

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 set-backs 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.



Attendance - Our current attendance is **93%**. We are **under** the national expectation of 94%. 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 **Sycamore** Class. Well done!

Family Support Worker (Connect 2 Project)

- We are part of the Connect 2 project meaning that have a paid for Family Support Worker for ½ day a fortnight. Claire will be in school on Tuesday 28th November – she would love to meet and work with you. If you would like to speak with her contact the school office or catch Mr. Dore on the gate.



Uniform Grant – Please check in with the office as to whether you can claim a school uniform grant through the office.



Anti-Bullying Week – Last week we all took part in national odd sock day and completed some work about bullying and how to ensure it does not happen at our school. We looked at how we can stop it happening and the importance of speaking to adults at home or in school if you are aware of it happening to someone.

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



Children in Need – It was great to see everyone in their mufti supporting Children in Need. Thank you to everyone for taking part. We raised **£96.55 !!!!!**

Cold Weather – As the colder and it is often please make sure your school with a coat so warm when outside break times.



weather turns cold and damp, child comes to that they stay during lunch and

Christmas Jumper day – Friday 8th December. Instead of the usual £1 we are asking for donations for our Christmas Fayre tombola.

Christmas Parties – These will be happening on Tuesday 19th 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. Instead of paying mufti, we ask for donations for our fayres tombola.

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



Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am
Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am

More information will be coming out shortly about how to apply for tickets. These will cost £1pp - Max 2 per family.

End of Term –

The last day of term is Tuesday 19th December – we will be finishing at the usual time of 3.15pm.



Christmas Fayre – We are looking forward to our Christmas Fayre on Friday 15th December – please do come and join us. Donations of tombola items or bric-a-brack would be gratefully received.

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 do keep an eye on the diary dates but be aware they may be subject to change.

Fri 8th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
Tues 12th Dec – Nativity 9.30am
Wed 13th Dec – Nativity 9.30am
Fri 15th Dec – Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 19th Dec – Class parties pm
Tues 19th Dec – Break for Christmas

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Wed 3rd Jan – Return to school
Thurs 8th Feb – Break for half term

HALF TERM

Mon 19th Feb – Return to school
Thurs 7th Mar – World Book Day
Tues 26th Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Thurs 28th Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Thurs 28th Mar – Break for Easter

EASTER BREAK

Mon 15th April – Return to school
Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday
Mon 13th May – Y6 SATs week (Beech class)
Fri 24th May – Break for half term

HALF TERM

Mon 3rd June – Return to school
Mon 3rd June – Y4 table check (Sycamore class)
Mon 10th June – Y1 & Y2 phonics screen (Maple class)
Fri 21st June – Whole school sports afternoon
Fri 12th July – Annual report to parents
Tues 16th July – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Wed 17th July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am
Wed 17th July – Whole school picnic 2pm
Thurs 18th July – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Fri 19th July – Break for the summer holiday

SUMMER BREAK