

Marlborough Primary Academy School News

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New Playground Equipment – We are really pleased to announce that we have purchased lots of lovely play equipment for the children to use at lunchtimes. They now have access to bats and balls to play tennis, chalks for drawing on the playground, skittles and hoops. The children are really enjoying having these to play with.



You may not be fully aware of how our lunchtimes work. The children have their lunch in the hall over two sittings. Children in Willows and Maple eat their lunch in the hall from 12.00 until about 12.25pm when they come out. Whilst they are eating children in Sycamore and Beech come out to play. They then swap so that Sycamore and Beech go in to eat from 12.25pm. Having this system means that half the school are out playing at any one time whilst the other half are eating. This enables everyone to have time with the equipment with their friends in a more spacious way.

When the children are on the playground there are at least two of the midday staff and often one of the teaching staff out as well. The lunchtime staff patrol around the playground engaging children in the various activities, making sure that everyone is having a good time.

We have recently opened up the front grassed area which the children are thoroughly enjoying as they can go on the climbing equipment. Just after Easter we had a new buddy bench installed – it is the coloured bench on the main playground. The children know that this can be used if you want to just sit and chat with your friends or if your usual friend is away and you would like someone to play with.

We are really lucky to have a lovely playground which has a number of areas for the children to play in. We want children to use the various areas it is therefore important that the lunchtime staff keep moving around interacting with the children.

Attendance – Our current attendance is **91%**. 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 **Willows Class**. Well done!

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

Art Week – We are going to be holding a whole school art week beginning on Monday 15th 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 19th May.



Great News – As a school we are always looking for ways to bring more money in so that we can purchase much needed resources for the children.

We have been awarded a grant for £3,000 to purchase a new sound system for the hall, musical workshops for the children, visits to the interactive dome at the Market Hall and to enable art week to happen. This is really great news and will make such a difference to the curriculum the children are offered.



We also put in a bid for £600 with the National Roman Society and were lucky enough to be successful. We have used the monies to purchase a range of resources to support our study of the Romans.

We were also lucky to receive an additional £300 to contribute to towards our celebrations for the King's Coronation. This has paid for the bunting, flags and some treats for all children. A big thank you to Mrs. Greenwood for putting the application in.



Y6 SATs Week – The children in Y6 will be undertaking their Y6 SATs papers this coming week. These are formal tests and are mandatory for all children in Y6. The SATs test what they have learnt between Y3 and Y6. Once the children have completed the tests they are sent away to be marked externally. We will receive their results in early July. They will be taking the following tests:

Tuesday:

- 1) Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar – 45 minutes
- 2) Spelling – 15 minutes

Wednesday:

- 1) Reading – 1 hour

Thursday:

- 1) Maths Paper 1 Arithmetic – 30 minutes
- 2) Maths Paper 2 Reasoning – 40 minutes

Friday:

- 1) Maths Paper 3 Reasoning – 40 minutes

We know that the children have worked really hard and we are certain they are going to do well. Good luck Year 6.

School Closures – School will be closed on the following days:

Monday 8th May – King's Coronation Bank Holiday
Friday 30th June – Inset day

Website- Please do look at our website on a regular basis as we do keep it up-to-date

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Diary Dates:

Tues 9th May – Y6 SATs week
Fri 19th May – Art Week Exhibition to parents
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 (School Closed)
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