



MARLFIELDS NEWSLETTER

3rd July 2023



**WITH THE HEATWAVE LOOKING POSSIBLY RETURNING, PLEASE REMEMBER
SUN CREAM, BOTTLES OF WATER AND A SUN HAT.**

We do, of course, limit the time the children have outside in the sun throughout the day.

**HOWEVER, PLEASE ALSO SEND IN A COAT, SEEING AS THE WEATHER IS VERY, VERY
CHANGEABLE!**

STRIKE DAYS

As you may be aware there are two teacher strike days organised for Wednesday and Friday (5th & 7th July). **School will be open on both days**, obviously they will be different school days regarding what the children will be doing during the day, but whatever we do will be fun **and** educational.

If you decide to keep your child at home on the strike days, **please let us know** so that we can mark the register with the appropriate code. Absences on strike days are marked as '**unauthorised**' if it is parental choice to keep their child at home even though school is open.

GREEN FLAG AWARD

We have just had confirmed our renewal of our Eco Green Flag, and this is what the assessors said....

We hope you and your Eco-Committee take great pride in your achievement, when listed it's surprising how many there are – however, the improvements to your school environment with the sheer range and ambition of the projects that you took on and, most of all, your superb charity work and fantastic Tatton show garden (we loved those) all nicely stand out! Congratulations to everyone for the great work you have managed to do, earning your Green Flag with Distinction in style. You should all be very proud of your work and the application you have submitted!

As you know all this hard work is not done without teamwork from the pupils, staff, and parents who get involved. A huge '**Thank You**' to all as we were the first school in Congleton to achieve the Eco Green Flag back in 2004 and have been successfully renewing each year since then. The flag which we have now been awarded to now have this with 'Distinction'. If you are a parent who would like to join us on this team, give us a call it is fun and friendly and as you can see the work we do is seen as groundbreaking! If you would like to see the full report, we have put it on our website on our Eco page.

OUTSTANDING DEBTS

As we are coming to the end of the year there are several parents who have debts that need paying off before we close. Our academy financial year closes on 31st August and any outstanding debts at this time may be forwarded for collection. Please if you know you have money outstanding to both the school, or Dolce, make contact with us before the end of term.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CLUB

We have a holiday club running in the first four weeks of the holiday. **Monday to Thursday 9:00 – 1:00pm with lunch provided.** Lots will be going on and all our children are welcome. There are free places and subsidised places, and fully paid places. Please let school know if you are interested in this – please use it or we will lose the funding given to support families. Give us a call and we can help make the holidays fun and not expensive at this cost-of-living time we find ourselves in. Our supportive staff will be giving you a call to follow up this but please be first and put your names down on the list. Days can be booked to suit your planned holidays as you do not need to attend all sessions, just ones that meet your need. Any questions give us a call in the office.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

It is that time of year – again give us a call as we have available grants for families to support this and pre-loved uniform on our shelves. Get them this side of the holidays so that you are ready to go in September when we return.

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 guaranteed 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 school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities for your child.

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.

RAGS2RICHES FOR SCHOOLS

Don't forget to clear out your wardrobes, drawers and cupboards and fill in the bags that we sent home a few weeks ago with your unwanted clothing items.

If you didn't receive a bag or have lost it simply use a black bin bag to bring your items in or call in at the office where we have a few spare bags to give out.

We get paid for the weight of the clothing, so any amount, small or large will be most welcome.

All proceeds raised will go towards providing extras for the children.

Please note that this is an event organised by The Friends of Marlfields.

Bags are being collected on Wednesday morning.

And finally



Congratulations to Kira and Ryan Corfield for completing the Race for Life, and more importantly for raising the fantastic amount of almost £300 for Cancer Research.

Well done, you two.
We are very proud of you both!