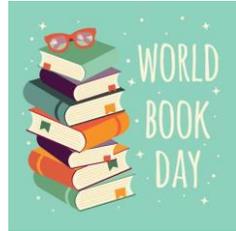


# Marlborough Primary Academy School News

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**World Book Day** – A huge well done to everyone for taking part in World Book Day. It was great to see everyone either in their pyjamas or their costumes. We spent the afternoon exploring books and undertaking some fun activities linked to reading.



really does make a difference.

### **Reading Books and Diaries**

– Please continue to try to find time to read with your child every day at home. The session does not need to be too long – 10 minutes is a good length. Thank you for your on-going support – it

### **Chicks in Little Oaks**



– Have you heard the chirping of tiny chicks? If so, then it is coming from Little Oaks. We have had eggs in an incubator and they are now hatching which is causing much excitement across the school. The children in Little Oaks have loved watching the chicks slowly hatch out of the egg and then watched as they dry out and fluff up.

**National Trust Project** – Last year, as part of the pupil survey, the children told us that they wanted hedging around the site. They felt it would make the site look greener and be more sustainable. As a result of this, the children in Sycamore and Beech class are going to be working with the National Trust to plant some hedging around our site on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. As part of the afternoon they will undertake a plant workshop. You will receive more information about what your child will need to wear closer to the day.



**Parents' Evenings** – These will be happening towards the end of March. Please do make a note of the dates in your diary:



Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

These are important opportunities for

you to talk to your class teacher about how your child is doing and have the chance to look through their work.



**Attendance** - Our current attendance is **93.8%**. We are **below** the national expectation of 94%. It is really important that your child(ren) are in school, on

time, every day.

The class with the best attendance for the last two weeks is **Maple Class**. Well done!

**Absence through illness**. We understand and appreciate that children can become ill and that it is not always easy to decide as to whether to send them into school or not. To help you with this decision we have devised a useful reference guide:

**RED - STAY AT HOME** Sickness & Diarrhoea - 48 hours must have elapsed before a child can return to school from the last episode. Covid symptoms

**AMBER - SEEK ADVICE** Headache, Feeling Sick, Tummy Ache. Children often feel unwell if they are anxious, so if in doubt contact the school for advice

**GREEN - COME TO SCHOOL** Mild cough, Cold, Sore Throat, Feeling Tired. We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day

If your child is too ill to attend school, please let us know via the absence line. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school.



**Red Nose Day** – This is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate we will all be wearing mufti. We are asking for a £1.00 donation towards this worthy cause. The kitchen will be selling biscuits for 50p each.

**Class Photos** – These will be happening on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.



**End of Term** – The spring term will finish on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at the usual time of 3.15pm.

**Polling Day Closure** – We will be closed to all the children on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May with the exception of children in Y6.

## **Website**

Please do look at our website on a regular basis as we do keep it up-to-date. The address is:  
[www.marlborough.plymouth.sch.uk](http://www.marlborough.plymouth.sch.uk)

## **Dates for Your Diary**

Please do keep an eye on the diary dates but be aware they may be subject to change.

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Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Break for Easter

## **EASTER BREAK**

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April – Return to school  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Polling Day closure  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs week (Beech class)  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May – Break for half term

## **HALF TERM**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Return to school  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Y4 table check (Sycamore class)  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 & Y2 phonics screen (Maple class)  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June – Whole school sports afternoon  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July – Annual report to parents  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July – Whole school picnic 2pm  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July – Break for the summer holiday

## **SUMMER BREAK**