

Marlborough Primary Academy School News

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Christmas Break – It is hard to believe it is now the end of the first full term of the academic year. We have had a great term achieving so much together, we have:

- Established a new approach to homework which is working well.
- Trialled a new approach to eating lunch in the hall.
- Introduced a new behaviour management visual ladder.
- Introduced the half termly Ht tea party for those children who are always working hard, trying their best and taking part in all that the school offers.
- Introduced the TREAT values (Trust, Respect, Equality, Ambition and Togetherness).
- Relaunched the Twitter account – please take a look and follow us to see all the amazing things that happen at Marlborough Primary.
- Introduced Head Children and Prefects who all went through a formal application process.

I would like to personally thank everyone for making me feel so welcome at Marlborough. We hope that you all have a lovely Christmas break and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 4th January.



Headteacher Tea Party – As part of our rewards system we want to acknowledge those children who always try their

hardest, take part in all the opportunities offered and always follow our Treat (Trust, respect, equality, ambition and togetherness) values. Each half term one child per class is selected to join Mrs. Green for cake, crisps and squash.

School Library – We are well under way with the works to improve our library. Having done a thorough stock check and tidied the room it is now evident where we need new books. As part of Reach South we have been able to request additional monies to help us with this meaning the children will soon have access to a far wider range of books. We will also be introducing a new library management system so that we can keep track of all the library stock.



Having a well stocked and well arranged library is very important as it helps to reinforce our love of reading with the children.



Teaching of Reading – As you know the children begin their reading journey at Marlborough through being taught Read, Write Inc phonics. This is a systematic and structured approach to the teaching of early reading. We know it works well as we have seen a rising trend in children achieving the phonic check at the end of Y1.

It is important that once children have successfully moved through Read Write Inc that they continue to develop their reading skills and broaden and deepen the range of books they read and the books they have read to them.

Once children have successfully achieved the Read Write Inc programme they will be moving onto Accelerate Reader.

Accelerate Reader – Is a computer programme that helps



teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child will select a book from the selection available on the main upstairs corridor at their own level. Your child then reads the actual book and when finished, your child will take a short quiz on the computer.

Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read. Accelerated Reader gives children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice. If your child is in either Scyamore or Beech class please do look out for your child's accelerated reader book coming home after Christmas.

Christmas Fayre – It was wonderful to see so many people at our Christmas Fayre. We raised **£435.24** with the monies going towards some new books for the library. A huge thank you to the Parent Group for organising such an amazing event as it enabled us all to come together.

Attendance – Our current attendance is **84%**. 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 **Maple Class**. Well done!

At the moment we are tracking those children with 100% attendance – this is something to be very proud of. They will be receiving one of our very special 100% attendance certificates in January.

As a school we aim for 96% attendance which would bring us in line with the national average. With your help, we are hoping to get as close to this figure as possible!

We have **35** children who have managed 96% attendance or better over the last half term.

Want to speak to an adult in school – There are lots of ways that you can ask to speak to someone in school, including:

- Contact your child's teacher or the school office through Dojo
- Speak to the member of staff on the gate in the mornings or afternoons
- Phone the office and ask for someone to phone you back.

If you want to speak to Mrs. Green please be aware that she is not in school everyday as she works with other Reach South schools within Plymouth for 2 ½ days per week. If Mrs. Green is not available then Mr. Dore (Deputy Headteacher) will be only too happy to speak with you.

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)

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
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)
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