Welcome back to school following the Christmas holiday – it seems so far away now doesn’t it?

During this term we will have lots of exciting things happening, starting with events as set out below which will be organised by the Friends of Marlfields.

 **First meeting of 2020 – Wednesday,**

 **15th January at 9:15am : all welcome.**

**FRIENDS OF MARLFIELDS**

There are lots of exciting events coming up during the Spring Term! Further details to follow soon.

**Spring Term 1**

* Years 1 and 2 Come Dine With Me (Parents invited to lunch)
* EYFS and KS1 Disney Disco

**Spring Term 2**

* KS2 Sleepover Spectacular
* Years 3 and 4 Come Dine With Me (Parents invited to lunch) \*
* Non-uniform day
* Easter Bingo

*\*Y5 and Y6 parent lunch is scheduled for the summer term*





**Come and join us at the meeting and be part of the team**

**NEW YEAR REMINDERS**

**SNACK**

School rather than Dolce are now preparing and serving snacks to the children at break time. If you wish your child to have snack please pay you’re your child’s Scopay account by 9:30am each Monday, this will ensure that they are added onto the list to receive snack. Monies received after 9:30 on a Monday will not be honoured until the following Monday as lists completed will stand for the week. I am sure you will appreciate the need for us to only shop for the amount we need and cannot hold spare which may go to waste so please be organised. Your support in this is appreciated.

**SCHOOL DINNER ORDERING**

Please remember that you need to order and pay for your child’s dinners on the Dolce system before we come back to school.

Remember you can order and pay for the whole term.

Please see the poster advertising an “Italian Experience” menu next Thursday, 16th January.



**UNIFORM**

Our Chair of Governors has popped into school this week and is rather concerned about children not in the correct uniform and the number of children without PE kits in school. Please ensure that your child is in full Marlfields uniform at all times and has their PE kit in school everyday. The only exception is if it is your child’s birthday and they are allowed to come in civvies or if we have a special non-uniform day.

**WEATHER**

As we are now getting to that time of year when the weather suddenly changes can we please remind you to ensure that your child has a warm / waterproof coat with them in school at all times.

If we were to have a heavy snowfall that means that staff are unable to get into school and we have to make the decision to close the school and have a ‘snow day’, we will let you all know via the text message system and we will also make an announcement on the local radio stations – **SILK 106.9 FM and SIGNAL 96.4 FM**.

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

Please remember that poor attendance is not acceptable and we have had to remind a number of families with an offical letter.

If your child’s attendance falls below the normal acceptable level that the Government sees as 95% we have to issue letters to promote improvement. If no improvement in attendance is seen 2 further letter will be sent. The 3rd letter triggers forms being sent to Cheshire East Education Department to initiate the ‘fine process’, and you will more than likely be issued with a fine should you recive that third letter.

The Government also does not encourage holidays during term time so please do not ask us to approve these as refusal can often offend and we do not have the authority to approve them. Please if you are intending your child to be off school for a period a time we ask you to complete a leave of absence so we know not to inform the relevant authorites of a child mising education. **May we remind you that fines for children taking holidays during term time will in future be issued.**

**P.E. KIT**

Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school **at all times**.

If they do not have their kit with them for a P.E. lesson they will be asked to do extra Maths and English work.

It is also beneficial if P.E. kit is in school should your child slip on the playground and get dirty then they have clothing / footwear that they can change into.

**SPORTS CLUB for YEARS 3 – 6**

We are now in a position to offer a Sports Club to the children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. It will be run by Miss Barber and will take place on Wednesdays after school until 4:15pm.

 If your child would like to join please send in the request in a letter, don’t forget to add a security question and answer if you are not able to collect your child.

**PARKING**

This week we have had a number of telephone calls from neighbours about parents parking inconsiderately across their driveways. There is one parent in particular who has parked over two different neighbouring driveways on two different occasions. One of the neighbours spoke to a lady passenger this morning, so you will know who you are. It is an offence to block someone’s driveway. The authorities have been informed and aver the next week they will be patrolling Waggs Road and ticketing offending vehicles.

**Swimathon**

This year we are taking part in the Rotary Club Swimathon event at Congleton Leisure Centre in February to raise money via sponsorship for the various local charities that the Rotary Club support, and a portion is also donated to the school to donate to a charity of our choice.

We hope that you will feel able to support the children taking part by sponsoring them in our forth coming cake sales. Our first one will be buy a cake for 20p Friday 17 and Monday 20th January at Break time.

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| **Marlfields’ Holiday Dates 2019 -2020** |
| **Half Term** | **14.02.20** | **24.02.20** |
| **Summer Term** | **03.04.20** | **20.04.20** |
| **May Bank Holiday** | **Friday 8th May 2020** |
| **Half Term** | **22.05.20** | **01.06.20** |
|  | **22.07.20 INSET DAY** | **2 INSET Days to be alloctated** |