

Marlborough Primary Academy School News

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What a half term – It is hard to imagine that we are now half way through the autumn term and Christmas is rapidly approaching! We have achieved a great deal together, including:

- Establishing a set of ethos values known as the TREAT values.
- Establishing a consistent approach to homework across the school.
- Implemented Reading Masters from Y1 to Y6.
- Implemented fortnightly newsletters to parents.
- Held parents' evenings.

Thank you to everyone who came to the recent parents' evening as this is a really important way of finding out how your child is doing in school.

Attendance - Our current attendance is **95%**. 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'

We believe that good attendance at school is really important, not least because research shows that absence from school impacts negatively on children's progress and achievement and their social and emotional well-being.

We will be focussing on our Persistent Absence figure which is high. Persistent Absence means that a child's attendance has fallen below 90%. As a school we have a series of actions we take when attendance falls below 90%. The information given to parents is driven by the process set by the DfE, which we as a school, must follow and is therefore official in nature. As a school we always want to work together in partnership with our families to secure the best possible outcomes for all our children. If you are experiencing difficulties with or have questions about attendance, please do contact school.

The class with the best attendance for the last two weeks is Sycamore Class. Well done!



We hope that you are getting into the swing of our new

consistent approach to homework. Homework comes out every Friday and is to be returned to school the following Wednesday. Please do encourage your child to complete the work and return it in their plastic wallet.

Widening Horizons Project – We are really pleased to be part of this project led by Millfields Trust. This is a really important project enabling the Y5 children to explore new and challenging learning experiences with visits to a number of different venues across the academic year or having visitors come into the school to meet them. The children will get to meet a range of professionals so that they can find out about jobs they may be interested in doing as they become adults.

Children in Y5 will be meeting some student doctors this coming Wednesday. If your child is in Y5 please ask them about this visit.

National Anti-Bullying Week -

This is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying

Alliance. It will take place from 14th to 18th November 2022 and has the theme Reach Out. The week will begin with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



Naming Uniform – Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. We have begun to gain a lot of lost property, and it is impossible to reunite items with their owner if they are not named.

Poppy Appeal – We will be collecting on behalf of the Royal British Legion for the Poppy Appeal.
Merchandise available to purchase in Reception.



Children in Need – We will be taking part in this important national event. Everyone is encouraged to come to school in mufti making a contribution of 50p.

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

Tues 8th November – School Photos
Wed 9th November – Y5 Widening Horizons project
Mon 14th November – Odd Sock Day
Tues 15th November – Y5 Widening Horizons project visit to Marine Aquarium
Fri 18th November – Children in Need Day (Mufti)
Wednesday 30th November – Y5 Widening Horizons project visit to Princess Yachts
Thurs 1st December – Flu vaccinations
Fri 2nd December – Christmas Fair – Stalls available
Tues 13th and Wed 14th – Nativity Play
Thurs 15th December – Christmas lunch for children
Thurs 15th December – Ht Tea Party
Fri 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day & class parties
Fri 16th December – Break for Christmas

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Wed 4th January – Return to school