**Marlfields**

**Newsletter**

 **4th April 2023**

**Thank you to everyone who remembered that we were not yet on holiday and came in to school for these last two days of the Spring Term. School re-opens to both staff and children for the Summer Term on Monday 17th April.**

**Easter Assembly**

Wow! Year 5 led our assembly today and it was superb! We all enjoyed the story of ‘The Three Trees’. Thank you to those of you who joined us to hear the story and listen to the fantastic singing that we heard from the whole school. I am sure you will agree with us that the children were incredible and would not have been out of place on the stage in the West End. Thank you to Mrs Gartside the Town Mayor for joining us for the event. We also say a huge ‘Thank You’ to the Friends of Marlfields for the gift of a chocolate egg for all our children today to help celebrate this lovely time of year. Thank you also to Miss Jackson, Mrs Milroy, Mrs Daley, Mr Rowe and Mrs Horton who supported the children getting ready, serving coffee and tea and helping make it a wonderful event for our last day.



**PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL DINNERS**

Dolce, our school caterers have asked us to send out the letter below.

We sincerely hope that your child is enjoying their Dolce school meals as much as we enjoy preparing and serving them. If you have any feedback on how we can improve our service, please let us know by contacting our customer care team.

Although only a small percentage of our customers use the Direct Debit facility, we have an increasing level of debt caused by failed payments that we cannot unfortunately continue to sustain. For this reason, we have made the decision to phase-out this payment option.

From w/c 21st August 2023 **ALL** existing Direct Debit accounts will be cancelled, and accounts will be set to ‘cash’ which means you can either pay online or over the telephone.

Final Collection via Direct Debit:

***1st of the month collections***:

There will be a direct debit collection on or around 04.08.2023 for meals taken 26.06.2023 to 21.07.23.

Direct debit statements may be sent, by email, slightly later than the 15th of the month. If this D/D fails, there will then be a second attempted collection on 15.08.2023.

***15th of the month collections***:

Usual collection will take place for meals taken 01.07.23 to 31.07.23.

Direct debit statements will be sent on the usual date of 01.08.23.

There will be no re-collection should this direct debit fail.

***How to make future Payments****:*

****You will be able to make a payment online by logging on to your SchoolGrid account and clicking – account - make a card payment; or by contacting customer care on 01942 707709 - option 1.

We ask that all School meal accounts are **always kept in credit**. Any meals taken will be deducted from your remaining credit. If a meal is taken with no credit on your account, a polite reminder will be sent to you by email. If a maximum of three meals has been

taken and no payment has been made, then **we will not be able to supply further school meals until the balance is cleared**. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Customer Care at Dolce.

**AND FINALLY….**

At the end of a term, we always say ‘Goodbye and Good Luck’ to those who are leaving us for new grounds and a welcome to those who will be joining us in the Summer term. Let us hope that this break will allow all of us to shake off these illnesses we have all been suffering with.