

# Marfields Newsletter

29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## **BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY**

**School is closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday.  
We will be open again on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Enjoy the weekend.**

## **D.T. LESSON AT EATON BANK**

As part of our transition work with Eaton Bank High School, half of our Year 5 class went there to enjoy a Design and Technology lesson last Friday. The children came back buzzing and so excited at the activities in which they had taken part. The other half of the class who stayed here at Marfields will have the opportunity to go and experience the same lesson in June.



## **BUY ONE GET ONE FREE LUNCH**

Thank you to those of you who came to the Key Stage 1 free lunch offered by Dolce this week. Everyone had a great time and it was wonderful to be able to have parents back in school. We have received some positive feedback on the choice and quality of the meals. We must give our thanks to Ms Roberts and her team for providing such a lovely lunch. We are looking forward to lunch next Wednesday when parents of children in Years 3, 4 and 5 are invited to join us for a free lunch (as long as your child has a 'paid' lunch). Let us know if you wish to take advantage of this offer or if you would like to find out more.

## **EASTER CLUB**

Some of the older pupils who joined us for the HAF Easter club went into Congleton to take part in the Easter trail. The first egg that we spotted was a golden one. "Enter the shop with golden eggs and treats will be waiting" was the instruction we received. We went inside and there was a small Malteser Bunny chocolate waiting for us. We completed the whole trail, finding more golden eggs for instant treats. We then put in our finished sheets in the Congleton Tourist office where we received a prize for doing so. It was such fun and we met the Easter Bunny who had his photo taken with us. We had to collect a letter from each shop and then complete an anagram. The letters from each egg spelt out "Dragons & Jousts in August at Congleton Park."





## Marlfields Primary Academy

### Parent Trustees (Governors) at Marlfields

#### Welcome to **Marlfields Primary Academy**

All parents and carers of pupils at Marlfields are eligible to stand as Parent Trustees (Governors) on the Trustee Board. Trustees' terms of office lasts for 4 years and you can remain on the Trustee Board after your child has left Marlfields Primary Academy.

This leaflet tells you all about Parent Trustees (Governors) and how you can make a difference in your child's school.

If you have any questions please call

01260 633120 or email Mrs Provis [clerktogovernors@marlfields.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:clerktogovernors@marlfields.cheshire.sch.uk) who can put you in touch with a current Trustee for you to talk to.

The Trustee (Governing) Board is responsible for both the conduct of the academy and for promoting high standards. The Trustee Board carries out its role by setting the vision for the academy and then ensuring that the academy works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the academy and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the academy, and by ensuring full accountability and compliance.

The Trustee Board of our academy comprises of Parent Trustees, Principal and Community Trustees.

**A vacancy has arisen for a Parent Trustee on our Trustee Board.**

**You should think about becoming a Trustee (Governor) if you have:**

- An interest in education and the local community.
- Time and enthusiasm.
- A readiness to work in a team.

**What do Trustees (Governors) do?**

- Governors help to provide high standards of education in schools by
  - Setting suitable aims and objectives.
  - Agreeing policies, targets and practices.
  - Monitoring progress at a strategic level.
- The Full Governing Board usually meets at least once a term in the evening.
- Committees usually meet at least once a term and report to the Full Governing Board meetings.

**The role of a Trustee (Governor):**

- Visiting and getting to know the academy.
- Working with the Principal and others as a team.
- Attending termly meetings of the Full Governing Board, usually three per year.
- Reading papers before a meeting.
- Observing confidentially.
- Sitting on at least one committee and attending the scheduled meetings.
- Commitment to attend training courses and complete online training.
- Follow Department for Education guidance, available online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/governance-handbook>

If you wish to put yourself forward as a candidate for the role of Parent Trustee please ask two other parents to propose and second your nomination.

All three of you need to complete the form below and hand it into the school office **by midday Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

	<b>Parent Nominated</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
<b>Parent's Name:</b>			
<b>Child/Children's Name/s:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<i>I agree to stand as a candidate as a Parent Governor.</i>		<i>I propose the candidate as a Parent Governor.</i>	<i>I second the candidate as a Parent Governor.</i>
<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>

**If the school receive more nominations than there are vacancies an election will be held.**

Please note that for the protection of children all trustee appointments are subject to a successful completion of a DBS check.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why do Academies have Trustee (Governing) Boards?**

To ensure pupils receive the best education possible. The Trustee Board works in partnership with the Principal, Parents and Academy Staff. The Trustee Board is part of the academies' leadership team and is responsible for planning and policy development.

### **What responsibilities do Trustee (Governors) have?**

Trustee Boards are corporate boards with powers and responsibilities defined by statute from the Department for Education and Companies House. They should act with integrity, objectivity, honesty and in the best interests of the Academy. Trustees should observe confidentiality when required, especially regarding matters concerning individual staff or pupils.

### **How long does a person serve as a Trustee (Governor)?**

A Trustee's term of office is usually 4 years; Trustees may choose to stand for re-appointment/re-election at the end of each term of office. It is possible for Parent Trustees to remain on the Trustee Board after their child has left the academy.

### **What training and support is available?**

Cheshire East Council and other companies provide training programmes, which include courses aimed at new Trustees to help them understand their role and responsibilities. Online training is also available in the form of modules. The academy provides new Trustees with an induction pack.

### **How much time is involved?**

Trustee Boards must hold a minimum of three Full Board meetings per year; one meeting per school term. There are also committees that deal with specific issues. Trustees should serve on at least one of them. Committees usually meet once or twice a term. Trustees should read all reports and papers circulated to them for each meeting. In addition to this, Trustees may volunteer their time and energies to assist the school, such as a class link or subject link Trustee.

## **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> is Mental Health Awareness Week.**

The Mental Health Partnership Board and Cheshire East Youth Council have worked together to develop a campaign on the “**5 Ways to Wellbeing**”. The campaign comprises of five activities that, where possible should be practised every day to boost wellbeing. It also offers specific activities to improve personal wellbeing for all.

Here are some examples of the activities that you, your colleagues, children and young people can take part in:

1. **Connect** - with your friends, family, neighbours and people at work. Have a conversation, pass the time of day, make time for that chat.
2. **Be Active** - find a physical activity that you enjoy, go for a walk, try gardening.
3. **Take Notice** - take the time to look at the day, the changing seasons. Savour the moment.
4. **Keep Learning** - try something new whether it's making a new recipe, fixing the bike or even signing up for a course.
5. **Give** - smile, do something nice for a friend or neighbour, make some time for others.



The activities can be independent, as part of a group or even during class time! If you would like to learn more please email [roberta.pomponio@activecheshire.org](mailto:roberta.pomponio@activecheshire.org).

### REDUCED PRICE TICKETS

We have a close relationship with the Stoke City 7's, which means that on occasion, we can get good deals on match tickets. Please see the flyer below, offering you cut-price tickets. These tickets go on sale from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 9:30am until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 4:30pm.



Two Stoke City 7's players in white and red striped jerseys are celebrating on a football pitch. The player on the left is shouting with his mouth open, and the player on the right is clapping. The background shows a large crowd of spectators in a stadium.

**STOKE CITY**

**COVENTRY CITY**

Saturday 7 May. 12.30pm Kick Off

**Adult prices £20. U18 & O65 prices £5**

Offer valid until 4:30pm on Friday 6 May. Card payments only

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