

Marlfields Newsletter

9th September 2022

Welcome to the first Newsletter of this academic year, and a very warm welcome to all the new children and staff who have joined the "Marlfields' Family".

What should have been a totally joyous first week, has been tinged with the sadness of the news yesterday of the passing of **Queen Elizabeth II**.

All staff have been briefed on how to react, should any of the children wish to talk about it. We will be using further guidance from Cheshire East when it is released.

Rest in Peace Your Majesty.



Now for some good news

During the summer holidays Miss Langford who taught Year 1 last year, and now teaches Year 2 changed her name. Her wedding was in August and she is now **Mrs. Blagg**.

We are sure you will join us in wishing her and her new husband much happiness together; we are sure that you will agree that she made a very beautiful bride. Congratulations to you both!

BLUE PETER BADGE WINNERS



During the holidays a few of our children applied for a 'Blue Peter 2022 addition Sports Badge' while attending the summer holiday club. They were successful!

To get the badge they had to try a new sport. They chose Curling! Then they had to complete the application form which included telling them about it, talking about sporting heroes they would like to see on Blue Peter and include a photo of them playing the sport. CONGRATULATIONS to them and thank you for sharing your badges with us.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

If your child took part in and completed the '**Gadgeteers' Summer Reading Challenge** at Congleton Library during the holidays, please send in their certificate so that we can photocopy them.

There will be a reward for all of those children who completed the challenge.

Well done to everyone who took part.



DINNERS

Please note that we are a 'nut free' school, due to some of our children having serious nut allergies. Please ensure that you **do not include** any **nuts** or **nut based products** when preparing your child's **packed lunch or snack**. Please note that chocolate is not a healthy snack for you to send in. Thank you for your support on this.

PUPIL DETAILS

If any details for your child have changed since you completed the Registration Pack last year e.g. house move, telephone number or emergency contact please let us know as a matter of urgency so that all of our records are kept up to date.

If you are new to the school and haven't received a form, please contact the office and they will send you one to complete. 01260 633120

SAFEGUARDING

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 of 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.

NON-ATTENDANCE

The Government desire all children to be back to and regularly attending school; if they are not we need to remind you that they may fine you if your child is not in school. Each day we have to provide absence figures to the government, so they are monitoring the situation.

ABSENCES DURING TERM TIME:

The Governing Board are following Government guidance have that authorisation **will NOT be given for ANY holidays taken in term time** unless there are exceptionally extra-ordinary circumstances.

Requests for authorised absence must be made in writing in advance of the absence. Fixed Penalty Notices can and will 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.**

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.

Following their illness, should your child be well enough to return to school, but still require antibiotics, please try to space the doses so that the medication can be given at home wherever possible.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents are reminded that Marlfields has a uniform and that children are expected to always wear this.

Uniform can be bought from DP Sportswear who are based at 50 Bromley Rd, Congleton CW12 1PT. Phone: 01260 274400.

Uniform

Red sweatshirt with logo
Red polo shirt with logo
Grey tartan kilt for girls
Dark grey trousers for boys/girls
Grey tights/white socks for girls
Sensible black school shoes (**no trainers**).

P.E. Kit:

A red T-shirt with logo
Dark, preferably Black shorts
Black pumps for indoors P.E.
Trainers for outdoors P.E.
School logo track suit for outdoor P.E. to be worn on P.E. days

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals.

Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra **£1,320** for your child's primary school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above. You can apply even if your child receives Universal Infant Free Meals.

To check if your child is eligible, you can call the Free School Meals Helpline on **0300 123 5012** and they will be able to assist you.



Put Thursday 29th September in your diary for our Coffee Morning supporting Macmillan.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES

Academic Year 2022 – 2023		
	SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN	SCHOOL CLOSES 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
<u>INSET DAYS</u> 05.09.2022, 17.02.2023, 31.03.2023, 26.05.2023, 05.06.2023		

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