

Marlfields Newsletter

25th March 2022

SCHOOL GATES

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about the opening/closing times of our school gates.

Both of the 'walking gates', the one on Waggs Road and the one leading from The Westlands are open from 8:45am and are then locked at **9:00am promptly**. They will then re-open at the end of the school day.

The driveway gates will be locked once all of the staff are on-site at **8:30am** and re-opened **at 9:15am**. If you arrive at school between these times or after the 'walking gates' are locked, please wait patiently for the driveway gates are re-opened; do not call the office for the gates to be opened as staff will be busy at this time.

EYFS DUCKLINGS

You may recall, in last week's Newsletter we told you about the duck eggs that Nursery and Reception were hatching out in an incubator as part of Science Week.

They all hatched successfully and are now growing incredibly fast.

Last weekend Miss Barber took the ducklings home with her. While they were there Miss Barber tried to teach them to swim in her bath. Five of them took to it like the proverbial "duck to water", however, one was a little unsure until the others encouraged it by showing off what fun they could have by swimming. They have now gone back to the farm.



Mrs Bennett showing the ducklings to Yr. 1

MEDIEVAL VISITOR

Earlier in the week we were treated to a visit by Goodwife Copper who showed them how people dressed, what they ate and how they lived in the Medieval times in Congleton. This is part of explaining to the children how life was in the days leading up to and beyond the granting of the Congleton Charter 750 years ago. Goodwife Cooper explained to the children that as workers in those times they wouldn't have been able to wear any bright colours such as red as that was only worn by lords and the king; the colour purple was reserved just for the king! The children were then shown the types of jobs the peasants would do to earn a penny a month.



Clothes worn then didn't have pockets. Women folded up their aprons to carry things in, such as food/sticks or cones for the fire etc.



A penny from 750 years ago.



Examples of items used for fuel and food.

SINGFEST 2022

"Out of this World"

On Tuesday Year 5 eagerly walked down to Congleton Town Hall to take part in the Love Music Trust's celebration of singing "Out of this World" with two other Congleton primary schools, Daven and Astbury.

Many parents had bought tickets to see the concert, and were entertained by the children performing the songs that they had been learning over the past few weeks.



"Betty Bear"

Today, Friday, was the turn of Year 1 to perform for their parents at the Town Hall.

The children have been rehearsing all of this half term with Sally from the Love Music Trust about Betty travelling through space.

Changing the clocks

Staff at The Queen's official residences spend over **50 hours**

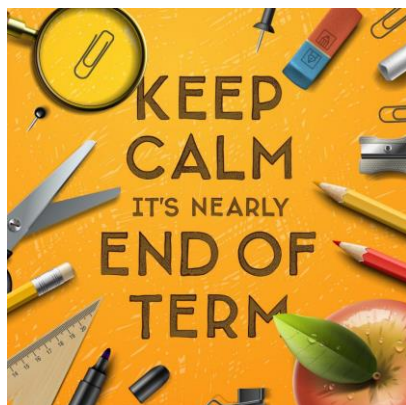
Don't forget to put your clocks forward an hour at 1am on Sunday

The idea of British Summer Time was first introduced by builder William Willett in **1907**

...he claimed it would save the country **£2.5m**

Daylight Saving Time is used by about 70% of countries

...but it wasn't adopted until **1916**



END OF TERM

We have just four school days to go before we break for the Easter holidays.

Don't forget to come to our Easter Service at Trinity Methodist Church, Wagg Street on Wednesday morning at 9:30am. Reverend Tim from Trinity came into school to hold an assembly. The children loved every minute of it. He was a laugh-a-minute and the children left the hall on a high!

Please see below the holiday dates for the rest of this academic year:

THIS 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 2 nd 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		
* additional Bank Holiday (Queen's Jubilee)		

NEXT Academic Year 2022 – 2023		
	SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHILDREN
Autumn 1	06.09.2022	21.10.2022
Half Term		
Autumn 2	31.10.2022	16.12.2022
Christmas Holidays		
Spring 1 2023	03.01.2023	16.02.2023
Half Term		
Spring 2	27.02.2023	30.03.2023
Easter Holidays		
Summer 1	17.04.2023	25.05.2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 01.05.2023	
Half Term		
Summer 2	06.06.2023	21.07.2023
INSET DAYS		
05.09.2022, 17.02.2023, 31.03.2023, 26.05.2023, 05.06.2023		