 per day)** which should be sent in a named envelope **each Monday** morning even if your child only has, for example a school lunch on a Thursday, or any other day than Monday. Money NOT in an envelope will not be accepted either at the office or by the teacher. Cheques should be made payable to **Marlfields Primary Academy.**

**Alternatively you can pay directly into the school account or via our on-line payment system.** Please ask at the office for details.

Unfortunately, due to a number of bad debts last term we are no longer allowed to extend credit under **ANY** circumstances. This means that unless money is **received IN ADVANCE on a Monday for meals** we will be unable to feed your child and you will be contacted to provide him/her with a packed lunch.

**FLUENZ VACCINATION**

Children in Reception and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 are being offered a flu vaccination in school. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu.

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications.

Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

You will receive a leaflet and consent form with this Newsletter. **Please complete the consent form (one for each child) and return it to school within 1 week of receipt, to ensure your child receives their vaccination.**

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year.

The leaflet contains some commonly asked questions about flu and the vaccination.



Please be aware that play

equipment is not to be used

before or after school as it is

not supervised by staff at

that time of day.

**Head Lice:**

Now the children are back at school it is inevitable that the issue of head-lice will reappear. Please take the time to check your child’s hair regularly and if lice or nits are found please inform school and treat your child’s hair accordingly. We have some products in school to treat head-lice should you need any but find the cost of treatment prohibitive.

**Snack money:**

Each day we provide a snack and a drink for the children which consists of juice/milk and bagel(Mon), crumpet (Tue), toast(Wed), bacon butty (Thur), toasted teacake(Fri) costs **£2 per week.** Snack money should be sent to school in a named envelope **each Monday** morning. As our snacks and dinners are served by our school meals company failure to do so may mean your child will not get a snack. If your child does not like, for example teacakes we can provide toast instead - please indicate on the payment envelope.

**Data Collection Sheet**

Along with the Newsletter you will find a Data Collection Sheet. Please take the time to fill it in with your child’s details, especially your contact details and details of other emergency contacts which we may need should your child become ill or we need to contact you for any reason.

**OLD SHOES**

We are collecting pairs of shoes which we send off to a charity. If you have any old shoes that you would like to donate please send them in as soon as possible in a tied carrier bag.

**Extra-Curricular Clubs**

The list of extra-curricular clubs and application form are also being sent out this week. As usual some clubs will prove more popular than others and demand will out-weigh the places available which means that your child may not get a place at their chosen club. Clubs begin 18.09.17

**Last Day In School School Opens**

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| **Autumn Term** |  | **04.09.17**  **15.09.17**  **INSET DAY** |
| **Half Term** | **20.10.17** | **29.10.17**  **30.10.17**  **INSET DAY** |
| **Christmas** | **20.12.17** | **08.01.18** |
| **Half Term** | **15.02.17** | **26.02.18** |
| **Easter**  **Dogs**  Under no circumstance are dogs permitted on school grounds.  **Smoking**  Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school premises or grounds. | **30.03.18** | **16.04.18** |
| **Half Term** | **25.05.18** | **05.06.18** |
| **Summer Holidays** | **20.07.18**  **23/24/25.07.18**  **INSET DAYS** |  |

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

On **Friday 29th September –** we will be holding a Coffee Morning as part of the **Macmillan Cancer Charity World’s Biggest Coffee Morning** in The Hall.

Come along and have a cuppa and cake from **9:15am until 10:30am** to help us raise as much money as we can for this very worthwhile cause.

We all know someone who has been affected by this terrible disease and we are very fortunate that you as parents always support this charity event and it is always well attended.

Bring along the whole family, your friends and neighbours – the more the merrier!

The children will be attending too, so please send them in with some money so that they can buy a cake and a drink, £1 should be sufficient. We would also be most grateful for any donations monetary wise or donations of cakes or biscuits towards the coffee morning or even a raffle prize. If you would like to donate cakes etc. please bring them in the day before where possible. Last year we raised over £300 – let’s see if we can beat this amount this year!

**Munch and Crunch with the Reading Bunch!**

The Reading Bunch Club is an early morning reading club for children from Year 1. It takes place daily from 8:15am. Children coming to the club will not only read their reading books but also do other reading related activities, as well as having a quick mini breakfast before going to their class at 8:50am. Every child from Year 1 is welcome at the Reading Bunch Club. **Please understand that this is not a drop-in club**. All sessions **MUST** be booked, using the slip below. Parents are welcome to come to the club to read with their child and anybody wishing to volunteer their time to stay and help listen to children read will be very welcome. If you feel that you would be able to stay and offer your services please indicate on the slip below.

**munch & crunch with the Reading Bunch Club**

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to offer my help at the club, please call me on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to enrol my child into the Reading Bunch Club.

I will ensure that my child is in school for 8:15am to take part in the reading activities on the following days:-

🞏Monday 🞏 Tuesday 🞏 Wednesday 🞏 Thursday 🞏 Friday

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