

# Marlborough Primary Academy School News

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## Sycamore and Willows trip to the theatre

— The children recently went to the theatre and had a wonderful time watching the performance of 'Pinocchio' at the Theatre Royal. They behaved really well and we received many comments from the staff and other adults – well done everyone.

**Breakfast Club and After School Club** – We have recently moved both Breakfast Club and After School Club into the hall. These are both available to all parents should you wish your child to attend.

Breakfast Club begins at 7.45am and costs £2.00. Your child will receive a breakfast of bagel, cereals and fruit with the opportunity to take part in a range of well planned activities.



After School Club begins at 3.15pm and ends at 5.00pm. Each session costs £5.00 per child. The club has recently introduced new indoor and outdoor activities. The children are provided with healthy snacks. It is a great environment for the children to mix across all year groups, helping them to develop their social skills by playing, sharing and learning new skills together.

*How do I book my child onto either Breakfast Club or After School Club? Contact the school office and they will be happy to help you.*

**Attendance** – Our current attendance is **94.87%**. We are **below** the national expectation of 96%. It is really important that your child(ren) are in school, on time, every day.



'Every child, in school, everyday'

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

**SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)** – At Marlborough Primary Academy, all children matter and we are interested in the whole child. We are an inclusive school that looks to ensure the wellbeing of children with additional needs is catered for through our SEND support, Key Adult and ELSA resources.

The SEND Code of Practice identifies four different areas of need:

- **Communication and interaction** – that is, children find communicating and understanding language difficult. This may be due to a specific language difficulty or condition such as autism, pragmatic difficulties (understanding social situations) or sensory processing disorder.

- **Cognition and learning** – that is, children have learning difficulties that mean they are not able to learn basic numeracy or literacy skills. A child with specific learning difficulty (SpLD) may have difficulty with one or more aspects of learning. This includes a range of conditions such as dyslexia (difficulties with reading and spelling); dyscalculia (maths); dyspraxia (co-ordination) and dysgraphia (writing). Children with severe learning difficulties may also have difficulties in acquiring basic skills in any area and this may also impede their physical development.
- **Social, mental and emotional health** – that is, children that have severe difficulties in managing their emotions or behaviour. They can include low mood and problems of conduct.
- **Sensory and/or physical** – that is, children with physical or sensory disabilities which affect their ability to access the environment or learning. This may include visual or hearing impairment, cerebral palsy or congenital conditions, injury or disease.

If you are concerned or worried about your child and think they may require some additional support then please ask to speak with Mrs. Hackworthy.

**Behaviour Management** – As you know we have our TREAT values in school which support the children in making the right choices about their behaviour. As an additional incentive and to acknowledge the very good learning attitudes shown by the children I will be handwriting a postcard home once a fortnight. This means that one child from each of the classes will receive one of our 'well done' postcards – if your child receives one please do praise and congratulate them.

**Lunchtimes** – In order to ensure that all children have a good lunchtime we operate a split system. This means that all the children in Willows and Maple class eat their lunch together from 12.00 until 12.20. Whilst, Sycamore and Beech class come in for their lunch from 12.25 until 12.45. The children must remain in the hall for the full 20 minute session so we can ensure that they are eating their lunch. Operating in this way means that the children are not all together on the playground giving them more space to play with their friends.



**Naming Uniform** – Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. We accrue a lot of lost property during the year, and it is impossible to reunite items with their owner if items are not named. Thank you.



**PE Kit/Uniform** – Thank you for ensuring your children look smart in their uniforms. It is great to see the children in their school PE kit too! Please remember that football kits/other sports clothing are not to be worn for PE. The children should be in their school PE kit which is dark blue/black/grey leggings or shorts and a white top. When

going outside for PE they can wear their school jumper over the white top.

**End of Day Gates Closing** – At the end of the school day the main playground gates will close at 3.25pm. If you are held up and arrive after this point go straight to the main reception to collect your child. Children will remain with their class teachers/school adults either on the playground or in their class until 3.25pm when they will then be taken to the office.

**Safer Internet Day** – We will be taking part in this on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, with thousands of people across other schools in the UK. The focus will be about talking to children about how to make the internet a great and safe place.

All parents and adults are encouraged to speak with children about how to stay safe online. If you want some help and guidance please look on our websie or go to [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk) where you will find some really useful resources.

**Website**- Please do look at our website on a regular basis as we do keep it up-to-date

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**Dates for Your Diary** (Please note these dates may change)

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> February – Break for Half Term

#### HALF TERM

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – School Inset Day  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Children return to school  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar – World Book Day  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Class photos  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Comic Relief Mufti Day  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Mar – Fire Service visiting  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Mar – Mothers Day Lunch  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar – Easter Bonnet and Egg Challenge  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar – Break for Easter

#### EASTER BREAK

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April – Return to school  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> April – St. George's Day Parade and Picnic  
Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday (School closed)  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> May – Polling Day (School closed)  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Bank Holiday (School closed)  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATs week  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May – Break for Half Term

#### HALF TERM

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 swimming begins  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 & Y2 Phonics check week  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Sports Afternoon  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June – School Inset Day  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Transition Day  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Transition Day  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July – Reports to Parents  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> July – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July – Whole school picnic 2pm  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July – Break for Summer