



Marldon C of E (VA) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With February half term fast approaching, it is amazing to think that I have almost completed my first year at Marldon. The time has flown by and it has been a very enjoyable place to work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support through this time and I'm very much excited to be continuing our journey at Marldon together.

Christian Value

This term, the value that we are focussing on is Justice. In worship and within the classroom we have explored how treating people in a just and fair way is important and teachers have been nominating their justice champions each week.

Mrs James:

As you may be aware, Mrs James has made the difficult decision to step away from teaching to be able to spend more time with her young family. She will finish teaching Year 3 at February half term, but will continue teaching year 4 until Mrs North returns from her maternity leave.

Although Mrs James will be missed, we are pleased to be welcoming back Mrs Moules who will take over teaching in Year 3 after February half term.

Eco Summit:

Our Rights Respecting council recently spent the day at Ipplepen Primary School with other Eco Groups from the USF schools. The Eco Summit was focused on recycling and waste management and the team came back to school with some good ideas that we will look to share with everyone else.

Tackling Health:

After ½ term our Year 3 and 4 Children will be participating in The Exeter Chiefs Tackling Health project. This exciting learning opportunity will mix tag rugby coaching alongside teaching children how to lead a healthy life. The sessions will be led by the Exeter Chiefs Community Coaching Team.

Pick-ups:

Please can you ensure you let the school/your child's class teacher know if your child is going to be picked up by any one different or if they are going to go home with a friend. This helps us to ensure that all children are kept safe.

World Book Day:

This year's World Book takes place on Thursday 5th March. Please keep an eye out for further information later this week on how we are planning to celebrate this.

Parking:



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I'm sure you will have noticed the school uniform, which Friends of School have been placing on the yellow zigzags, this is to help us remember how important it is to keep these areas clear during the busy drop off and pick up times. With so many children and parents looking to cross the road it is really important that this area is kept clear so pedestrians and drivers alike have a clear view. Although it may mean a little further to walk, I'm sure you will all agree it is worth it to help prevent any accidents and keep our families safe. I would like to thank Friends for helping to remind us of this message.

Healthy Packed Lunches:

Just a reminder that as a healthy school we request that packed lunches provide a balanced and nutritious meal which will ensure children have enough energy to see them through the afternoon. Many thanks for supporting us with this.

Parents Evenings:

This term's parent's evenings will take place in the week starting Monday 16th March. Please look out for exact dates after half term.

ParentPay:

Please can you ensure you have included your mobile number within your ParentPay setup. As well as being a good way of contacting yourselves to inform you of any minor accidents your child may have been involved in, it is also the most efficient way of contacting you in the event of severe weather or an incident which requires the school to be closed. If you need any further information on how to add this please drop into the office and ask. Many thanks for your support in advance.

School Dinners:

Your child will be bringing home the new spring/summer menu, this will start straight after half term, so please make sure you are aware of the changes.

Can I also remind you that payments for school meals are required to be made in advance using Parent Pay; unless children are in Key Stage 1 or in receipt of free school meals. Please can you ensure accounts hold

sufficient funds to pay for the necessary amount of dinners as this saves valuable time for all involved.

Class Assemblies:

Please check the dates below for your child's class assembly. All assemblies will start at 3:00pm. Neptune class will be leading the Easter Service

Illness:

Can I please remind you that If your child is unwell, phone the school office by 9:30am to report their absence. If you are leaving a message, please leave clear details as to the nature of the illness. If your child has had sickness and/or diarrhoea, they need to stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode – this is especially important to help stop any bugs from spreading.

Dates:

February:	
Thursday 13 th	Venus class trip to the cinema
Friday 14 th	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 24 th	First Day of Half Term 2 Year 3 and 4 Exeter Chiefs coaching begins.
Thursday 27 th	Saturn Class Assembly
March	
Monday 2 nd	Year 6 Bikeability begins
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day Venus Class Assembly
Week of Monday 16 th	Parents Evenings
Thursday 12 th	Safer Internet Workshops Mars Class Assembly
Thursday 19 th	Mercury Class Assembly
Thursday 26 th	Earth Class Assembly
Friday 27 th	Last Day of Spring Term
April	
Tuesday 14 th	First Day of Summer Term



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Let me finish by saying that my door is always open – please do not hesitate to contact me about anything I

may be able to help with. If you are unable to pop into school please ring or email me at head@marldon.education

Kind regards

Jon Arnold (Head of School)



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