

13/09/2024



Marlfields Primary Academy

Where Children Come First



A message from
Mrs Rourke.....

This week has been jammed packed with so much learning - it has certainly flown by!

As the spotlight shows, our pupil leadership teams are up and running and I look forward to seeing the impact these teams will have on day-to-day life at Marlfields in the coming months. They have already been involved in making suggestions for the clubs that will be on offer from 23rd September. Have a look at the letter that has come home today and sign up for one of our new exciting clubs by Wednesday.

We are very pleased to announce the launch of a brand new PTFA at Marlfields (more details on page 6). Please come along to find out more. We are also looking forward to welcoming you to two lovely parent events over this half term - the Harvest service at St. Peter's Church and the Macmillan coffee event here in school. There is also a drop-in session for EYFS parents demonstrating how to use the 'Evidence Me' app so that you can enjoy your child's learning at the click of a button!

Thank you to those who have sent their consent and pupil information forms back in. These are very important so please return them to the office next week.

Hopefully today's lovely sunshine will continue over the weekend, best wishes,

Mrs Rourke and the Marlfields Staff Team

Important dates coming soon...

27.09.24	Macmillan Coffee Morning
04.10.24	Harvest Celebration
07.10.24	Parents Evening 3:30—5:30
08.10.24	Parents Evening 5:00—7:00
23.10.24	Year 4 Class Assembly & EnteBluebellrise
25.10.24	BREAK FOR HALF TERM
04.11.24	Inset Day (no children in school)
05.11.24	Children return to school
11.11.24	Anti-Bullying Week starts
	Year 4 Multiplication Workshop: 1:45 & 5:30pm
26.11.24	Year 3 Class Assembly & EnteBluebellrise
10.12.24	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play 1:30pm
12.12.24	Reception Class Christmas Play 9:30am
20.12.24	Close for Christmas

Class	Attendance
Reception	98.61%
Class 1	96.08%
Class 2	95.06%
Class 3	95.47%
Class 4	98.72%
Class 5	94.77%
Class 6	93.59%
Bluebell	80.00%



This Week's winner
is:

Class 4

Our whole school attendance target is 95.61%.

This week our school attendance was **94.04%**

READING AT HOME

Learning to read is really important for all of our children in order for them to read to learn.

We teach reading and phonics frequently in school and would be really grateful if you could hear your child read at home as often as you can. 5 minutes each day followed by a discussion about what has been read, will make a HUGE difference.

We will be setting up reading at home charts in school and will also be awarding a Reader of the Week certificate in our celebration assembly each Friday.

If you have any school reading books at home please could you return them as soon as possible.





MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



Bring your pennies and join us for an afternoon of tea, coffee and cake to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

This event will take place on the afternoon of **Friday 27th September** in two sittings to enable us to accommodate everyone comfortably.

Parents and relatives are invited to come into the school hall to buy and enjoy refreshments with their child.

Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception), Year 1 and 2 parents and relatives are invited to join us from 2:30pm-3pm.

Please do not ask to collect older siblings to join you, as their slot is at the end of the day.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents and relatives are invited to join us from 3:20pm-4pm — younger siblings may attend this sitting.

For a £1 donation, your child can come into school on this day wearing green and white, the colours of Macmillan.

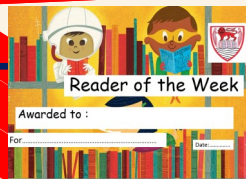
Any donations of cakes or sweet treats (no nuts) will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at school during the week beginning **23rd September**. Please send these in with your child or leave them at a collection point in the entrance hall.

If you would prefer, you can make a donation by clicking on the link below:

[Macmillan Cancer Support - JustGiving](#)

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Rewards and Celebrations



Bluebell: Peter Malbon

Reception : Rey Mitchell-Taylor

Year 1: Olivia Vishnu Prakash

Year 2: Georgia Williamson

Year 3: Ebenezer Vishnu Prakash

Year 4: Jack Collingwood

Year 5: Isabella Mills



Bluebell: Sam Trevers

Reception: Penelope Leake

Year 1: Oonagh Williams

Year 2: Darcey Rosson

Year 3: Ellie Morrison

Year 4: Beatrix Williams

Year 5: Jeremiah Caines

Year 6: Esmé Bailey

Bluebell: Patrick Cullen

Reception: Emma Goodwin

Year 1: Taron Lanigan

Year 2: Harry Timpson

Year 3: Hamilton Frost

Year 4: Freddie Gough

Year 5: Lanah Matthews

Year 6: Ethan Brown

Bluebell: Luke Heathcote

Reception: Ioan Griffiths

Year 1: Steven Cooke

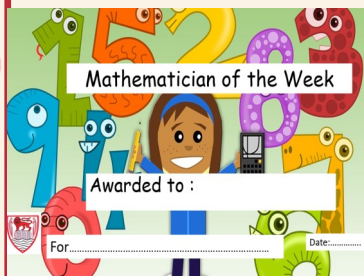
Year 2: Bobby Laud

Year 3: Nellie House

Year 4: Olly Morrison

Year 5: Elliot Rosson

Year 6: Tilly Davies



This week our House Team winner are.....

Yellow Team with 329 points

PE

PE days are as follows for our classes and lessons begin next week commencing Monday 9th September 2024.

EYFS - Monday

Year 1- Wednesday and Friday

Year 2 - Monday and Friday

Year 3 - Thursday

Year 4 - Tuesday

Year 5 - Monday and Thursday

Year 6 – Tuesday and Wednesday

On the allocated days set out above we would like children to come into school in their PE kit. This would be their school polo shirt and sweatshirt with either black joggers, leggings or shorts. No fashion/ branded tops etc will be allowed.

Normal sports trainers can be worn but not fashion trainers such as wedged/ heeled trainers or converse. This will allow us to increase the time spent in PE sessions and improve accessibility for all.

Any questions please speak to a staff member at the door at drop off and pick up time.

Swimming

Here at Marlfields we recognise that swimming is a life skill and to demonstrate this the school has funded weekly lessons this term on a Wednesday afternoon for **Year 3 and 4** pupils at Congleton Leisure Centre. The aim for the school is that by the time they leave school all children can:

- *swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- *use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- *perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

The children will be walking down to the leisure centre, so please ensure your child comes to school with a coat and suitable shoes.

For the lessons they will need a full swimming kit and a towel in a bag. They will also need a hair bobble to tie hair back or a swimming hat if you have one. Please remember to leave earrings and jewellery at home.

After a review of last year's arrangements, it has been agreed that the children will walk back to school ready to be picked up at the end of the day as normal.

If we feel your child will need to be collected from the pool by a parent, a member of staff will be in touch with you directly. If not all Year 3 and 4 pupils must be collected as normal from the school yard.

VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor.

The position is term time only for 1 hour 15 mins per day with an hourly rate of £11.50 (Grade 2 Scale point 9)

If you are interested or know someone who may be, then please call the school office on 01260 633120 for an application pack.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people / vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This position is subject to a criminal records check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly CRB) which will require you to disclose details of all unspent and unfiltered spent reprimands, formal warnings, cautions and convictions in your application form.

ASDA - CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

From 2nd September to 30th November 2024, ASDA will be donating 0.5% of customers' total spends to their chosen local primary school via ASDA REWARDS. This doesn't affect the amount in the customer's Cashpot, but is an additional donation by ASDA to support local communities.

If you don't already have a school selected please add Marlfields Primary School CW12 4BT to your Cashpot list.

It means additional funds for our school whilst you sweep up and down the wide aisles of Asda choosing what to buy for tea!



The graphic features a green box on the left with the text "you scan, WE DONATE ££s TO SCHOOLS." in white and yellow. To the right is a photo of a family shopping in an Asda store. Below this is a white box with the title "Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools" and three numbered steps: 1. Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app, 2. Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com, and 3. Asda does the rest. At the bottom, it states that once opted in, £1 will be added to the school's cashpot, and each school will receive an additional £50. Download links for the App Store and Google Play are provided.

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Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

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- 1**
Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app
Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.
- 2**
Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com
Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.
- 3**
Asda does the rest
The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.
Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

Download on the **App Store** GET IT ON **Google Play**

CARE CLUB

Thank you to our wonderful children who this week voted to select a name for our before and after school club. The winning name was "LIONS CLUB". Our Lions Club is open from 8:00a.m.- 8.45 a.m. and from 3.15 p.m. - 6:00p.m. every week day. Pupils are provided with a breakfast or light meal and prices are:

Provision	Times	Cost	Late Booking Cost
Breakfast Club	8:00am to 8:45am	£5.50 per session (£5.00 for siblings)	£7.00
After School Club	3:15pm to 6:00pm	£10.50 per session (£10 for siblings)	£12.00

If you would like further information on either of these clubs, or would like your child to attend please email the office, admin@marlfields.cheshire.sch.uk

Look out for our Newsletter Spotlight next week for pictures of our new room and facilities.

CONSENT AND PUPIL INFORMATION FORMS

As we start the new academic year we are sending out to you paper copies of new Pupil Information Sheets.

Please can I urge you to fill them in and return them as soon as possible so that we can check we have all of your details in case of an emergency.

Please note government guidance states we must have details for at least two contacts for every child so please ensure these are provided.



**Calling all parents & carers who
would like to join our PTFA...**

Whether you have exciting ideas, a business that can support fundraising or just the odd spare hour here and there – ***WE NEED YOU!***

All parents, carers, friends and family of Marlfields are welcome to join.

No commitment is too big or too small, every little really does help.

Our aim is to raise valuable funds for the children of Marlfields and, in doing so, offer enriching resources and fun events such as bingo, themed discos, ice-cream treats at sports days, Christmas gifts, film nights, school fairs and so much more!

Please come along to the school office on **Thursday 26th September at 9:00am or 5:30pm** depending on your commitments if you would like to help us out with our quest.

We look forward to seeing you for an informal chat about our new & exciting PTFA.

Mrs Blagg, Miss Brookes
& Mrs Horton



**Is your child in
Early Years?**

Then we would like to invite you to one of our drop-in sessions to find out about our **NEW** app!

It will capture your child's learning experiences in school and share them with you with just one click of a button.

**Please join us on Tuesday
24th September**

at either

3:30pm or 5:00pm

where we will set you up with Parent Share access.

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LUNCH ORDERING

The way that you order lunches has now changed. From 24.09.24 **ALL** orders must be made on SCOPAY. No need to e-mail in each week! You will now be ordering Tuesday—Monday, and not Monday to Friday on a 3-week rolling programme.

Monday 23rd Spaghetti Bolognese or Macaroni Cheese (already ordered)

Tuesday 24th Beef Dinner or Cheese & Onion Pie

Wednesday 25th Pork Meatballs or Pasta in Tomato & Basil Sauce

Thursday 26th Corned Beef Hash or Cauliflower Cheese

Friday: 27th Breaded Cod or Cheese Omelette & Chips

Monday 30th Beef Cottage Pie or Vegetarian Cottage Pie

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Tuesday 1st Oct.      Chicken Goujons or Pasta in Tomato & Basil Sauce

Wednesday 2nd      Beef Chilli Con Carne or Vegetarian Chilli Con Carne

Thursday 3rd      Sausages or Jacket Potato, Beans & Cheese

Friday 4th      Fish Fingers or Cauliflower & Broccoli Pasta

Monday 7th      Beef Lasagne or Vegetable Lasagne

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Tuesday 8th Sausage Roll or Jacket Potato, Beans & Cheese

Wednesday 9th Roast Chicken or Pasta in Tomato & Basil Sauce

Thursday 10th Chicken Korma or Cauliflower, Spinach & Lentil Curry

Friday 11th Fish Fingers or Vegetarian Sausage

Monday 14th Spaghetti Bolognese or Macaroni Cheese



HARVEST FESTIVAL

As Autumn draws closer we would like to invite you all to our
'Harvest Celebration Service'.

This will be held at St Peter's Church, Congleton on Friday 4th October. We are aiming to start our service at 9.30a.m. and it should be finished by 10.00am.

Leading up to our Celebration Service we will be collecting items to donate to the
Storehouse Foodbank in Congleton.

You will be able to drop off any items at our collection point in the school entrance hall or send them into school with your child.

Please see the message from Storehouse Foodbank and a list of suggested items for donation ideas at the end of this newsletter.



Harvest 2024



Thank you for supporting our food bank with your school harvest this year. We really appreciate your donations and without the help from our local school we would not be able to continue to provide food parcels to families and individuals who need our service. Below is a list of suggested items for the children to bring and donate.

Tuna	Beans	Potatoes (tinned)
Pasta	Pasta sauce	Tinned tomatoes
Tinned fruit	Tea bags	Rice pudding
Tinned pasta	Tinned Veg	Packet rice
Packet noodles	Rice	Hotdogs
Custard	Soup	Jam
Corned beef	Tinned ham	Biscuits
Crisps	Chocolate	Sweets



Everyone at Marlfields are Leaders

Head Boy and Girl

Our head boy, girl and their deputies represent the children in the school.



School Council

Our Eco council are role models who champion looking after our environment.



Marlfield Marvels

Our Marlfields Marvels are there to make children feel safe and heard.

PARKING

Two weeks into the term and we have already received complaints about parents' parking, both on Waggs Road and The Westlands.

Some parents are parking over driveways which means that residents are unable to access their properties, and when asked to move some parents are being abusive and refuse to move.

We politely ask that at drop off or pick up times, that everyone parks at the side of the road considerately, wherever that may be.



HOLIDAY DATES

CHILDREN IN SCHOOL CLOSURES

Term	Start Date	End Date		
Autumn 1	03.09.24	25.10.24		
Half Term				
Autumn 2	04.11.24	20.12.24		
Christmas Holidays				
Spring 1	06.01.25	14.02.25		
Half Term				
Spring 2	25.02.25	04.04.25		
Easter Holidays				
Summer 1	22.04.25	23.05.25		
Half Term				
Summer 2	03.06.25	22.07.25		
INSET DAYS				
02.09.24	04.11.24	06.01.25	24.02.25	02.06.25

Have a Nice
Weekend