



MARFIELDS' NEWSLETTER



20TH October 2023

UNSUNG HERO AWARD

As we mentioned in last week's newsletter Mr Isherwood was shortlisted for the prestigious award of **Everybody Leisure's Unsung Hero of the Year**.

This award was open to anyone who supports sport in the whole of Cheshire East; over 150 nominations were received by Everybody Leisure. These were then shortlisted to just four individuals, one being Mr Isherwood, for all the time he gives to the school swimming lessons for free.

Mr Isherwood is more qualified than any of the Everybody Leisure Centre staff both pool side and within outdoor swimming, which is one of his hobbies. This year he trained to be a teacher of the Rookie Lifeguard course for children. Once our pupils meet the National Curriculum requirements, we offer this extra course to them at no charge. This sees Marfields being the only school to offer this in Cheshire East.



As you may be aware, cohorts Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 swim every week. Mr Isherwood gives his time for free to support the children, as he is passionate about swimming and teaching others to do so effectively. He asks the children their views regularly and plans all the swimming lessons for the centre staff to teach each week.

Mr & Mrs Isherwood attended the awards ceremony last week and are pleased to let you all know that Mr Isherwood **won** the award which was presented to him by Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson. We are sure you will want to join with us to say a huge thank you for all he does for the school and a huge **"CONGRATULATIONS"** from us all for winning over all the 150 nominations.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Yesterday we held a special assembly to celebrate the children who took part in the Congleton Library Summer Reading Challenge.

The challenge this year was Ready, Set, READ. During the six weeks holiday the children had to read a minimum of six books from Congleton Library. If they are successful, they received from the Library a voucher to use at the newly re-furnished Leisure Centre.

As an additional incentive to take part, Mrs Isherwood and the Governors of the school also give the children a treat.

In previous years the participants have gone to the cinema as a group, had cinema or book vouchers and this year they were given a chocolate share box, containing lots of chocolate and a voucher to buy a film on Sky. Well done to everyone who took part. Why don't you consider taking part too next year.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Our first day back at school following the half term holiday is Tuesday 31st October, which is of course **HALLOWE'EN**

Naomi and Jacob Ball asked the School Council, Mrs Isherwood and Mrs Radcliffe to consider if we could all come dressed in our Hallowe'en outfits to school.

After many discussions it was decided that **YES**, we can!

In exchange, we would like the children to bring in a packet of wrapped biscuits for the pleasure of doing so. Wrapped biscuits are things like Clubs, Penguins, Kit Kats, Wagon Wheels, Blue Ribands, Iced Gems etc.



Bring in the biscuits in exchange for dressing up; the biscuits are going to be put away and kept safe to be used for a treat on another occasion coming up.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

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



For the **paper poppies**, we suggest a minimum of **50p**.

We have a limited number of **other**

items - reflective poppy, poppy zip tag, wristbands and slap bands for sale – which vary in price from **50p - £1**. Please help us to raise as much as we can to honour those who **'Gave their tomorrow for our today.'**



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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Do you think your child may be eligible to Free School Meals? If your application is successful, your child will not only get a free lunch, but other benefits too such as vouchers to cover food for the child during school holidays. In December, children already in receipt will get £40 supermarket vouchers.

If your child is in receipt of income related free school meals, they are automatically eligible for the [Household Support Fund](#).

Are you entitled?

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- **Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67**
- **Income Support**
- **Income based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income related Employment Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**

- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

We suggest you make a claim for free school meals even if your child is in key stage 1 as the school can claim additional funding (pupil premium) for new equipment and resources.

You can also apply for nursery-age children if they attend before and after lunch sessions at a local authority nursery school, nursery class or an Academy nursery if it has the same Ofsted number as the primary school.

It's worth a phone call to see if you are eligible.

Call 0300 123 5012 to find out or complete an on-line form on the Cheshire East web-site.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

It's coming to that time of year when we start planning for events leading up to Christmas. We will send more information of the events to you nearer the time.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday 12 th December	1:30pm	Years 3 – 6 Christmas Production
Wednesday 13 th December	1:30pm	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Production
Thursday 14 th December	9:30am	Christingle
	Lunch-time	Children's Christmas Dinner
Monday 18 th December	9:30am	Santa Run
Tuesday 19 th December	1:45 – 5:00pm	EYFS/Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Surprise
Wednesday 20 th December	9:30am	EYFS Christmas Production
Thursday 21 st December	1:00 – 5:30pm	Years 3 – 6 Christmas Surprise

HOLIDAY DATES Academic Year 2023 - 2024		
TERM	SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHILDREN
Autumn 1	05.09.2023	20.10.2023
HALF TERM		
Autumn 2	31.10.2023	21.12.2023
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Spring 1 2024	08.01.2024	16.02.2024
Spring 2	27.02.2024	28.03.2024
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Summer 1	15.04.2024	24.05.2024
HALF TERM		
Summer 2	04.06.2024	23.07.2024
INSET DAYS		
04.09.2023	30.10.2023	22.12.2023
26.02.2024	03.06.2024	

