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| **Marlfields’ Newsletter****13th January 2023** |

**12 ACTS OF KINDNESS WINNERS**

On last week’s newsletter we forgot to add the name of our grand prize for a £50 which was pulled for all the class entries. It was won by Sarah in Year 6. Congratulations again to all the winners and to our kind sponsor as without this help, we would not have been able to do this.

**GREGGS SUPPORT SCHEME**

As you are aware we are lucky to be supported by the Greggs Foundation for support with the current cost of living crisis. This can be in the form of beds, bedding, small kitchen appliances, washing machines and uniform support. Please let Mrs Isherwood know if you need some support and she will apply for you to the grant organisation. Please note this is open to all our families and if you have already had one then you will not be eligible for a second. If you have not had one, or are unsure if you have, please let us know if we can help you. Mrs Isherwood’s email is head@marlfields.cheshire.sch.uk.

**SATs MEETINGS for YEARS 2 & 6 - second reminder.**

We will be holding meetings for parents to explain the expectations of the Standard Attainment Tests that your child will be doing in May as part of the Department for Education requirements.

The meeting will explain the changes and discuss the support that school will be giving to your child during the build up to the tests and how you can support your child at home.

The meetings will take place in school on:

**Monday 16th January** for **Year 6** at **5:30pm** & **Monday 23rd January** for **Year 2** at **5:30pm**

We expect to be finished no later than 6:30pm. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and look at some of the new style questions that you child will be experiencing. **Please let us know whether you will be attending the meeting or not.**

**UNIFORM**

Please may we remind you that pupils’ own tracksuits should not be worn for PE days as these are not uniform. If they do not have a school PE tracksuit they are expected to come in uniform and change.

**WORLD BOOK DAY 2023**

World Book Day is in March and this year we will once again be celebrating with our ‘Readathon’ event. Information will come and we will complete the task before the day so we can celebrate our achievements on the day with an event. More information to come when are ‘Readathon’ packs have arrived, we think they are in the postal backlog!

**SWIMATHON 2023**

We said last week that we are looking for team members to join the “Marlfields Marlins” – the name we have chosen for our Rotary Club Swimathon Team 2023.

The Swimathon takes place on Saturday11th March 2023. We have been allocated 4:00pm as our swimming time. We have a couple of places still available. Let us know if you can join us by sending an email to Mrs Isherwood.

**WILLOW FUN WITH YEAR 5**

Check out our blog to see what is going on in Year 5 – a full report next week!

**FLU**

The Cheshire and Merseyside Screening and Immunisation Team are aware that uptake of the flu vaccine in 2 and 3 year olds is low this year. The UKHSA issued a press release last Friday on the latest evidence indicating that the children’s nasal flu vaccine may help reduce cases of Group A Strep - see link below:

Press release - [https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nasal-flu-vaccine-may-help-reduce-cases-of-group-a-strep](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fnews%2Fnasal-flu-vaccine-may-help-reduce-cases-of-group-a-strep&data=05%7C01%7Ccheryl.hardy%40nhs.net%7C2aa4ef6016f243a022c708dae281cc6e%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638071344344734097%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BRgbuF6ovd%2FJvwWvMXQx09amt99Da7tgTkgvLxdmzNM%3D&reserved=0)

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| **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** | **\*04.04.2023** |
| **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** |
| **Academic Year 2023 – 2024** |
|  | **SCHOOL OPENS****FOR CHILDREN** | **SCHOOL CLOSES****FOR CHILDREN** |
| **Autumn 1** | **05.09.2023** | **23.10.2023** |
| **Half Term** |
| **Autumn 2** | **01.11.2023** | **21.12.2023** |
| **Christmas Holidays** |
| **Spring 1 2024** | **08.01.2024** | **16.02.2024** |
| **Half Term** |
| **Spring 2** | **27.02.2024** | **28.03.2024** |
| **Easter Holidays** |
| **Summer 1** | **15.04.2024** | **24.05.2024** |
| **Bank Holiday** | **Monday 06.05.2024** |
| **Half Term** |
| **Summer 2** | **03.06.2024** | **23.07.2024** |
| **INSET DAYS****04.09.2023, 30.10.23, 22.12.23,** **26.2.2024 & 03.06.24** |

Parents and guardians of children aged 2 and 3 and children in a high-risk group can make an appointment through their GP surgery.

**HOLIDAY DATES 2022-23 & NEW INFORMATION FOR 2023/24**