



Marldon CofE (VA) Primary School

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Welcome back to the new school year. It has been a great start and it is lovely to see lots of enthusiasm from everyone across the whole school. We know that it will be an exciting year ahead and we look forward to working with you all again.

New Reception Class

Well done to all of the new children in Venus Class for making such a good start to school life. It always amazes us how quickly the children settle into the new routines of school life. It is also lovely to see the older children in school making sure that the new children are happy, especially at playtimes and lunchtimes. Thank you to all of them for doing their bit to help the new children settle in so well.

Staffing

This term we welcome some new staff to school. Mr. Bramley has joined the school in Saturn Class. He and Mrs. Tovagliari will teach the class together this year.

We also have a new school caretaker. Mr. Bastow has joined us at Marldon and we look forward to working with him too.

Can I also remind you about who is on the Leadership Team in school should you have an issue you would like to discuss with a member of the school leadership.

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| Miss Hayman | EYFS and KS1 |
| Mrs. Clements | Y3 & Y4 |
| Miss Jackson | Y5 & Y6 |

Miss Jackson is also the Assistant Head in school and we welcome her to this new role.

Forest School

We are again having Forest School activities on offer this term to all of the children in school. Thanks to the Friends of Marldon Primary School (FOMPS) for providing the funds to allow this valuable addition to our curriculum.

You will receive a letter from the class teacher with the dates for the class so that you can make sure that the children have the right equipment on their Forest School days.

Secondary School Applications



Just a quick reminder to all parents / carers of children in Year 6. **You must apply for your child's secondary school place by 31st October.** As we are on the border between Devon and Torbay there is sometimes some confusion about this. You **MUST** apply to the authority where you live not where the school is.

If you live in Devon, you will have received a letter telling you what to do. For further information you can contact Devon County Council.

If you have a Torbay address, (Torquay, Paignton or Brixham), you can apply online through the Torbay Council online portal.

Achieve4All



Another new addition to the school this year is the 'Achieve4All' team. They are a sports provider who will work in school every week, supporting the curriculum but also providing additional clubs and lunchtime activities for the children. 'Achieve4All' also run holiday clubs should you wish to use this service. This includes available dates for the October half term holiday. For more information or to book onto one of their clubs, visit

www.achieve4all.co.uk

The dates of the holiday camps at Marldon are:

- Friday 26th October
- Thursday 1st November
- Friday 2nd November

Class Assemblies

We have made a change to how we do class assemblies this year. As you can imagine, there are times in the year when classes not only do an assembly for all parents / carers, but they also have church services to lead and shows, such as the nativity and the end of year performance to practice. This is a big pressure on some classes at certain times of the year.

We have decided that each class will still do one performance per term but in the term where they have another type of performance, they will not be expected to do a class assembly as well.

This term all of the KS1 children will be heavily involved with the Christmas nativity performance and so they won't do a class assembly. Y3 & Y4 will be involved in producing the Harvest service in church and so they won't have an additional class assembly either.

Class assembly dates for this term -

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| Y5 | Thursday 22 nd November |
| Y6 | Thursday 8 th November |

Julie Sandover - School Counsellor

Please read the following message from Julie ...

Dear Parents,

At the start of a new academic year, I would like to mention to you, once again, about my role in school. My name is Julie Sandover and I am a fully Accredited Member of the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP), the organisation responsible to Parliament for Professional Standards in Counselling. I have worked as the School Counsellor in most Federation schools for four years. Alongside the Boxall Approach, counselling is work on the self to develop important life skills and to enable the individual to feel both valued, and of value.

My principal work in schools is to aid all the children in our care to access a strong belief in themselves to help them deal with the ups and downs of daily life. I passionately believe in the BACP commitment towards an 'emotionally healthy society'.

To achieve these aims I employ a Person Centred Approach which, I believe, allows the young person to understand themselves, their emotions and responses. From this understanding they become empowered, capable of deciding, for themselves, whether to change, what to change and how to achieve this transition. Thus enabling pupils to feel happy and secure within themselves, able to use positive strategies to develop strength and resilience, and to foster healthy self-esteem and develop a strong sense

of self. Through individually tailored sessions, children feel listened to and understood; they have their feelings attuned to and validated, which enable them to grow and mature with a keen sense of their own identity and place in our modern, and sometimes confusing world.

Pupils are free to access the counselling service, but this is carefully administered in co-ordination with the teaching staff and timetable commitments. All issues that are presented by children will be dealt with confidentially, in line with the BACP 'Ethical Framework' and their guidance on 'best practice in schools'. Should any parent wish to know more about the service they are most welcome to contact me at Marlton: Tuesday afternoons.

In the meantime, unless there is a specific objection, it will be assumed that consent is given for pupils to receive counselling.

FOMPS

The Friends of Marlton Primary School (FOMPS), work incredibly hard for the benefit of all of the children in school. You will have received a copy of their newsletter outlining the events that are coming up this term. As ever, they will be happy for any additional volunteers to help with organizing all of the amazing events that are coming up.

#HelloYellow - Wednesday 10th October



Last year we supported World Mental Health Day with our '#HelloYellow' day in school. We are going to do the same thing again this year as awareness of mental health issues is very important for all of us.

By wearing yellow on World Mental Health Day (10th October), we want to show young people that they're not alone when it comes to their mental health. Children in school may wear as much or as little

yellow as they want to on the day in support of this important cause.

<https://youngminds.org.uk>

Harvest

This year we will be having our Harvest Service on Friday 5th October. We will be walking the children from Y1 up to Y6 down to the church where Y3 & Y4 will lead our Harvest celebration.

We would welcome any food contributions to the Harvest which children will need to bring in a bag so that they can carry them to the church. All contributions will be added to the church Harvest collection.

Wear It Pink - Friday 19th October

I recently received a letter from Charlotte in Y5 about the possibility of the school helping the 'Wear It Pink' charity to support people with breast cancer. What a great cause and thank you to Charlotte for bringing the idea to me.



We will support the charity. On Friday 19th October children may wear as much or as little pink as they like. Can we please ask for a recommended donation of £1 which will go towards the hard work that the charity does.

In addition to this I have also been approached by Finnlay in Y6 who is going to 'Brave The Shave' to raise money for MacMillan. He has asked me if it possible to stand on the school gate during this final week before half term with his collection box, so please support him and add to the £100's of pounds he has already collected.

On a personal note, it will be nice to see someone in school with less hair than me!

Fantastic Food Day - Thursday 4th October

Schools will receive government school meal funding based on the number of children who are eating a school dinner and so we would like to encourage your child to have a school meal on Thursday 4th October, even if they normally bring a packed lunch.

There will be a prize for one person in each class. Your child must have a school lunch to be in the prize draw.

KS1 - no charge KS2 - £2.25 for 2 courses

Menu -

- Brekkie Lunch - sausage, bacon, scrambled egg, baked beans and wholemeal toast
 - Beef baguette with frube yoghurt, fruit and juice.
 - Mixed bean ratatouille with wholemeal bread
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- Apple and raspberry cake and custard

Thank you for your support.

Eco Group

Every year the children in KS2 vote for 2 new 'Eco Group' representatives and here they are...

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| Y3 | Isabelle & Alfie |
| Y4 | Bodi & Ava |
| Y5 | Harry & Laura |
| Y6 | Phoebe & Flynn |

Well done to all of them for being chosen by their classmates to represent them.

The Sarah Redheffer Memorial Trust

The trust was set up in memory of Sarah Redheffer with the aim of providing financial support for children and young people in the parish or for those attending the Marlton Primary School.

The trust have recently given a donation to the school to support music and arts and we will be looking for valuable opportunities to use that money for all of the children in school. The further contributions from the trust will hopefully also allow us to have a new school choir. Further details to follow.

Dates

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| Thursday October | 4 th | Fantastic Food Day |
| Friday October | 5 th | Harvest Service |
| Wednesday October | 10 th | #HelloYellow Day <i>Wear something yellow to support Young Minds.</i> |
| Thursday October | 11 th | Y6 Junior Life Skills trip |
| Friday October | 19 th | 'Wear it Pink' Day <i>Recommended £1 donation please.</i> |
| Half Term 22nd October - 2nd November | | |
| Monday November | 5 th | School opens |
| Thursday November | 8 th | Jupiter Class Assembly |
| Friday November | 16 th | Children In Need |
| Thursday November | 22 nd | Neptune Class Assembly |
| Wednesday November | 28 th | FOMPS Lantern Parade |
| Friday November | 30 th | FOMPS Christmas Market |

Regards,

Adrian Clements
Head of School