

Marlborough Primary Academy School News

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RWinc Phonics - Learning to read is one of the most important things your child will learn at our school. As so many things depend on us being able to read, we put as much energy as we possibly can into making sure that every single child learns to read as

quickly as possible.

Here at Marlborough, we teach phonics using the Read Write Inc. synthetic phonics scheme. This means words are broken down into the smallest units of sound. We start by teaching the children how to 'read' the sounds in words and how those sounds can be written down. This is essential for reading, but it also helps children learn to spell well. We teach the children simple ways of remembering these sounds and letters.

The children also practise reading (and spelling) what we call 'tricky words', such as 'once,' 'have,' 'said' and 'where'. The children practise their reading with books that match the phonics and the 'tricky words' they know. Children then have the belief that they can read and this does wonders for their confidence.

Children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 have a phonic session everyday in school. We split the children into groups which are based on the phonic assessment (these are carried out every half term) so that they are working at the right level. During the session, the children practice, sounds, read their phonic books and practice writing the sounds that they are familiar with. In order to help us support your child, please do read with them daily and share the books they are bringing home.

Pupil Premium Funding - Pupil Premium is funding we receive from the government to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in school. Evidence shows that disadvantaged children may face additional challenges in reaching their potential and often do not perform as well as other pupils. We believe every child irrespective of their starting points, family circumstances or barriers to learning, should leave school excited about learning, resilient to setbacks and determined to succeed. There is a three-Stage approach to meeting the needs of disadvantaged children at Marlborough. We integrate what we do to create whole school 'Pupil Premium Friendly' practice.

These stages are;

- 1) creating a language rich learning environment,
- 2) building excellent learning practice in each classroom and
- 3) linking interventions with class teaching to close the attainment gap.

We have children working across the school in small groups and one to one with teachers and teaching assistants on different intervention programs to support their reading, writing and maths. If you would like any more information regarding applying for pupil premium funding and to find out if your child

would be eligible, please contact the school office.

Anti-Bullying Week - It was great to see so many of the children and staff wearing their odd socks last Monday. This was all part of our work on raising awareness of how we will all be saying 'STOP' to bullying.

We have been working to establish a whole school agreement of what bullying is so that we have a shared understanding. Our school definition of bullying is:

Bullying includes a range of abusive behaviour that is repeated and intended to hurt someone either physically or emotionally.

In order to ensure children can remember the definition quickly we use:

S - Several
T - Times
O - On
P - Purpose



We have been strongly encouraging everyone to 'Reach Out' if you are being bullied or are aware of someone who is. The children understand that you can Reach Out to family members, all adults in school and other children in school.

We will be continuing to reinforce these messages with the children throughout the year.

Y5 Trip to Aquarium

As part of the Widening Horizons project children from Y5 visited the Aquarium. They were given access to the VIP areas, met all of the staff, found out all about the various jobs that the staff



do, met Friday the turtle and had talks about the star fish and the rock pool area. After lunch they took part in a workshop examining artefacts of various sea creatures, e.g. whale skin, mermaids purses sword fish nose and coral. A fabulous time was had by all with everyone looking forward to the next visit.

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.

'Every child, in school, everyday'

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

Twitter - We are really pleased to announce that our Twitter account is back up and running. Please do take a look at @MarlboroughPlym

Poppy Appeal – We will all worked together to make a whole school display as part of our work around Remembrance Day.



Children in Need – It has been great to see everyone in their mufti today supporting Children in Need. Thank you to everyone for taking part.

Cold Weather – As the weather turns colder and it is often cold and damp, please make sure your child comes to school with a coat so that they stay warm when outside during lunch and break times.



Christmas Parties – These will be happening on Friday 16th December during the afternoon. Children do not need to wear uniform that day and can come into school in their Christmas jumpers or party outfit. More information will be coming out shortly.

Christmas Outcomes – We are working hard on producing our Christmas outcome for you to enjoy. The performances will be on:



Tuesday 13th December at 9.30am
Wednesday 14th December at 2pm

More information will be coming out shortly about how to apply for tickets.

End of Term –

The last day of term is Friday 16th December – we will be finishing at the usual time of 3.15pm.

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

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

Fri 18th November – Children in Need Day (Mufti)
Wednesday 30th November – Y5 Widening Horizons project visit to Princess Yachts
Thurs 1st December – Flu vaccinations
Tues 13th December – Nativity Performance at 9.30am
Wed 14th December – Nativity Performance at 2pm
Thurs 15th December – Christmas lunch for children
Thurs 15th December – Ht Tea Party
Fri 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day & class parties
Fri 16th December – Break for Christmas

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Wed 4th January – Return to school
Wed 11th January – Y4 trip to theatre
Tues 7th February – Safer Internet Day
Fri 10th February – Break for Half Term

HALF TERM

Mon 20th Feb – School Inset Day
Tues 21st Feb – Children return to school
Tues 2nd Mar – World Book Day
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
Thurs 20th April – Class photos
Fri 21st April – St. George's Day Parade and Picnic
Mon 1st May – Bank Holiday (School closed)
Mon 8th 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