

**NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

We would like to apologise for the disruption with our telephone system for the past few days - it is now up and running!

**Our new number is: 01260 633120**

A festive sculpture trail is to take place around MediaCityUK this Christmas to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Raymond Briggs’ heart-warming picture book “The Snowman”.

This is the first time that a sculpture trail inspired by the nation’s favourite Christmas story has ever been created. **The trail takes place from 22nd November 2018 until 6th January 2019**.

‘Walking with The Snowman’ will feature twelve giant Snowman sculptures themed around the song The Twelve Days of Christmas. Each sculpture will be designed and decorated by one of twelve talented artists, all of whom painted a Bee for the Bee in the City trail.

Selected schools and academies have been invited to take part by decorating their own smaller 1-metre-tall Snowman sculpture. Due to our success with our entry into the ‘Bee in the City’, we have been invited to take part in this. Once the trail closes in January, the Snowman will make its way to his forever home with us here, creating us a lasting legacy of how we have supported the chosen charity ‘BBC Children in Need’.

**NOW…** if you’re keen to get involved with this special Christmas art event and be the artist for our SNOWMAN we are asking you to go onto our web-site ([www.marlfieldsprimary.co.uk](http://www.marlfieldsprimary.co.uk)) for the template so that you can design your snowman which will be entered into a competition to find a winner. Come on, get involved and join in.



**RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL**

We are happy to report that we have been awarded the

**bronze: Rights Committed**- the first stage of the Unicef UK’s Rights Respecting Schools Award.

The Assessor said our next steps would be:

* Take a look at our [working towards Silver pages](https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/getting-started/silver/)
* Read through our guidance on [Teaching and Learning About, For and Through Rights](https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/getting-started/teach-learn-about-rights/)
* Revisit the findings from your questionnaires and double check you have actions in your plan that support progress.
* Monitor your progress against the expected outcomes for Silver.
* Attend [RRSA Achieving Silver training](https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/training-and-support/training-courses/achieving-silver/) which focuses of moving towards Silver accreditation and is a great opportunity to share good practice, meet other schools and take away useful resources to support RRSA in school – the next date in the Northwest is in Chester 13th February.

They commented – ‘Your plan is really well thought through and it is clear that you already have lots in place that can link explicitly to children’s’ rights.’ And offered the following thoughts for our consideration to support us to progress to Silver.

**CINEMA VISIT**

As you are aware all the children in the main school are going to the cinema the day after we return to school on **Wednesday 7th November.** As we are travelling to Didsbury, Manchester the children need to be in school for **8:30am** on that day so that we can get on the coaches as we need to leave school no later than 8:45am. **The coaches will not be able to wait for any late comers.**

Full school uniform should be worn, and the children will need to have a coat with them as we will have a short walk to the cinema from the coach. We will return to school in time for a late lunch.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Following the half term holiday we will be selling poppies and poppy related goods in aid of

the Royal British Legion

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We suggest a minimum of 50p donation for the paper poppies.



**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

School breaks up today for the Autumn half term holiday, we would like to remind you that the children come back to school on **Tuesday 6th November** (Monday 5th November is an INSET Day).

The clocks go back this week to Greenwich Mean Time which means that it will start getting darker earlier. If you are out playing, please make sure that you are with friends at all times and that your parents know where you are and who you are with. Take care if you go out Trick or Treating or to a fireworks display – we want you all back to school safe and sound having has a fun filled break!

**SHOPPING ON-LINE?**

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[**https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/marlfieldsprimary**](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/marlfieldsprimary)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| Tuesday 6th November | Children back to school |
| Wednesday 7th November | Main school to the cinema |
| Wednesday 21st November | 100% attendees/Reading Challengers to cinema |
| Friday 7th December | Key Stage 1 performance (morning) |
| Monday 10th December | Reception/Nursery Production |
| Wednesday 12th December | Snowman Sprint |
| Thursday 13th December | Cinderella On Ice |
| Friday 14th December | Key Stage 2 to Church |
| Wednesday 19th December | Christingle  Christmas Lunch |
| Thursday 20th December | Last day in school |