

Marlborough Primary Academy School News

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Welcome Back

I would like to welcome back everyone to the start of what promises to be an exciting new academic year. I would also like to thank the many people who have made me feel so welcome as I begin my new role at Marlborough Primary Academy as Headteacher. I have worked as a teacher for a number of years and this is my fourth headship. My previous headships have been in Hampshire and Bournemouth.

Whilst at Marlborough I want to ensure that the children are given the very best learning opportunities, working within a supportive but challenging environment to ensure that they achieve the very best they can. I also want to make our school a centre of excellence for innovation and creativity. I believe strongly in working with parents to ensure that the children make the most of all opportunities throughout their primary education. I am really looking forward to getting to know you and working with you.

State Funeral for the Queen



Everyone at Marlborough Primary was sad to hear the news about the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September.

This is an important event in the history of the United Kingdom, marking the end of an incredible 70 year reign and the end of the second Elizabethan era. As we enter the period of national mourning in remembrance of the service and duty our late queen showed, we have held assemblies to think about the work she has done for and the legacy she leaves our country.

School will be closed on Monday 19th September for the state funeral.

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 6th October** – if all families did this the school would receive additional funding. This additional funding would make a real difference to us.

Newsletters to Parents

These will be on DOJO once a fortnight on a Friday. These are an important means of communication between home and school so please do take a look. They will also be available on the school website. Hard copies can be requested at the main reception.

Start of Day

School begins for all children at 08:45am. Gates will be opened from 08:35am and will close promptly at 08:45am. Children in Y1-6 should be dropped off at the allocated gate, where adults are available should they need support getting to class. If you have a message for your child's teacher, this should be given to one of the adults on the gate to pass on.

End of Day

School ends at 3:15pm for all children. Gates will open at 3:10pm and close promptly at 3:20pm. Parents should come onto the playground to collect their child(ren) from the class teachers.

Inset days – We will be holding Inset days on the following dates:

Monday 3rd January 2023

Monday 20th February 2023

Friday 30th June 2023

When the school holds an Inset day, this means no children attend school for that day. These days are used for key staff development and training purposes to ensure that our teaching staff are the very best.

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!

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.

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

Thursday 6th October – Census Day

Friday 21st October – Break for half term

Monday 31st October – Return to school

Tuesday 8th November – School Photos

To be confirmed - Various Christmas activities

Friday 16th December – Break for Christmas

Wednesday 4th January – Return to school