



Marldon C of E (VA) Primary School

October 2020 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by thanking you all for how well the school year has started. Everyone has been fantastic in supporting the systems we have in place which has helped to ensure children have settled quickly and happily into our new school year.

It has been great to be able to walk around the classes and to see fantastic examples of work, excellent learning behaviours and most importantly, to see happy and hardworking children after such an unusual time.

Drop off and pick up

A huge thank you for all your understanding at drop off and pick up times. It has been so good to see everyone making it all work so well and following social distancing advice. Just a gentle reminder that children must be dropped and collected to/from school at their allotted time. I know that we have put systems in place for families where children are in different year groups within Marldon but it is important that these timings are followed to ensure the safe running of drop off and pick up times. Thank you for your continued help with this.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Mrs. Bailey who has joined us in Venus Class and Mrs. Lloyd who is working within Mercury class. I know you will join me in making them feel welcome.

New Children

A warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families. It has been lovely watching the children settle into school life; which they have done amazingly. We are looking forward to sharing the year ahead and the start of their school journey with all of the children and hope that they all continue to have a lovely time at Marldon.

We also extend a very warm welcome to the children and families who have joined us further up the school, it is always nice to welcome new faces and I know the children are settling very quickly.

Rights Respecting Article and Christian Value

Each month we consider a different article. This month we are focusing on Article 12: respect for the views of the child. As with our Christian value, the Article is discussed in classes and how it relates to the children. Positive examples are celebrated by the children within their classes.

This term, the value that we are focusing on is FRIENDSHIP. Across the term, children look at this value and discuss what it means to them in school and in their wider lives. Examples of children being good friends are celebrated within the classroom.

Celebration Assembly

The children may have informed you that we have been carrying on with our celebration assemblies within each bubble. I have been lucky enough to



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pop into a few and it is great to hear the fantastic achievements during the school week.

A big part of celebration assemblies has always been children sharing their achievements from outside of school. To help us to continue this I would like to encourage you to share your child's achievements with their class teachers or myself via photos or a short video clip sent via email.

Application for a Secondary School Places

For children in Year 6, please remember that applications for a place at secondary school need to be submitted by 31st October 2020. If you live within Devon you need to apply online to www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or if you live within Torbay www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/admissions to ensure that your child gets their place.

Well-being.

This week all classes have been looking at activities around well-being and what this means to us. The activities have been part of an online well-being week entitled 'Take 5', which has been virtually run by Buckfast Abbey. It has looked at 5 areas of well-being: connect; be active; take notice; learn and create and give. The children have explored aspects of these areas during the week and will continue to look at them over the school year.

Home learning

Now that children are back in school and settled, we will be starting weekly homework for our Year 2,3 4, 5 and 6s in the new half term. This will be set each Friday and collected in on the following Wednesday. Class teachers will be sending information to you about how this will work in each of the year groups.

Please also read the attached letter to find out more about our plans for isolation learning.



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School Office:

Please can I ask that you only come to the school office if it is essential and you are unable to phone or email your enquiry. Could we also ask that you double check your child has everything they need before they enter the school grounds to help us limit the passing on of objects and ensuring we can all stay safe and well.

P.E. Days:

Thank you all for sending your children in to school in their PE kits when needed. Please can I remind you that this should be accompanied by a school jumper or cardigan not a different top. As the colder weather approaches an additional top could be brought into school to put on for PE if needed.

Dates:

October:	
Friday 16 th	Last day of half term
November:	
Monday 2 nd	Start of 2 nd half term
Tuesday 10 th	School Photos
Thursday 26 th	Flu immunisations
December:	
Friday 18 th	Last day of Autumn Term

As always 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 it may be harder to pop into school but please do not hesitate to ring or email me at head@marldon.education

Kind regards

Jon Arnold (Head of School)