**Marlfields**

**Newsletter**

**7TH January 2022**

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL EVERYONE, AND WISHING YOU ALL A**

**HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.**

**REMINDERS**

* On entering the school grounds via the ‘Nursery’ gate could **Nursery and Year 1** parents please keep to the **RIGHT** to allow other parents and children to walk on the LEFT to access the playground. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this. Hopefully it will avoid congestion at the gate.
* Please remember to send your child to school wearing a warm winter coat for outdoor play, suitable sturdy shoes, hat, gloves and scarf. Please ensure each item is labelled to help us if items get lost.
* If your child has school lunches provided by Dolce, please **order** their **lunch in advance** where possible. If lunches aren’t ordered the kitchen will only be able to provide your child with a sandwich.
* Be **PUNCTUAL**. School **begins** at **8:55am** and **finishes** at **3:20pm**.
* If your child is **unwell** please let the school office know as soon as possible, and certainly **before10:00am**. If we are not informed of absence, your child will receive an unauthorised absence mark; 5 days of unauthorised absence may result in **each** parent receiving a fine for non-attendance.
* Please **cancel** pre-ordered **school lunches** if your child is going to be absent or you **will be charged** for it.
* Water bottles should **ONLY** contain water.
* If you send snacks in for your child, please remember, they can only be **‘healthy’ snacks**. No chocolate or crisps. Marlfields is a **NUT-FREE** school, so again, please no snacks containing nuts.
* Full **Marlfields uniform** should be worn **at all times** unless it is P.E. Day, in which case children can wear their Marlfields tracksuit, or it is their birthday and they can be in non-uniform.

**LATEST COVID ADVICE FOR SCHOOLS**

COVID-19 infection rates throughout the country are very high and the Omicron variant is spreading rapidly. It is important that we all take steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection in the community to save lives and protect the NHS.

If you have a **positive Lateral Flow Test** (LFT) or **COVID-19**[**symptoms**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection#symptoms) you should stay at home and **self-isolate** immediately. You should [arrange to have a **PCR** test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) as soon as possible. If this PCR test result is positive, you must continue to self-isolate. **Close contacts** i.e. the rest of the family **should** **stay at home** until you have received the result of the PCR test. If your result is POSITIVE, then your close contacts must do a **daily LFT** to ensure that they are Covid free for 6 days; this is because if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 you are at significantly higher risk of becoming infected yourself.

If you do not have COVID-19 symptoms, but you have a positive PCR test result, you must stay at home and self-isolate.

LFT’s are very good at identifying people who have high levels of coronavirus and are most likely to pass on infection to others, even if you do not have symptoms.

## Symptoms

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

* a new continuous cough
* a high temperature
* a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above, even if your symptoms are mild, stay at home and [arrange to have a test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test).

There are several other symptoms linked with COVID-19. These other symptoms may have another cause and are not on their own a reason to have a COVID-19 test. If you are concerned about your symptoms, seek medical advice.

If you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine and have symptoms of COVID-19 or have received a positive test result, you should still follow this guidance. This is because it is still possible to get COVID-19 and spread it to others even if you are vaccinated.

**Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Please find below the list of extra-curricular clubs on offer this half term. Hopefully after the February half term we may be able to offer more clubs to more children (fingers crossed).

Please do not print off and send in the form, we still strive to be paperless. Either fill in the form and email it back, or if you are unable to edit the Word document sent, email us, answering the questions on the form. Each question must be answered, or the form will be returned to you.

**All of the Clubs we offer are FREE: Staff give their time freely, so there is NO charge for the clubs offered.**

**Clubs take place after school unless indicated differently. Clubs will run up to February half term.**

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| **YEAR** | **CLUB** | **DAY** | **PLACES** | **TEACHER** |
| **FS 2/Yr. 1** | **ART** | **TUESDAY** | **Limited to 15** | **Miss Langford****Mrs Boon** |
| **FS 2/Yr. 1** | **YOGA** | **THURSDAY** | **Limited to 15** | **Miss Barber** |
| **Yrs. 2/3/5** | **YOGA** | **TUESDAY LUNCHTIME** | **Limited to 15** | **Mrs Radcliffe** |
| **Yrs. 2/3/5** | **MULTI-SPORTS** | **TUESDAY** | **Limited to 20** | **Ministry4Sports** |
| **Yrs. 2/3/5** | **ARTS & CRAFTS** | **WEDNESDAY** | **Limited to 15** | **Miss Jackson** |
| **Yrs. 4/6** | **FILM CLUB** | **WEDNESDAY** | **Limited to 15** |  |
| **Yrs. 4/6** | **BOARD GAMES** | **THURSDAY** | **Limited to 15** | **Mrs Milroy** |
| **Yrs. 4/6** | **MULTI-SPORTS** | **FRIDAY** | **Limited to 20** | **Ministry4Sports** |

**As we now limit places at certain clubs, each class will therefore have a proportionate allocation;**

**if there are spare places from a year group they will be given to another year group.**

**Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. E-mailing your request will ensure this happens.**

**PLACES AT ANY OF THE CLUBS CAN ONLY BE ALLOCATED IF THE COMPLETED FORM HAS BEEN**

**E-MAILED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE:** **admin@marlfields.cheshire.sch.uk**

**We cannot accept paper replies.**

**If you are unable to edit the document, please send the answers to ALL the questions on an e-mail. Incomplete answers/sections will be sent back to you.**

**PARENTAL CONSENT FORM**

**Complete and return this form to the school office via e-mail as soon as possible.**

 **CONDITIONS: *Please read carefully*.**

1. **The school expects commitment from children once they have joined a club, and staff would expect to be told if a child is unable to attend**. ***It is the child’s responsibility to ensure that the person in charge of the club* h*as seen any notes from parents regarding non-attendance.* A verbal message from another child is not acceptable.**

**Due to the oversubscription of some club’s non-attendance for two weeks will mean your child’s place will be offered to a child on the waiting list.**

1. **A register will be taken for each session and the person taking the club will ensure that all children who**

 **have attended school are present at the club or can be accounted for.**

1. **Should a club be cancelled we will endeavour to give you as much advance warning as possible.**
2. **Parents should collect their children promptly at 4:15pm from your pod gate.**
3. **If you wish your child to walk home on his / her own, we need you to give us written permission.**

**If we do not have this written permission your child will not be released until an adult arrives to collect them.**

**Should you collect later than 4:15pm your child will be taken to further child care for which *there will be a charge*. Please note you are signing below to accept this charge of £5 per 15 minutes late.**

1. **Please let us know if someone other than yourself will be collecting your child**.

**SCHOOL CLUBS SPRING Term 2022 - PARENTAL CONSENT FORM**

 **I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **to attend the following club(s):**

**In my absence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ may collect my child.**

**Our safety question is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the answer is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact number where you can be contacted during the time your child is at the club(s): *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ parent/carer Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**I ALSO SIGN AS BEING AWARE THAT LATE COLLECTION AFTER 4.15PM WILL RESULT IN A CHARGE OF £5 FOR EVERY 15 MINUTES I AM LATE COLLECTING MY CHILD.**

**If you wish your child to walk home un-accompanied after the club finishes, please confirm below*:***

**I give permission for my child to walk home unaccompanied after the club ends.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ parent/carer Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please ensure your child is picked up on time – finish time is 4:15pm.**

**REVISED HOLIDAY LIST**

With permission from our Governor’s we have revised our Holiday List.

This year will be Queen Elizabeth II’s Platinum Jubilee, and everyone has been given an extra Bank Holiday on Friday 3rd June; however, when this takes place school is already on holiday.

The Governors have therefore decided that we will take this additional Bank Holiday at the end of the school year so you can start your summer holidays a day earlier.

School will now close for the summer holidays on **THURSDAY 21st JULY\*** rather than Friday 22nd.

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| **Academic Year 2021 – 2022** |
|  **School Opens School Closes** |
| **Autumn 1** | **01.09.2021** | **22.10.2021** |
| **Half Term** |
| **Autumn 2** | **02.11.2021** | **17.12.2021** |
| **Christmas Holidays** |
| **Spring 1** | **04.01.2022** | **17.02.2022** |
| **Half Term** |
| **Spring 2** | **28.02.2022** | **31.03.2022** |
| **Easter Holidays** |
| **Summer 1** | **19.04.2022** | **26.05.2022** |
| **Bank Holiday** | **Monday 2nd May 2022** |
| **Half Term** |
| **Summer 2** | **07.06.2022** | **21.07.2022\*** |
| **INSET Days****01.11.21, 18.02.22, 01.04.22, 27.05.22 & 06.06.22** |