



Marldon C of E (VA) Primary School

December 2020 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into December our calendar would normally be full of exciting events to share with you, but, as with many things this year, we have had to make some changes to our normal plans. However, please be reassured we are committed to ensuring Christmas is as enjoyable as ever in school for all of our pupils and we ensure it remains a special time for all of us.

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.

December's Right:

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

- Article 14 – the right for freedom of thought, belief and religion.

This will be explored through our Christmas and PHSE activities.

Social Distancing:

Thank you for all your support with following social distancing rules on and around our site. Please can I ask that you also share the same consideration whilst walking to and from school. Please avoid congregating outside of the gate or on or around the pavements around school.



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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/admissionsonline 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.

Children in Need:

Can I thank you all for your support with Children in Need – despite it being a little different this year with your support the school raised a fantastic £233.50 for this great cause.



The Poppy Appeal:

Thanks to your generosity we raised an amazing £470 for this year's appeal.

Parents Evenings

Thank you for your support with parent's evenings – if you missed booking a slot please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher who will happily book a time for a catch-up call.

School Christmas Lunch:

As I am sure you will be aware School Christmas Dinner is next Wednesday; the 9th of December. Thank you for pre-ordering via ParentPay. Please can I remind you that **there will be no other options available for dinner on this day** so if your child does not want to have Christmas lunch, they will need to bring a packed lunch from home.

To help celebrate this special event we are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper on this day - if they would like to. Year 2 children have already been asked to wear their nativity costumes on this day.

Christmas Cards:

I have been asked on several occasions if the school is allowing Christmas Cards this year and the answer is yes! However, we are asking that the cards the children bring into school are only for children within their own class (Bubble). The cards will be able to be handed out but not opened within school and we will be asking all cards to be taken home not left within school. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

FOMPS Christmas Raffle:

Thank you all for returning your Christmas raffle tickets, if you still have these to return the post box can be found on the wooden fence outside of the school office. Can I thank you at this time for your support in helping to raise funds for the school at this difficult time.

School Lunches:

Please ensure you clear any outstanding lunch debts by the end of term, as the office are spending a lot of time having to chase up unpaid dinners. It would be much appreciated if you could ensure your account is in credit prior to booking any school dinners.

Contact:

As we have had firsthand experience of over the last couple of weeks, it may be necessary to make emergency contact with the school during out of hour times (late at night/weekends etc). Please can I ask that if an emergency situation arises (such as a positive Covid Test) which you need to inform the school of immediately please email head@marldon.education - as other points of contact may not be regularly checked.

Welcome:

We are delighted to have welcomed Miss. Wildgoose to our team this week. Miss. Wildgoose is covering in Year 1 while Mrs. Lockey is on pregnancy and maternity leave.

Consent and Permissions:

Thank you all for completing your permission forms this is just a reminder that you have the right at any time to review or revoke any of these at any time. If you require any further information about this please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Dates:

December:	
Wednesday 9 th	Christmas Dinner/jumper day
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



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Kind regards
Jon Arnold (Head of School)



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