



Marldon C of E (VA) Primary School

November 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you enjoyed your two weeks together.

Congratulations!

I am delighted to share the exciting news that Mrs. Bell has had a baby boy – Casper. I am sure you will join me in wishing the Bell Family huge congratulations on the safe arrival of their first child.

Christian Value:

This half term, the value that we are focusing on is PERSEVERANCE. Perseverance is the quality of continuing with something even though it is difficult.

November's Rights:

Each month, we consider a different article and ensure the rights are being taught through our classroom practice. This month we are focusing on two Articles:

- Article 19 Every child has the right to be protected from all forms of violence, abuse and neglect.
- Article 38 Governments must do all that they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflicts.

Each of these will be explored through our Children in Need and Remembrance Day activities.

Uniform Reminders:

Everyone has been looking really smart in their uniform at the moment and it is especially lovely to see the children wearing their star badges with pride. Please could we remind everyone that children need a coat every day at school, especially at the moment. We are trying to take the children outside as much as possible, even when there is a little rain, so they do need a coat (labelled with their name) in school. Please could you also ensure that long hair should be tied back for health and safety/ hygiene purposes.

Application for Primary School Places:

A little reminder that if you have a child who was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 they will be due to start school from September 2021. Applications for school places open on 15th November 2020 and will close on 15th January 2021. To apply for a school space you will need to visit www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline if your home address is in Devon or <https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/admissions/primary-place-2021/> if your home address in Torbay.

Please make sure you apply for 3 schools of your choice. If you only apply for one school and do not get a place, your child will be placed in a school where there is a space, which may not be a school you would choose.



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postponed due to the current government guidelines. These will now take place on Wednesday 28th April.

Dates:

November:	
Friday 13 th	Children in Need
Thursday 26 th	Flu immunisations
December:	
Wednesday 9 th	Christmas Dinner
Friday 18 th	Last day of Autumn Term
January:	
Monday 4 th	First day of Spring 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)

Google Classroom:

Please can I remind you that it is essential that you have logged on to your child’s Google Classroom account – this is so should you need to access online learning for your child due to self-isolation you are already up and running. Any issues please contact your child’s class teacher.

Children in Need:

We would like to invite the children to wear non-uniform for the day and are asking for a donation of £1 to support this fantastic cause. During the school day, each class will be taking part in Children in Need’s ‘Act your age!’ campaign. The children will be choosing a challenge to try as a class for the length of minutes of their age. For example, standing on one leg for 5 minutes, or speaking only in a whisper for 8 minutes. We will be sharing our activities on our class blogs for you to see what we have been up to!



Parents Evenings:

We are in the final stages of planning this terms parent’s evenings, which will take place in the week starting 30th November. Due to the restrictions currently in place and following government guidance, these will take place virtually. More information will follow in the coming weeks but as always if you have anything you wish to ask or share with your child’s teacher contact them via email or phone.

School Photos:

As was shared earlier in the week, next weeks school photographs have unfortunately been



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