

# Marlborough Primary Academy School News

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**Ethos Values** - We are in the process of developing a core set of ethos values called our 'Treat Values'. These values underpin all the behaviour amongst children and adults alike, across the school. Our Treat Values apply as well, to parents and other visitors to the school. Please do talk to your children about them. Each value is represented as an owl. The Treat Values are:



## **Mastering Number Programme**

As a school we are going to be taking part in this exciting project which aims to secure firm foundations in the development of good number sense for all children from Reception through to Year 1 and Year 2. The aim over time is that children will leave KS1 with fluency in calculation and a confidence and flexibility with number. Attention will be given to

key knowledge and understanding needed in Reception classes, and progression through KS1 to support success in the future. If your child is in Willows or Maple class



please do ask them about their learning.

**Reading Masters** - We are introducing a new reading comprehension programme called Reading Masters. This will take place every day, giving the children access to a wide range of quality texts, enabling focussed discussion and ensuring the children have the skills and confidence to answer a range of comprehension questions accurately.

**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.

Did you know that not being in school can affect your child's learning and progress not just this year, but until they leave school!

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



## **Parents' Evenings** -

We hold these each term so that you have an opportunity to look at your child's work, talk to the class teacher about their

learning and find out what they need to do next to improve. The dates for this term are:

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October (3.30 – 5.30pm)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October (3.30 – 5.30pm)

We will shortly be in touch to make an appointment time with you – more information will be available soon.

## **Harvest Festival**

We will be having a Harvest Festival assembly on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October**. We will be supporting a local charity Plymouth Food Bank who help to support families with essential food packages. Please help us by bringing in an item or two from the list below. Thank you.

**Tinned foods** such as:- Potatoes – Carrots –  
Peas – Sweetcorn – Tomatoes – Fruit – Rice  
                  Pudding – Soup – Meat – Tuna  
**Packet foods** such as :- Cereal – Tea – Sweet  
biscuits - Savoury biscuits/crisps – Instant  
                  rice/pasta/noodles  
**Other items** such as:- Pasta sauce – Curry  
                  sauce – Ketchup – Mayonnaise –  
                  Jam/Marmalade

**Dogs on the Playground** – We politely ask that  
you do not bring your dog onto the playground at  
the end of the day.

### **Census Day –**

You may not be aware but each term the  
Department for Education do a census for every  
school. The census is used to inform and establish  
what our budget will be. One of the measures they  
collect, is how many children in FS2, Y1 and Y2  
take up the hot free school meal. This data is then  
used to give us money, however, we are not  
getting as much money as we could as not enough  
children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 are having the free  
school meal.

We would like to ask that all parents in FS2, Y1  
and Y2 book for their child to have a free school  
meal on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – if all families did  
this the school would receive additional funding.  
This additional funding would make a real  
difference to us.

### **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](http://www.marlborough.plymouth.sch.uk)

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Census Day  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening (3.30 –  
5.30pm)  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening (3.30 –  
5.30pm)  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Break for half term  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Return to school  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – School photos  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Fair  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner  
Nativity – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper and party  
day  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Break for Christmas at 3:15pm  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Return to school