

# Marlborough Primary Academy School News

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## **Sustrans Big Walk and Cycle Fortnight**

- We are going to be taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Cycle event during weeks beginning 20<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March. This is a national project aimed to inspire pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.



**Pupil Questionnaire** – We have just completed a pupil survey with all the children to seek their views on the school. They have said:

- 96% of them have said that Marlborough is a good school.
- 95% of them enjoy coming to school.
- 88% of them say their learning is interesting and fun.
- 97% of them say they have lots of fun in school
- 96% of them say the adults in school are friendly and helpful.
- 86% of them think that children behave well.

They also said that they most liked the following about our school:

- “The learning and making friends.”
- “How people support us when we do well and when we are stuck.”
- “The Headteacher and the teachers are amazing.”
- “All the art we do now.”
- “No one gets left out.”
- “We make good friends.”
- “We like After School Club.”
- “Learning phonics and the tricky words.”
- “Science and maths.”

They felt that Marlborough could be even better if:

- We took part in more outdoor activities.
- Have a residential trip and go on more visits.
- All children to have access to the Forest School.
- Have ‘Bikeability’ again and have more PE coaches in school.
- Have free snacks at breaktime.
- Everyone to be kind all of the time with no arguing.
- Have more playtime equipment at lunchtimes to play with.

Over the remainder of the academic year we will report back to you and the children on how we are working to take on board their suggestions of improving the school. It is really important that the children are listened to and have their voice heard.



**New School Rules** – We have been working as a staff and with the children to introduce a new set of agreed

school rules.

Our new rules are:

- Be polite and well-mannered to everyone.
- Do as you are asked by the adults in school.
- Look after each other and our school – be kind and thoughtful.
- Walk calmly around school.
- Keep your hands and feet and other objects to yourself.

A copy of our rules can be found on the website.

**Anti-Bullying Policy** – We have been working with the children on reviewing the school’s anti-bullying policy. We have spoken directly with the children to seek their views and have discussed what bullying is during our assemblies exploring how we can be a good friend, how we can show kindness and what to do if you see it happening.

We are agreed that bullying is

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

We encourage all children to reach out and get help if they are aware of it happening to anyone in our school community.

**Headteacher Tea Party** – As the half term draws to a close we will be holding the Ht tea party. Children are selected by their class teacher as they always follow the school rules and ethos values and try their hardest in all they do.



**Parent Governor** – We are in the process of seeking a parent governor. Any parent who is elected must have a child at the school at the time of the election, but may continue to serve as a governor for 4 years if he or she



wishes, even if his or her child leaves school during that time. The closing date for applications is today.

**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 **Beech** Class. Well done!

Thank you to all the children and families working hard to be in school on time and everyday.



**Additional Funds** - We have recently been notified that we have successfully secured some additional funding for library books. We have been working hard to develop a new library in

school and have heard that we are to receive an additional £5,000 for new books. We are going to be asking each of the classes to make some recommendations of books they would like to see in the library. This is such a great addition to our school really putting the importance of reading at the heart of all we do.

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



Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March (3.30-6.30pm)  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please contact the school office staff who will book your appointment slot. You can either phone or contact through Dojo.



**King's Coronation** - You will all be aware that everyone is having an additional bank holiday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the King's coronation. As a school we are going to have a whole school 'red, white and blue' picnic on

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Please put the date in your diary and we will send further information out soon.

**Art Week** - We are going to be holding a whole school art week beginning on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May. We are going to be working together to produce an exhibition of work called



'Perfect Planet'. All parents will be invited to view the exhibition on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. More information will be coming out as we get closer to the date.

**Website** - Please do look at our website on a regular basis as we do keep it up-to-date [www.marlborough.plymouth.sch.uk](http://www.marlborough.plymouth.sch.uk)

### **Bikes and Scooters** - A

general reminder that any bike or scooter left on the school site during the day is at your own risk. Do name your bike or scooter and lock them with your own personal lock. Children, can on occasions, accidentally take the wrong scooter home, this will not happen if they are locked up and named.



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

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 - Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Mar - Mothers Day Lunch  
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 (Year 6 in, Closed to all other classes)  
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