**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'.
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.marlfields.cheshire.sch.uk**

**MONKEY FOREST**

Don’t forget that on Friday the main school are going to Monkey Forest at Trentham. If you have not returned the forms which were sent out before the summer holidays please do as soon as possible.

If you are unsure whether you have or not, please pop into the office and we will be able to tell you whether you have or not.

As a reminder we will be leaving promptly at 9:30am, we will be unable to wait for any late comers. We will be back at school for 3:15pm.

The children must be in full school uniform and have with them a waterproof coat in case of bad weather, sturdy walking shoes and a packed lunch, preferably in a throw away bag.

**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

If over the holidays you completed the **Summer Reading Challenge ‘Space Chase’** at Congleton Library please bring in your Certificate for us to photocopy for the opportunity of receiving a special treat from the Governors. Thank you for those who have already brought theirs in.

**BREAKFAST**

As last term we will be serving breakfast on the playground, free of charge.

We were very lucky to gain funding which enables us to be able to do this.

**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.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON**

On **Friday 27th September –** we will be holding a Coffee Afternoon as part of the

**Macmillan Cancer Charity World’s Biggest Coffee Morning** in The Hall.

Come along and have a cuppa and cake from **2:00pm**  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!



**ALDI’S KIT FOR SCHOOLS**

Do you or any of your wider family shop at Aldi?

From September 6th until November 3rd, Aldi’s Kit for Schools promotion is going to give primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for the school as well as a sports kit!

Whenever you shop in Aldi and spend over £30 they will give you Team GB athlete stickers for you to bring in to school.

To be in with a chance of winning we need to complete a poster which they have sent to us with 300 of these Team GB stickers.

Please ask all of your family to collect them and bring them into school; even if we aren’t lucky enough win the £20,000 cash prize we will receive a sports kit for free.

**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. Please don’t shout for your child to come to you as we need to be aware that your child is safe with their grown up and we are sure that you can appreciate that with a class full of children this can be challenging! We would also greatly appreciate it 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, and it can also be daunting for the children, especially the younger ones.

***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.

**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 logoRed polo shirt with logoGrey tartan kilt for girlsGrey trousers for boys Grey tights/white socks for girlsSensible 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 shortsBlack 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. |

**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 or other such illness 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 it being given at school.

**ABSENCES during term time**:

The Governing Board have agreed that authorisation **will NOT be given for ANY holidays taken in term time**.

Requests for authorised absence must be made in writing in advance of the absence. Fixed Penalty Notices can and may be issued by the Local Authority for unauthorised absences. The school has a statutory duty to monitor and challenge absences, reporting these to Local Authority.

Absences for medical or dental appointments will only be authorised if an appointment card or letter, reminder text message or evidence from the doctor/dentist is provided, and then only ½ day absence will be approved.

**Absence means missed learning.**

**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 week 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.

**Illness**

**Please call 01260 633120 *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. Children who were in Year 2 last year and are now in Year 3 now have to pay for school lunches.

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** or on-line.

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.

Marlfields is a cashless school and all payments should be made to your school on-line account.

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.

**Snack money:**

Each day we provide a snack and a drink for the children which consists of juice/milk and toast or bagel (Mon), crumpet or toast (Tue), toast (Wed), toast or cinnamon bagel (Thur), fruit (Fri) costs **£2.50 per week.** Snack money should be paid into your child’s on-line account, look under trips & Events for SNACK 19-20. 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.

Alternatively you can send your child in with their own HEALTHY snack (no chocolate, crisps etc)

**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 will be sent out later in the 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 will start week beginning 16.09.19

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| **Marlfields’ Holiday Dates 2019 -2020** |
| **Autumn Term** |  | **02.09.19 INSET DAY****03.09.2019 children in** |
| **Half** **Term** | **25.10.19** | **04.11.19 INSET DAY****05.11.19** |
| **Christmas** | **18.12.19** | **06.01.20** |
| **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** |

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**Principal’s Challenge 2019-20**

Each year I set a challenge and this year there are 20 activities for your child to complete on their ‘Activity Passport’.   We have had an assembly to introduce this to the children and they have their passports – Please note that Reception/Year 1 and Year 2 have been given out with this newsletter.  As you know challenges completed at Marlfields are rewarded. For each challenge completed and checked will be given a **£1 note from the ‘Bank of Marlfields’,** the value of which can be exchanged for a reward within school – **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT LEGAL TENDER TO SHOPS OR BANKS OUTSIDE SCHOOL – ONLY IN OUR OWN BANK HERE.**

Some of these challenges can be completed at school and some will need to be done at home.  It will be your child’s responsibility to keep this record and when they have completed five of the activities they can bring them to Mrs Isherwood to have them signed. As I have said previously, there are 20 activities for your child to complete. Activities have been suggested by the children themselves.  Should your child wish to change one of theirs, please ask them to come and see me with their suggestion.  For example you may wish to set a challenge of learning to play an instrument, learning to horse ride, win a competition, gain a Blue Peter Badge you do not have already from our previous challenge.   Tick and date activities, bring some evidence and we will be on our way.

We will remind you during the year as we set the challenge in September and they have till July to complete.  Feel free to complete them before.

Remember you as their family can help them to achieve this challenge.

**GOOD LUCK and REMEMBER there is a reward on completion of the Challenge.**

**An example of the Bank of Marlfields £1 note**

