

Marlborough Primary Academy School News

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Parent Support Worker - It is with a sad heart that Denise will be leaving Marlborough after 8 years of working with everyone.

We would like to wish Denise all the very best going forward in this next chapter of her life.



World Book Day – We will be holding our World Book Day on Friday 3rd March.

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. The mission behind it is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success. Spending just 10 minutes a day reading and sharing stories with children can make a crucial difference and it's fun for all involved. That's why World Book Day continues to encourage children and young people to read for pleasure through its work with authors, illustrators, publishers, bookshops and libraries.

There are 6 elements which support a child reading for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and at school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading fun!

On World Book Day, all children and staff across the school will be invited to dress up as their favourite book characters. They are also invited to dress up in their pyjamas and dressing gown if they would prefer. With that in mind, no football kits are to be worn. Feel free to be as creative as you like and you do not need to buy a specific costume for this event.

Sycamore Class – Will be going out on a train ride to Calstock on Wednesday 1st March. We hope they have a lovely day and look forward to hearing all about it when they get back to school.



Willows Class – The week before half term they had great fun learning to bike and scoot. If your child is in Willow's class – ask them

about this.



'Every child, in school, everyday'

Attendance – Our current attendance is **94%**. We are **below** the national expectation of 96%. 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 **Beech** class. Well done!

We categorise levels of attendance into red, amber and green.

Green – 96% which is above the national expected average and where ideally, we want all children to be.

Amber – 94% and above which is in line with the national expected average.

Red – below 93.9% which is below the expected level.

We monitor all children's attendance. A copy of your child's attendance record is available, on request, from the school office and a copy will be provided with your child's annual report in the summer term.

If you want to discuss your child's attendance, including how we can support and help, then contact the school office.

Works Over Half Term – During the half term break we had a number of improvements to the school made, including:

- Updating all the cabling and infrastructure for our internet connection as part of the 'connecting classrooms' national initiative
- Redecorated the school hall
- Installed several new PCs into the classrooms and offices to ensure that we can operate the latest software to support children's learning.

All improvements make such a difference to the experiences we can offer the children giving them a sense of pride and achievement in their school.



Where is Mrs. Green? You will be aware that we are part of Reach South Multi-Academy Trust and as a result, we have been able to secure Mrs. Green (an

extremely experienced Headteacher) to come and work for a year at Marlborough. However, Mrs. Green is not full time with us as she also holds another role with Reach South of Deputy Director for Education meaning that she works with other Reach South schools here in Plymouth.

When Mrs. Green is not in Marlborough then Mr. Dore (Deputy Headteacher) becomes Head of Site. If you wish to speak to either Mrs. Green or Mr. Dore please contact the office. Mr. Dore and Mrs. Green work closely together over all aspects of Marlborough

Class Photos – These will be happening on Tuesday 14th March.



Parents' Evenings – These are coming up shortly and will be on:

Tuesday 28th March (3.30-6.30pm)
Thursday 30th March (3.30-6.30pm)

This is an opportunity for you to come into school to spend some time looking at your child's work and talking through with their teacher as to what their next steps need to be. More information on how to book your appointment slot will be coming out soon.

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)

Wed 1st Mar – Sycamore Train Trip
Fri 3rd Mar – World Book Day
Tues 14th Mar – Class photos
Thurs 16th Mar – Mothers Day Lunch
Fri 17th Mar – Comic Relief Mufti Day
Tues 28th Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Wed 29th Mar – Fire Service visiting
Thurs 30th Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Fri 31st Mar – Easter Bonnet and Egg Challenge
Fri 31st Mar – Break for Easter

EASTER BREAK

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

HALF TERM

Mon 5th June – Y5 swimming begins
Mon 12th June – Y1 & Y2 Phonics check week
Fri 23rd June – Sports Afternoon
Fri 30th June – School Inset Day
Wed 5th July – Y6 Transition Day
Thurs 6th July – Y6 Transition Day
Fri 7th July – Reports to Parents
Tues 11th July – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

Thurs 13th July – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Wed 19th July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Thurs 20th July – Whole school picnic 2pm
Tues 25th July – Break for Summer