

February Marlfields Newsletter

17th February 2022

Half Term



WORLD BOOK DAY LUNCH

All children are invited to join us on **THURSDAY 3RD MARCH** at a special lunch to celebrate World Book Day. The menu is below and costs £2.40 for Key Stage 2 children or free for Key Stage 1 children and those who are in receipt of Free School Meals. Simply order on the Dolce site as usual. There is a competition for those having a lunch, one of the plates will have a lucky sticker underneath and that child can win an Amazon voucher.

WORLD BOOK DAY
THURSDAY
3RD MARCH 2022

HOGWARTS GREAT HALL FEAST

GRYFFINDOR'S GRUB (MAINS)

- CHAMBER OF SECRETS FISH BURGER
- CORNISH PIXIE PIE WITH GRAVY (V)
- GINNY'S JACKET POTATO WITH A CHOICE OF FILLING (V)

SLYTHERIN'S SIDES

- OLLIVANDER'S WAND'S (CHIPS)
- BELLATRIX'S MAGICAL MIXED VEGETABLES
- HE WHO MUST NOT BE NAMED HOME BAKED BREAD

DUMBLEDORE'S DESSERTS

- POLYJUICE POTION LIME JELLY
- HAGRID'S HOMEMADE PUDDING WITH BUTTERBEER SAUCE (STICKY TOFFEE) (V)
- FRUIT
- YOGURT

*SAUCES ONLY AVAILABLE WHEN SERVED FROM THE COUNTER

LET THE FEAST BEGIN

dolce

WORLD BOOK DAY

On World Book Day (**THURSDAY 3RD MARCH**), we would like the children to **dress as their favourite book character**. It is always great to see the children's imaginations fired up when they dress up and we hope that you will all enter into the spirit of the day – we love to see all of the costumes from 'Where's Wally?' to 'Harry Potter' or 'Alice in Wonderland' to 'Elsa' and many, many more.

The children will be bringing home with them their World Book Day vouchers which are valid from Thursday 17th February until Sunday 27th March. These are the books that you can choose from. Available from W.H. Smiths and major supermarkets.



A SAFE PLACE IN CONGLETON TOWN

If ever you are in Congleton town and feel like you need some adult support or help, shops displaying the 'Safe Place' sticker in their window are here for you! Following a recent incident of bullying, some shops have set up a scheme to offer protection to anyone feeling threatened or intimidated. Congleton Town Council and Congleton Police are supporting the initiative. The shops will offer you a safe public place to wait and if necessary will call the Police, CCTV or a parent for you. Shops already signed up include Glamorous, Serenity Designs, M & Co, Congleton Information Centre and Congleton Library. More are expected to join. It is hoped that this safety net will not be needed, but felt it was important the Congleton's young people to learn about the scheme and recognise the window sticker just in case they ever need it.



PIANO LESSONS

We are launching exciting piano lessons for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 through fun-based music tuition company, Music Squad (www.musicsquad.co.uk). Music Squad use their own tuition books to teach and are all about having fun, being silly, and making learning an instrument as joyful as it should be! Please see the flyer that your child will be bringing home

We will be starting individual piano lessons during the school day after half term. To register for lessons or for more information, please contact Hannah directly on 07379 325251 or hannah@musicsquad.co.uk. Places are limited so please get in touch early to avoid disappointment.

Funding for Pupil Premium students can be provided, please ask the school for further information on this.

SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week is 14th – 18th March. There will be lots of exciting things happening throughout that week for all the children. Make sure you're in school so you won't miss out on the fun.

ATTENDANCE

Children are expected to attend school for the full 190 days of the academic year, unless there is a good reason for absence. There are two types of absence:

- Authorised (where the school approves pupil absence)
- Unauthorised (where the school will not approve absence)

It is expected that parent(s)/carer(s)/guardian(s) will provide an explanation if the child or young person is absent on the first day the absence occurs. This can be by letter, telephone, text, personally at the office or by appointment.

If contact, explaining the child or young person's absence, fails to be made by parent(s)/carer(s)/guardian(s), then the school will contact the home by telephone or text message on the initial day and on each day thereafter until the unexplained absence is clarified. This contact will be recorded in the electronic records provided by SIMS.

The head teacher will regularly remind parent(s)/carer(s)/guardian(s) of the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

Children or young people with 100% attendance will be rewarded by the school with a certificate of attendance and a treat at the end of the academic year.

What can parent(s)/carer(s)/guardian(s) do to help?

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school **before 9:30am** (prior to the close of morning registration) on the day of absence so that we know your child is safe. If your child is likely to be absent for any length of time, (e.g. due to illness) please keep us informed, **a medical note may be required if the absence is over a week or if your child constantly has time off 'ill'.**

Try to make appointments outside school time wherever possible

Do not allow your child to have time off school unless it is really necessary.

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Marfields Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our Child Protection Policy which can be viewed in the policies section on our web-site.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies, when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs S Isherwood (Principal). Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs S Radcliffe and Miss S Booth. The Governor with responsibility for safeguarding in our school is Mrs. Margaret Gartside.

Photographs and Videos

Whilst lots of parents and carers really enjoy seeing photos and videos of their children's school life we are very mindful of our duty of care towards all our pupils. We take the issue of safeguarding very seriously and this includes the use of photographic and video images.

Any photographs or videos taken by parents, carers and relatives at school productions, sports days or other events are for the enjoyment of individual families. They must not be used in any way that could potentially place a child at risk. This would include publishing images in any form of print or on the internet including social networking sites. This is emphasised before concerts and shows etc and where practical a record of parents and relatives taking photographs or videos is made.

We understand that in exceptional circumstances a parent or carer may not wish their child to be photographed or videoed in this way. If this is the case, then please contact the Principal to discuss how this can be best achieved.

Occasionally, the local press will be invited to take photographs of school events and special achievements. We like to use photographs of our children on our website, in school documents, for parent information meetings, newsletters and on our display screens around the school. If you do not wish photographs of your child to be used for these purposes, then please contact the Principal.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Thank you to those who replied letting us know that you would prefer a face-to-face appointment. An appointment time will be made and sent to you.

All other appointments will be via telephone, again a time will be sent to you.

TREAT WEEK 28th February – 4th March

Throughout the first week back after half term we will be having a 'Treat Week'. This is to raise funds to support the East Cheshire Hospice, which is the chosen charity for our Swimathon Sponsorship. Please pay £1 on to SCOPAY for each day that you wish your child to partake. We will check every day at 10:00am to see who wishes to join in with the fund-raising. Thank you in anticipation of your support of this fantastic charity.