Marlfields' Newsletter

6th October 2023

CURLING

This week we entered a few children into an inter-school Curling competition; this is something that they haven't done before. Despite this they all played the best that they could and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you Esmé, holden, Reece and Ruby for representing Marlfields in an unknown to you sport, we are so proud of you all.





P.E. KITS

We need to keep pressing this point. Please remember to send in your child's P.E. kit each Monday morning and leave it in school, only taking it home to be washed at the end of the week. If you need help with kit, please just ask.

P.E. is an important part of the school curriculum, and we like to get the children outdoors or in the hall as often as possible, which we sometimes can't do as many children don't have their kit with them, some not even on their P.E. days.

HEALTH

As is usual at this time of year there are many bugs and infections doing the rounds.

If you think your child **may** be coming down with something, don't keep them at home, send them in to school (sometimes being with their friends makes them feel better) and we will keep our eye on them. If they should worsen at any part of the day, you are all usually only a phone call away.

Children only get one chance at education in these early informative years and need to attend school every day – let's make the most of it and get them in!

Head Lice are doing the rounds again. They are showing up in every year group. Please take the time over the weekend to thoroughly check your child's hair for evidence of nits or live lice and if seen, seek advice from a pharmacist and treat the whole family accordingly.

CHILDREN REVIEWS (Formerly known as Parents Evening Meetings)

Since the start Covid-19 we have held these meetings over the phone with individual parents and would like to continue to do so. We have found this to be a more time efficient way to hold the meetings with the added bonus of parents/carers not having to come out at night or to have to find a babysitter.

This term the meetings will take place on **Monday 16th October** between **3:30 – 5:30pm** and **Wednesday 18th October** between **5:00 – 7:00pm**, each phone call will last for a **maximum** of **10 minutes**.

This year for the first time, we will be using the Parents Evening module on Tucasi. Those of you who weren't already registered had an email earlier this week inviting them to register on Tucasi which can also be used to pay for school trips and other things too. If you haven't registered or are having problems with doing so, please let us know and we will resend you the link.

This module will become 'live' the middle of next week, and you will be able to make your own appointment.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

It's coming to that time of year when we start planning for events leading up to Christmas. We will send more information of the events to you nearer the time.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday 12 th December	1:30pm	Years 3 – 6 Christmas Production
Wednesday 13 th December	1:30pm	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Production
Thursday 14th December	9:30am	Christingle
	Lunch-time	Children's Christmas Dinner
Monday 18 th December	9:30am	Santa Run
Tuesday 19 th December	1:45 – 5:00pm	EYFS/Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Surprise
Wednesday 20 th December	9:30am	EYFS Christmas Production
Thursday 21st December	1:00 – 5:30pm	Years 3 – 6 Christmas Surprise

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES

The next school holiday is just 2 weeks away. The **last day** in school is **Friday 20th October**, and the children **return** to school on **Tuesday 31st October**. Monday 30th October is an INSET Day.

HOLIDAY DATES Academic Year 2023 - 2024				
TERM	SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHILDREN		
Autumn 1	05.09.2023	20.10.2023		
HALF TERM				
Autumn 2	31.10.2023	21.12.2023		
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS				
Spring 1 2024	08.01.2024	16.02.2024		
Spring 2	27.02.2024	28.03.2024		
EASTER HOLIDAYS				
Summer 1	15.04.2024	24.05.2024		
HALF TERM				
Summer 2	04.06.2024	23.07.2024		
INSET DAYS				
04.07.2023 30.10.2023 22.12.2023				
26.02.2024 03.06.2024				

Haunted Halloween Trail



Keep the children entertained over the October half term, with a Haunted Halloween Trail

21-29 October 2023

The trail has been designed by the Town Council with support from local traders.

Pick up a leaflet from the Town Hall, or download at home, then walk around the town centre looking for Pumpkin Posters in shop windows.

Write down the letters, which will spell out a phrase.

Hand your form back into the Information Centre to claim you Halloween treat.

Look out for scary skulls on some posters, these shops have spooky treats inside!

Witchy Wednesday



25 October 2023 11am - 2pm

In the Town Hall

Pumpkin Carving (£1 per child)
Fancy Dress Competition
Creepy Crafts, Spooky Music
Scary Cake Decorating and
Face Painting – donations to
Pancreatic Cancer

