

## Newsletter – Oct 2020

Autumn Term 2020 at Marlborough Primary. Remember to take a look at our website page which has the latest calendar events on it at: [www.marlboroughprimary.eschools.co.uk](http://www.marlboroughprimary.eschools.co.uk)



Well done everyone we have made it to the end of Autumn 1 Term. It has been a very busy term, as the children have settled back into school. It has been so lovely watching the children, as they engage once again with their learning and re-establish friendship groups. I want to say a big thank you to you as Parents and Carers, the children and the staff, as we have all had to get used to the new ways of being in school as safely as we can. I wish you all a restful half term break and look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.**

Miss Summers  
Headteacher

### Attendance – Autumn 1 2020

The whole school attendance for Autumn 1 2020:

**94% - Attendance**

**4.5% - authorised absence**

**1.5% - unauthorised absence**

Our overall **Attendance target is 96%**. Please do all that you can to make sure your child attends school, if they are well enough to do so.

I know that we have had increased absence for children/household members who are having to isolate due to symptoms and waiting for test results, but please remember to keep us fully informed, if your child is unwell and whether this is Covid19 related or due to another illness. We really need to get the unauthorised absence to 0%.

With regard to Attendance – please remember that the children in Year 6 are due to be taking their SATS during the second week in May 2021. It is very disruptive to their already 'disrupted' education, if you take them out for unauthorised holidays at any point in Year 6. The children have the potential to do really well and this will not help their self-esteem if they go into a test knowing that they have missed chunks of their learning.

### Remote Learning

We have been fortunate enough to not have any confirmed positive cases of Covid19 during this term, which we are all relieved about. However, as a school we need to have 'remote learning' plan in place. If we did have a positive Covid19 case confirmed, we would be instructed by Public Health England, as to who had been in close contact with the case, and establish who would need to isolate at home. In the event of your child's 'Bubble' having to close, we have a Remote Learning plan. Remote Learning for the Bubble will be posted on the school's website, with links to the online learning for their class on their Class's Page. All the children will be bringing home an exercise book, in order for them to record their learning, in the event of a bubble closure. We will be able to continue to communicate through Class Dojo, and would ask that you let us know if you need support with this.

### Harvest Collection

Due to the current circumstances, we haven't been able to have our 'normal' Harvest celebrations. We will be starting a collection for the 'Food Bank' from **3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020**. If you would like to make donations of dried food, please give this to your child to bring into school. We will be taking the collection to the Food Bank on **16<sup>th</sup> November 2020**. Thank you in advance for your continued support with this charity.

### Parents Meetings

Your child's class teacher will be making contact with you regarding a 'telephone' meeting about how your child is doing.

### Farewell

Today we say goodbye to Miss Blower who is moving on to pastures new. We will miss her and wish her all the very best.

### Hot Packed Lunches

Lyndsay and her team in the kitchen will be back serving some delicious **hot** packed lunches from next term. If you are in KS2 and not entitled to Free School Meals there is a charge of £2.20 per child.

### Reading at Home



Please support your child with their reading at home. Please sign and comment in their yellow book every time you hear them read. Thank you. If your child is reluctant to read to you, try reading a range of interesting books to them.



## Up to Date Contacts



Please keep Reception up to date with any changes of addresses, telephone numbers and anything else you think we should be aware of.



## Lost Property



We appear to have a lot of lost property again.

If you are aware of anything missing, do not hesitate to come in and have a look.

Please also ensure your child's clothes are **labelled** and make your child aware they are responsible for their property.



## Absence/Sickness



Please advise **Reception** as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent from school.

If your child is away with sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must be kept away for at least 48 hours after the sickness and/or diarrhoea has stopped.

All absences **MUST** be reported to Reception or on the absence line (01752 567681) as messages do not always get recorded correctly via DOJO or Teachers in playground.

If your child is out on an appointment but will be in before lunch, please let Reception know what they would like us to order them for lunch.



## Parent Support Advisor



Denise Skinner

If you would like to make an appointment to come and see me, please give reception a call to arrange.



## School Uniform



Please make sure your child has the correct and **LABELLED** uniform on at all times.

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