



# Marldon CofE (VA) Primary School

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## July 2018

Another busy year zooms by as ever I would like to express my deep thanks to many people associated with Marldon Primary School. There have been so many exciting things happening throughout the year and here are a few of the highlights...

'Open The Book' assemblies  
Film Week - Cinema trip  
Caving with the Adventurous Club  
FOMPS events  
Y1 trip to Exeter Museum  
NHS 70<sup>th</sup> birthday  
The pantomime at the Princess Theatre  
Neighbourhood Lunch Club  
Harvest Festival  
Forest School for everyone  
Fire Safety Talk in Y2 and Y5  
Children in Need Day  
FOMPS cake stall and Ice Cream Friday  
Snowy weather  
Class Assemblies  
Christmas Nativity in the Princess Theatre  
Carol Service and Easter Service  
Warburton's Healthy Eating workshop  
After School clubs  
Netball matches  
Early Birds club  
World Book Day  
Football tournaments  
Pre-school Sports Day  
Royal Wedding - red, white and blue  
Fairtrade Conference - Y5  
Y5 & 6 show - 'The Lion King'  
Residential trips for Y2,3,4,5 & 6  
'Good' SIAMs Church Inspection  
School discos  
Explorer Dome  
Tag rugby festival  
Y1 & Y2 trip to the World of Country Life  
Sport's Day  
Bikeability  
Y6 Buckfast Abbey day  
Etc...etc...

- **Parents and carers** - We really appreciate the support that we receive from all of you. Together, we work hard to make a difference and to keep the children safe and happy and your support in their continued progress is vital. Thank you.
- **Governors** - Always a support to the school. You do so much for us behind the scenes that we all thank you for.
- **The FOMPS** - An amazing job again! Thank you! Thanks especially to Mrs. McDonald for leading the team in arranging so many events this year and for raising so much money. This all goes back into opportunities for the children which is excellent.  
  
The FOMPS have raised a massive £11,000 this year with around £5,000 of that already being spent.
- **The church** - Thank you for hosting our church services again this year but also for the regular time and effort that you give in school. We all look forward to the 'Open The Book' assemblies.
- **The staff** - The staff here are brilliant. They all work hard to make the school the best it can be at all times. It's a lovely job to have...but you all deserve a bit of time off. Thank you!
- **The children** - Again, the last word goes to the children. Amazing children with a really positive approach to school life. Thank you to all of you for being who you are. You can also have some time off! Enjoy the summer!!!

### Staffing

The end of a school year often signals staffing changes too as people move on to new opportunities and we also welcome new staff into the team.

**Mrs Harding** - A huge GOODBYE and GOOD LUCK to Mrs. Harding who leaves Marldon, (but not the Federation), after many years of service. She has seen many children come through the school. Her dedication to the school and positive outlook will be missed here, but we are glad that we will still see her through our work within the Federation. Mrs. Harding leaves Marldon to join the staff of Ipplepen. Thank you Lucy!

**Miss Drewett** - I have known Miss Drewett for many years. As you will have come to know and appreciate, she is a person who gives so much time to the school and for that I can't thank her enough. She rarely says 'no' to anything asked of her and I have been very grateful for her support as part of the school leadership team. Thank you Becky!

As with Mrs. Harding, we aren't losing Miss Drewett altogether as she too moves within the Federation and will join St. Catherine's in Heathfield. We know she will do a great job there too. We also wish her all the best as she will be having her second child in the near future.

**Mrs. Harris** - Mrs. Harris has been an excellent addition to our learning support team, always giving 100% and working hard for the good of the children and the school. She is such a cheerful person to have around the place and I know that leaving us has been a hard decision for her to make. We will miss her smile around the place but wish her well as she moves onto a new and exciting opportunity. Thank Louise.

**Mr. Bramley** - We would like to welcome Mr. Bramley to Marldon. He will be working alongside Mrs. Tovagliari in Y3. Mr. Bramley also works at St. Michael's and we know that he will be a valuable addition to our staff.

**Miss Jackson** - Miss Jackson has been part of the leadership of the school in recent weeks and I know that many of you will have met her. I would like thank her for her time and support to the school and we all look forward to her working with us in Y5 next year.

### New class structure

Next year there are a few changes from this year. This includes staff moves and class room changes so study the table below carefully to know where your child will be in September.

Year	Teacher(s)	Room
R	Miss Sanderson	Venus
1	Mrs. Field & Miss Vernau	Mars
2	Miss Hayman	Mercury
3	Mr. Bramley & Mrs Tovagliari	Saturn
4	Mrs. Clements & Mrs. North	Earth
5	Miss Jackson	Neptune
6	Miss Cudlip	Jupiter

### Forest School

Thanks to the FOMPS (Friends of Marldon Primary School), for providing the funds for this terms Forest School. Each class has taken part in sessions spread across the term to learn more about the outside environment and to help develop areas of the school that we can then use more for outdoor education and recreation time.



Thank you also to our friends from Occombe Farm who have provided these valuable learning opportunities and activities. We are looking to extending these opportunities in the coming school year after very positive feedback from you and the children.

### Attendance

The school continues to work hard to maintain a good attendance rate and it is something that we will be looking to continue to improve on again next year. Thank you for all of your support in making this happen and thank you too for making sure you contact the school when your child is absent from school. We appreciate all of the questions that you have regarding attendance and when we can or can't authorise absence from school.

Please remember that the school gates open at 8.50am and are locked at 9.00am. Your children need to be in class settled for the register at 9.00am so please work hard with us to avoid unnecessary lateness.

### Message from the school office

Please make sure that all outstanding dinner money and Early Birds payments are settled before the end of term. Thank you.

### SAT's Results

We are very pleased to report with you some very positive KS2 SAT's results for this year. Children across the country are assessed before they make the transition to secondary school. Here are our results which also compare our attainment to that of the national average. We also measure the combined results which is a measure of how many children achieved the required standard in all of the subject areas combined.

subject	National Average	School Results	+/-
Reading	75%	90%	+15%
GAPs	78%	90%	+12%
Writing	78%	80%	+2%
Maths	76%	93%	+17%
Combined	64%	80%	+16%

We are very proud of these results which are a culmination of the hard work of everyone in school. All of our staff teach the vital building blocks of learning as children move through the school and so everyone has played their part in these fabulous results.

Well done to all of the children for their amazing efforts!

### 50 Things to do before you're 11 $\frac{3}{4}$

The National Trust produce a really good 'Things to do before you're 11  $\frac{3}{4}$ ' checklist. You may have seen it before as we promote this every year. The list is a great starting point for ideas that you could look to do during the summer holidays. I am attaching the list for you to check through.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/50-things-to-do-before-youre-11--activity-list>

### Library

Don't forget that the local libraries are brilliant places to visit during the summer holidays. They often have activities to encourage you to keep reading and enjoying books over the weeks when you are not at school.



A little bit of work every now and again is better than doing nothing for the whole holiday. Keep your brain active so you can hit the ground running in September!

There are plenty of websites with holiday learning activity ideas.

### September Menu

You will receive a copy of the school dinner menu for September so that you can prepare for the first week back. Thank you for your continued support with school dinners.

### Summer Holiday Football and Sports Camps

With the help of 'Achieve4All' we have again organised holiday sports camps. These will take place at Marldon and St. Michael's in Kingsteignton over the summer holidays.

Dates - see 'Achieve4all' website.

Age - Y1 up to Y8

Cost - £15 for the full day (9.00am - 3.30pm). Discounts are available.

All bookings are done online. See the following website for all booking details.

[www.achieve4all.co.uk](http://www.achieve4all.co.uk)

### Goodbye to Year 6

And finally... .. it's a goodbye to our Year 6. Every year we see the next group of children leave and begin the next stage of their life journey. We know that the next years will be exciting for them with many more adventures and many new people to meet along the way. We have many fond memories of this group of children and we know that they are ready to move on from Marldon Primary. We wish them all the best and know that they will succeed. Thank you Y6 and good luck.

### Dates

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers service at the church
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term.
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	School opens at 8.50am

Regards,

Adrian Clements  
Head of School