

Marlborough Primary Academy School News

www.marlborough.plymouth.sch.uk/website

Issue 2

22nd September 2023

Achievers Assembly – We have changed the way that we do the weekly achievers assembly on a Friday afternoon. One of our key improvements is to invite the parents/carers in of the children who have been selected as achiever of the week by their teacher. If you receive an invite then please do come and enjoy the moment of success with your child.



Reading at Marlborough – We are working hard to ensure that every child can

leave Marlborough being able to read and love reading.

In terms of teaching children to learn to read:

- 1) We use Read, Write Inc (RWI) phonics programme – last summer 88% of our Y1 children achieved the phonic check which is above the national average
- 2) Have skilled, trained adults listen to all children read regularly
- 3) Use Reading Masters with children in Y1 to Y6 to give them a wide range of reading materials using these to develop key reading skills (inference, comprehension and deduction).
- 4) Place all children onto Accelerate Reader once they have completed the RWI phonics programme.
- 5) Make use of online tutoring and Reading Unlocked if additional support is required.

Phonics

In terms of teaching children to love to read:

- 1) The class teacher reads aloud to the children everyday so that they can hear a story over time
- 2) Take the children to our wonderful school library at least once per fortnight
- 3) Take children to the local library at least half termly
- 4) Have books on display and around school that will interest and engage the children
- 5) Talk positively to the children about the joy of reading
- 6) Stories are used in assemblies to develop key themes again giving them exposure to stories being read aloud.



We hold these each term so that you have an opportunity to look at your child's work, talk to the class teacher about their learning and find out what they need to do next to improve. The dates for this term are:

Tuesday 17th October (3.30 – 5.30pm)
Thursday 19th October (3.30 – 5.30pm)

We will shortly be in touch to make an appointment time with you – more information will be available soon.



Attendance - Our current attendance is **95.6%**. We are **below** the national expectation of 96%. It is really important that your

child(ren) are in school, on time, every day.

Did you know that not being in school can affect your child's learning and progress not just this year, but until they leave school!

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



Safeguarding - If you have any concerns or worries about your child or any child in school, you can talk to our Safeguarding Team.

Our team is made up of three staff (Mr. Dore, Mrs. Perez and Mrs. Green). They can be easily identified around school as they wear a yellow lanyard so they stand out from other staff.

What is a DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead)? - A Designated Safeguarding Lead is the person who has responsibility for ensuring the Academy Trust and School's safeguarding policy is followed.

What does a DSL do? - The role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead and their deputies:

- Make sure all staff are aware how to raise safeguarding concerns
- Ensure all staff understand the signs of child abuse and neglect
- Make referrals to social care

- Monitor children who are the subject of child protection and child in need plans
- Maintain accurate and secure child protection records

You will also be able to see us at the gates either in the morning or the afternoon or you can contact the school office and ask to speak with one of us.

Our doors are always open and we are here to help and support all our children and families – please do contact us if you have any concerns or worries.



Harvest Festival - We will be having a Harvest Festival assembly on **Monday 9th October**. We will be supporting a local food bank who help to support families with essential food packages. Please help us by bringing in an item or two from the list below.

Thank you.

Tinned foods such as:- Potatoes – Carrots – Peas – Sweetcorn – Tomatoes – Fruit – Rice Pudding – Soup – Meat – Tuna

Packet foods such as :- Cereal – Tea – Sweet biscuits - Savoury biscuits/crisps – Instant rice/pasta/noodles

Other items such as:- Pasta sauce – Curry sauce – Ketchup – Mayonnaise – Jam/Marmalade

Updating contact information – Please do keep us informed if you have changed any of your contact details. It is important that we are able to contact you should we need to.

Census Day –

You may not be aware but each term the Department for Education do a census for every school. The census is used to inform and establish what our budget will be. One of the measures they collect, is how many children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 take up the hot free school meal. This data is then used to give us money, however, we are not getting as much money as we could as not enough children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 are having the free school meal.

We would like to ask that all parents in FS2, Y1 and Y2 book for their child to have a free school meal on **Thursday 5th October** – if all families did this the school would receive additional funding. This additional funding would make a real difference to us.

Website

Please do look at our website on a regular basis as we do keep it up-to-date. The address is: www.marlbrough.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.

Thurs 5th Oct – Census Day

Tues 17th Oct – Parents' Evening (3.30-5.30pm)

Thurs 19th Oct – Parents' Evening (3.30-5.30pm)

Fri 20th Oct – Break for half term

HALF TERM

Mon 30th Oct – Return to school

Mon 13th Nov – Anti-Bullying week 'Make a noise'

Tues 12th Dec – Nativity 9.30am

Wed 13th Dec – Nativity 9.30am

Tuesday 19th Dec – Class parties pm

Tues 19th Dec – Break for Christmas

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Wed 3rd Jan – Return to school

Thurs 8th Feb – Break for half term

HALF TERM

Mon 19th Feb – Return to school

Thurs 7th Mar – World Book Day

Tues 26th Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

Thurs 28th Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

Thurs 28th Mar – Break for Easter

EASTER BREAK

Mon 15th April – Return to school

Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday

Mon 13th May – Y6 SATs week (Beech class)

Fri 24th May – Break for half term

HALF TERM

Mon 3rd June – Return to school

Mon 3rd June – Y4 table check (Sycamore class)

Mon 10th June – Y1 & Y2 phonics screen (Maple class)

Fri 21st June – Whole school sports afternoon

Fri 12th July – Annual report to parents

Tues 16th July – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

Wed 17th July – Y6 LOfavers' Assembly 9.30am

Wed 17th July – Whole school picnic 2pm

Thurs 18th July – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

Fri 19th July – Break for the summer holiday

SUMMER BREAK